

Vice-President



Candidate: Jennifer Takagishi, MD

Primary City of Practice: Tampa, Florida

Statement of Interest/Bio:

My name is Jennifer Takagishi and I would be honored to fill the role of Vice President of the Florida Chapter of the AAP! After completing medical school at Tufts followed by a residency at Duke, I moved to Brooklyn, NY to begin my career as a general pediatrician in a small teaching hospital. Since my arrival in the state in 2000, I have been a general pediatrician in Tampa at the University of South Florida. My clinical work revolves around the education of pediatric residents and medical students in an underserved area, predominantly with families of racial and ethnic diversity. Since 2020, I have held the role of Division Chief for General Academic Pediatrics. One of my specific interests involves assessing satisfaction and mitigating burnout within physicians. I was fortunate to have been selected for a national leadership program for women, Executive Leadership in Health Care. This training has been instrumental in my journey to becoming an effective leader. I am also a strong believer in mentorship and direct our departmental faculty mentorship program. Within the AAP, I was previously on the Executive Committee of the Council on Early Childhood and have authored or co-authored several publications. My passion in this area has kept me involved as the state's Early Childhood Champion. I also am a member of the Council on Foster Care, Kinship Care and Adoption as well as the Section on Breastfeeding. I represented Region 3 and assisted in the creation of a webinar to assist families of children with medical complexity in preparing for disasters like hurricanes. I moved into the role of Secretary of the FCAAP this past year and look forward to moving our state's pediatric workforce into more advocacy for our own and our children's behalf. As pediatricians, we need to push for more pay parity and resources for our families to include appropriate reimbursement for our screenings for mental health, developmental issues, and social determinants of health. I look forward to working with all of you to provide the resources that we as pediatricians, our patients and families need and deserve.