

# The American Academy of Pediatrics' Policy on Toxic Stress:

## A Call to Action

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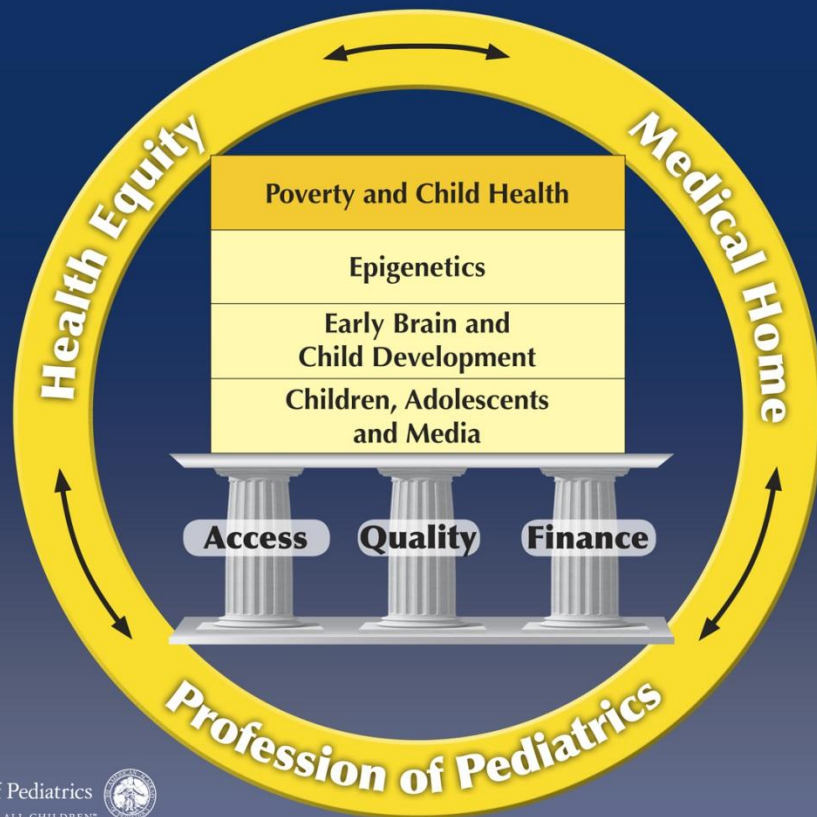
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# AAP Agenda for Children 2013-2014

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# 3 Main Areas of Focus

## Messaging and Education

- Basic developmental science
- First 1,000 days of life
- Peds-21 Symposium and NCE
- New Web site – [www.aap.org/ebcd](http://www.aap.org/ebcd)

## Advocacy

- Advocacy agenda at state/federal levels (public health approach)
- Toxic Stress Summit in Washington, DC (Fall 2013)

## Practice Transformation

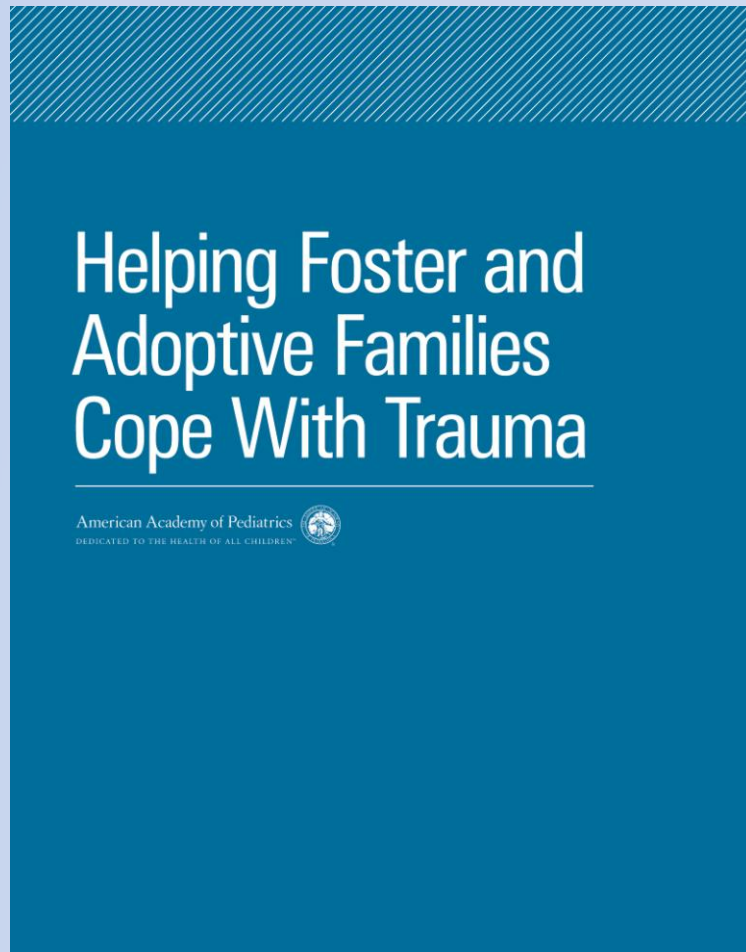
- Medical knowledge (ACEs, Toxic Stress, Public Health Approach)
- Communicating with families (eg, 5 Rs of early literacy, Connected Kids)
- Building systems and connections within the community
- Consistent, community-wide messaging (eg, Communities That Care)

# Medical Home for Children Exposed to Violence



- International conference on Child and Family Maltreatment (January 2013, San Diego)
- Webinar series (downloadable)
- Web site ([www.aap.org/medhomecev](http://www.aap.org/medhomecev)) with resources for pediatricians and Medical Home teams

# Trauma guide developed in partnership with the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption



**Trauma Guide available  
for download on the AAP  
Healthy Foster Care  
America Web site:  
[aap.org/fostercare](http://aap.org/fostercare)**

# Top 10 ALF Resolutions - 2013

1. Promoting education of families about the culture of violence in the media and its effects on children
2. Bright Futures should be required to be a covered insurance benefit for all children
3. Improved communication between child welfare systems and pediatricians
4. Promoting social and emotional learning throughout infancy and childhood
5. Protecting immigrant children
6. Teaching safe parenting skills to students
7. Monitoring the outcomes of home births
8. Non-standard immunization schedules
9. Physical education in schools
10. Prevention of button battery injury to children

# Other Related AAP Groups and Activities

- Bright Futures Guidelines for Health Supervision
- Building Bridges among health and early childhood systems project
- Committee on Early Childhood
- Section on Early Education and Child Care
- Committee and Section on Child Abuse and Neglect
- Head Start National Center on Health
- National Center for Medical Home Implementation

