



May 2026 Task Force Newsletter

Please check out the website <https://www.kyaap.org/chapter-focus/task-force-activities/> for our task force information. We meet monthly as a task force and host quarterly statewide meetings to hear from experts and discuss climate advocacy topics. You are welcome to join us! Please email juliaericherson@gmail.com to get a meeting invite or reach out with any questions.

Want to learn more about what work the national AAP is doing on climate advocacy? The AAP has great resources including policy statements, family resources, podcasts, and more! <https://www.aap.org/en/patient-care/climate-change>

May 2026 KY Child Health and Climate Action Meeting Summary

(more details on the KY AAP website)

Christine Brinkman CEO of Louisville Grows discussed their efforts in citizen forestry, working to improve the tree canopy on Louisville Metro to combat heat island effects, support our watersheds and improve air quality. She encourages pediatricians to talk to their patients and families about the benefits of being outdoors and inspire them to go outside! Want to help them plant trees? <https://www.louisvillegrows.org/> Or find your local communities tree planting champions and help them!

Byron Gary, attorney with Kentucky Resources Council, reviewed some of the highlights of the 2026 legislative session regarding environmental issues as well as issues they continue to work on to protect our air, water and soil. A review of the legislative issues here <https://kyrc.org/the-good-the-bad-and-the-ugly-2026-legislative-session-in-retrospect-pdf>

Our very own Libby Mims, MD, FAAP was recently awarded a **2026 Isaac Wolfe Bernheim Climate Hero Award** for her work. Read more here! <https://bernheim.org/news/2026-climate-heroes/>



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