

## Advocate & Elevate at the SDBP Annual Meeting!

Capitalizing on our Fall 2019 meeting location in Washington DC, the SDBP Advocacy Committee and Trainee & Recent Graduate Section have put together the following variety of advocacy events throughout the conference and we want to encourage all participants to elevate your advocacy skills to the next level.

### **Saturday, September 14**

#### **Advocacy Half Day Workshop 9-12pm**

#### ***A Higher Calling: Advocacy Skills for Capitol Hill and Beyond.***

For trainees and others wanting to learn the basics of advocacy and build their advocacy toolbox, this interactive half-day workshop is strongly encouraged for those who want to practice advocacy skills in a risk-free environment.

### **Monday, September 16**

#### **Advocacy Committee Meeting, 7:00am**

Come and discuss advocacy as a part of SDBP. All are welcome to join the Advocacy Committee meeting.

#### **SDBP Goes to Capitol Hill, 10:45 AM – 4PM**

*When you register for the Annual Meeting, you will be asked to register for the Capitol Hill visits if you are interested so that we can get an idea of the number of people attending. We will then provide you with a link to view a short webinar that will explain how to identify your legislators and how to schedule visits to their offices PRIOR to the Meeting, so you can get on their calendars.*

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#### **Concurrent Session Preparation for Capitol Hill Visits:**

#### ***We're Just a Field Advocating on Capitol Hill, 10:45 AM***

This concurrent will help prepare those who have registered for the legislative visits and will review our unified "ask" (i.e. what we want our legislators to support), review and practice effective strategies for the visits, and provide participants with talking points and leave-behinds.

#### **Visit to Capitol Hill**

#### ***Transportation to Capitol Hill from Hotel – after Concurrent***

The weekend's advocacy events will culminate with participants going to Capitol Hill. Participants who have scheduled meetings will engage in brief visits at the offices of their Senators and/or Representatives to advocate on a policy issue relevant to developmental-behavioral pediatric practice (to be determined through collaboration with the SDBP Board, Program Committee, and partners such as AUCD, AAP and APA). Transportation assistance will be provided.

#### **Post Capitol Hill Visit**

#### ***Depart from Capitol Hill 3PM***

After the Capitol Hill visits, we will return to the hotel for a short debriefing session and have you ready to head home no later than 4pm.

**For more information about Advocacy Committee activities, please contact Dinah Godwin, Co-Chair, at [dlgodwin@bcm.edu](mailto:dlgodwin@bcm.edu). If you would like to learn more about the Capitol Hill visits at SDBP 2019, please contact Jennifer Cervantes at [jennifer.cervantes@bcm.edu](mailto:jennifer.cervantes@bcm.edu).**