

KY AAP KY Child Health and Climate Advocates Task Force
November 17, 2025
Meeting Summary

The agenda for this meeting was for our community partners to share their recent work and ideas of how pediatricians can collaborate. Please reach out to Libby Mims at libby.mims@louisville.edu if you need any additional information.

Kimber Knight, Environmental Health Manager, Louisville Asthma Management Program (LAMP) and Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) Louisville Metro Department of Public Health and Wellness

- The Louisville Asthma Management Program (LAMP) is a program that provides support and education to families of children with asthma. This program can provide an home inspection looking for environmental hazards in the home and provide resources to families, including vacuum cleaners and referrals to housing partners for unsatisfactory housing concerns. LAMP has partnered with Dr. Mims to increase referrals to its program, and Norton has a new electronic medical record-based referral system in which patients under 18 years of age can be referred.
 - o <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/health-wellness/louisville-asthma-management-program-lamp>
- The Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) also has lead combat kits available for families in need.
 - o <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/health-wellness/childhood-lead-poisoning-prevention>

Zach Bramel, Playcosystem Coordinator, and Claude Stephens, Director of Children at Play Network at Bernheim Forest

- Bernheim Forest recently hosted the International Play Association's World Play Conference and this was a huge success. Claude was awarded the prestigious Doctor of Play Award.
- Bernheim has also partnered with Aetna Better Health in 2026 for monthly Free Play Saturdays at Bernheim. March 21st 2026 will be the first free play Saturday and their annual Celebration of Play Event.
- Bernheim was awarded a \$140,000 grant from PNC to add to its natural play area for children ages 0-5 years.
 - o <https://bernheim.org/visit/>

Julia Finch Director of Sierra Club Kentucky Chapter

- Partnered with KY AAP and multiple other environmental organizations to advocate against Senate Bill 89, which decreased Kentucky's ability to regulate its water at the state level and rolled back waterway protections.
- Partnered with KY AAP and forty other environmental organizations to request a moratorium on utility disconnections during the government shutdown.

- Sierra Club is launching Kentucky United fighting to move beyond coal and replace with gas and clean energy
- They continue to encourage outdoor connection to nature and creating opportunity for all to access and engage with wilderness
 - o <https://www.sierraclub.org/about-sierra-club>

Michaela Reinhart, MS4, University of Louisville School of Medicine

- Completing a distinction in urban primary care, and is working with Monica Unseld on a community education project about BTEX chemicals.