

## Community Child Health Task Force Fall 2024 Newsletter

### **CATCH now accepting grant applications!**

The [Community Access to Child Health \(CATCH\)](#) program, a flagship initiative of the American Academy of Pediatrics, is pleased to invite *pediatricians in training and in practice* to submit grant proposals from **November 1, 2024 - January 22, 2025**. Funded projects start date is *June 1, 2025*.

### **WHAT is CATCH?**

CATCH is a unique one-year grant funded opportunity for pediatricians to learn how to:

- **Partner with community organizations** on addressing a child health issue of shared interest and concern impacting underserved children in a target community.
- **Plan and/or implement innovative projects** which increase children's access to optimal health and well-being, reduce health disparities, and achieve health equity.
- **Lead grant activities**, address challenges, and identify measurable outcomes.

To learn more about CATCH and meet alumni, see our exciting CATCH 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary [video](#)!

Your KY AAP CATCH Co-Facilitators are:

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Meet our new District IV Resident CATCH facilitator, Dr. Miranda Bencomo!



Dr. Miranda Darlene-Mason Bencomo is a pediatric resident at the University of Louisville, driven by her passion for serving children and promoting community health. She chose pediatrics because she values the opportunity to impact children when they are still in a state of change and infinite potential. With a

commitment to advocacy, she focuses on community health as a means to foster sustainable, equitable systems that uplift individuals and families alike.

Miranda intends to continue her career in general pediatrics and is currently exploring options for primary care, newborn nursery care, and emergency department clinician roles. She is an active advocate for child health, reproductive justice, climate sustainability, and equitable healthcare, collaborating with organizations like Pediatricians Urging Safety and Health, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and other community coalitions to advance these goals.

For CATCH grant assistance, Dr. Bencomo can be contacted at [miranda.mason@yahoo.com](mailto:miranda.mason@yahoo.com)

### **Resources to know:**

\*\*Thank you Dr. Julia Richerson for spreading the word about this resource! If you have a resource that you would like to let others know about, please contact Brit Anderson or Stephanie Stockburger.

### **HRSA National Maternal Mental Health Hotline**



Thank you!

The Community Child Health Task Force