

Advocacy Liaison Program

Advocacy Liaisons are CAPs acting as the eyes and ears on legislative and regulatory affairs in their ROCAP areas.

Advocacy Liaisons will:

- Participate in monthly calls where they will hear updates on the latest federal and state legislative and regulatory priorities, share news from their respective states and regions, and brainstorm about key issues which impact the subspecialty;
- Lead local efforts to recruit, train and mentor CAPs within their ROCAPs to become involved in advocacy with the use of advocacy training materials developed by the Department of Government Affairs and the AACAP Advocacy Committee;
- Organize grassroots advocacy efforts within their ROCAP with the use of the AACAP Advocacy resources (e.g. Voter Voice) and policy resources identified by the Department of Government Affairs and the new AACAP Advocacy Committee;
- Find and work with collaborative partners and organizations to promote the mental health care of youth to join together to advocate in one's region;
- Help to engage CAPs, including members in training, and local youth and families to participate in the AACAP Legislative Conference; and,
- Participate in the new AACAP Advocacy list serve with members of the AACAP Advocacy Committee.

ROCAPs are encouraged to include the Advocacy Liaison as a member of the Regional Organization Executive Committee in order to more seamlessly integrate advocacy into the activities of their RO. ROCAPs are asked to identify at least one Advocacy Liaison to represent their region. Questions about the Advocacy Liaison Program should be directed to AACAP's department of Government Affairs and Clinical Practice at govaffairs@aacap.org.