

Congratulations to all those who submitted a Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) grant application this cycle!!! We look forward to learning about all the great projects from Kentucky.

Dr. Howard, a pediatric resident at University of Louisville, was awarded a CATCH grant in the past cycle. Here's an update on her project:

This year, the CATCH Project: Navigating Preschool Enrollment Program has been launched at Norton Children's Novak Clinic with the goal of the project to connect families with community resources, enroll in preschool, and increase kindergarten readiness. CATCH places emphasis and pride on opening doors to create community partnerships. So far, the partnerships with Metro United Way, Greater Louisville Head Start, Ohio Valley Educational Collaborative, Play Cousins Collective, and the other clinics in our area, established through this project are invaluable. We will continue to strive to be a safe and equitable community where our children can reach their goals in education and increase school readiness.

Freebies for Kids! Check out this fun free resource to use Lego bricks to discuss the importance of play during well child visits. Prescription for Play! [www.rx4play.org](http://www.rx4play.org)

From the website...

### **Embedding learning through play into pediatric care**

Prescription for Play is a program delivered by **primary care providers** during routine wellness exams to promote play in children 18-36 months. The program offers free LEGO® DUPLO® bricks for care teams to distribute to these patients and their caregivers. The bricks and related educational material are used as prompts to engage caregivers around the benefits of play for development of emotional, cognitive, creative, social and physical skills.

Kentucky 2024 Legislative Session is underway. The KY Legislative Task Force is monitoring several bills relevant to child health and launched a new bill tracker. You can access the Bill Monitor by going to the KY AAP Task Force page, Legislative Task Force, click on "**Bill Watch This Session**":

<https://www.kyaap.org/chapter-focus/task-force-activities/>

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