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Dr. Sarah Denny works as an attending physician in the Division of Pediatric Primary Care at Nationwide Children's Hospital and as an Associate Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at The Ohio State University School of Medicine. She is Co-Chair of the Injury, Violence and Poison Prevention for the Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. At the national level, she recently served on the Executive Committee for the Council on Injury, Violence and Poison Prevention for the American Academy of Pediatrics. Dr. Denny is Co-Director for Resident Advocacy Education at Nationwide Children's Hospital and enjoys teaching pediatric residents how pediatricians can effectively advocate for the needs of their patients. Dr. Denny sits on the Board of Directors for the Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and is the co-chair of the advocacy committee.

Which aspect(s) to children's health do you think the Ohio Chapter should focus on in the near future? Why and how?

Advocacy - now more than ever Ohio's children and Ohio's pediatricians need active voices to elevate child health issues with policy makers. Injury continues to be a leading cause of death, yet we lag behind many states in injury prevention legislation. Reimbursement for the care we, as pediatricians provide is underfunded and pediatric trainees are leaving the state following training, leaving us with workforce issues. We need to advocate for policy that makes Ohio a place where pediatricians want to live, work and raise a family.

How has your Ohio AAP membership and involvement shaped your professional development or enhanced your personal life?

The Ohio AAP has given me opportunities to develop my areas of interest in injury prevention, by helping me take my ideas and develop them into programming that benefits providers and patients. Additionally, my involvement in the Chapter has supported my advocacy interests and given me the opportunity to actively participate in the legislative process, as well as advocate for child health issues in the media.