

American Association of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry

AACAP Legislative Conference Family Advocate Attendance Application

Thank you for your interest in AACAP's 2026 Legislative Conference to be held May 4-5, 2026, at the Hilton Washington DC National Mall The Wharf. Please complete all fields below so AACAP staff have the needed information to process your application.

We look forward to welcoming as many families as possible to participate in AACAP's Legislative Conference. This exciting opportunity allows family advocates, such as yourself, to work alongside child and adolescent psychiatrists, and fellow families to advocate for positive changes to America's mental health system.

AACAP works hard to recruit family advocates to attend the annual Legislative Conference from different regions of the country, as well as with diverse personal stories to share how mental health and/or a child and adolescent psychiatrist has impacted their family. For these reasons, AACAP cannot guarantee that every interested family advocate can attend this conference. AACAP will notify interested family advocates as soon as possible as to the status of their application. All family advocates will have at least one physician advocate or AACAP staff member with them during all Congressional meetings.

Please note, AACAP's Legislative Conference is a closed event only made available to AACAP members and invited family advocates. As such, if you are not extended an invitation to join the conference as a family advocate, there will not be an opportunity to attend the Legislative Conference on your own.

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Number of potential attendee(s):

Full names of all attendees (please include their relation to you, and if they are a minor, their age):

Complete address for potential attendee(s):

Best contact phone number:

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Best contact email address:

Describe your motivation for advocating on behalf of children's mental health.

Do you have experience as a mental health advocate? If yes, please describe.

How did you become interested in AACAP's Legislative Conference? If a child and adolescent psychiatrist informed you of this opportunity, please provide the full name of this physician.

Can you commit to attending the entire conference, from **1:00 PM on May 4 until 5:00 PM on May 5** (end time may vary, as it's dependent on the schedule of attendees' Congressional appointments, and Capitol Hill meeting schedules are not known until closer to the conference)?

Accommodations: For approved families, AACAP will send information on how to book transportation via AACAP's travel agency, as needed. Travel for all family advocates will be paid for by AACAP via this service. AACAP will also cover hotel accommodations for family advocates at the conference host hotel, (the Hilton Washington DC National Mall The Wharf) in relation to Legislative Conference activities on May 4-5, 2026. (**Note: AACAP typically funds one-night hotel stay based on the timing of the conference**). Additional hotel nights may require family advocates to cover any associated costs.

Should you attend AACAP's Legislative Conference, please check the box next to any additional nights for which you would need hotel accommodations while you are in Washington, DC (Note: Monday, May 4 will be paid by AACAP).

- I don't need a hotel room, but I am attending the conference.
 Monday, May 4
 Tuesday, May 5

- King Bed
 Two Double Beds

*(If you do not indicate a preference,
we will request a non-smoking king.)*

Special Diet: _____

ADA Needs: _____

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Other Comments/Concerns to AACAP Staff:

To submit your completed application or for any questions, please email Emily Rohlffs at erohlffs@aacap.org and Davis Hagigh at dhagigh@aacap.org.