



Monday, May 4, 2026

1:00 pm	Registration Opens	
1:30 pm	President's Welcome + Welcome Remarks	John Walkup, MD, AACAP President Laura Willing, MD & Melvin Oatis, MD, Co-Chairs, AACAP Advocacy Committee
1:45 pm	Congressional Panel: Role of Congressional Physician Leadership in Health Care Policymaking	Grace Banfield, Deputy COS & Legislative Director, Office of Rep. Maxine Dexter, MD Asha Samuel, Legislative Director, Office of Rep. Ami Bera, MD Matt Tucker, Deputy COS, Office of Rep. John Joyce, MD
2:30 pm	Congressional Champion Award Presentation	Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CO)*, Ranking Member, Energy & Commerce Health Subcommittee *Appearing via prerecorded video
2:45 pm	<i>Break</i>	
3:00 pm	Policy Panel: Importance of a Stable Federal Mental Health Infrastructure	Sunny Patel, MD, Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Pediatrics, Georgetown University School of Medicine; Former Acting Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor for Children, Youth and Families, SAMHSA Priya Punnoose, MD, Deputy Chief Clinical Officer, District of Columbia Department of Behavioral Health
3:45 pm	AACAP Advocacy Policy Review	Alexis Geier Horan, MPP, AACAP Chief of Advocacy and Practice Transformation Rob Grant, AACAP Director of Communications, Member and Web Services
4:25 pm	Preparing for Capitol Hill	Role Play Skit, AACAP Advocacy Committee members
4:40 pm	Review of Mobile Tool	Kevin Schultze, President, Soapbox Consulting
5:10 pm	Preparing for Capitol Hill	Practice with Your State Delegation & Break Outs
6:20 pm	Final Remarks & Adjourn	Laura Willing, MD & Melvin Oatis, MD, Co-Chairs, AACAP Advocacy Committee
6:30 pm	Welcome Reception	<i>Hosted by AACAP-PAC</i>
7:30 pm	Day 1 Concludes	

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

7:15 am	All Attendee Breakfast	
7:15 am	AACAP-PAC Chairperson's Circle Breakfast – invitation only	
8:15 am	Final Debrief	
8:45 am	Wrap-up and Depart for Capitol Hill	
10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Congressional Meetings	
12:15 pm 5:00 pm	Group Photo on U. S. Capitol Steps Legislative Conference Concludes	