



### Monday, May 4, 2026

1:00 pm	<b>Registration Opens</b>	
1:30 pm	<b>President's Welcome + Welcome Remarks</b>	<b>John Walkup, MD, AACAP President</b> <b>Laura Willing, MD &amp; Melvin Oatis, MD, Co-Chairs, AACAP Advocacy Committee</b>
1:45 pm	<b>Congressional Panel: Role of Congressional Physician Leadership in Health Care Policymaking</b>	<b>Grace Banfield, Deputy COS &amp; Legislative Director, Office of Rep. Maxine Dexter, MD</b> <b>Asha Samuel, Legislative Director, Office of Rep. Ami Bera, MD</b> <b>Matt Tucker, Deputy COS, Office of Rep. John Joyce, MD</b>
2:30 pm	<b>Congressional Champion Award Presentation</b>	<b>Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CO)*, Ranking Member, Energy &amp; Commerce Health Subcommittee *Appearing via prerecorded video</b>
2:45 pm	<i>Break</i>	
3:00 pm	<b>Policy Panel: Importance of a Stable Federal Mental Health Infrastructure</b>	<b>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</b> <b>Priya Punnoose, MD, Deputy Chief Clinical Officer, District of Columbia Department of Behavioral Health</b>
3:45 pm	<b>AACAP Advocacy Policy Review</b>	<b>Alexis Geier Horan, MPP, AACAP Chief of Advocacy and Practice Transformation</b> <b>Rob Grant, AACAP Director of Communications, Member and Web Services</b>
4:25 pm	<b>Review of Mobile Tool</b>	<b>Kevin Schultze, President, Soapbox Consulting</b>
4:55 pm	<b>Preparing for Capitol Hill</b>	<b>Role Play Skit, AACAP Advocacy Committee members</b>
5:10 pm	<b>Preparing for Capitol Hill</b>	<b>Practice with Your State Delegation &amp; Break Outs</b>
6:20 pm	<b>Final Remarks &amp; Adjourn</b>	<b>Laura Willing, MD &amp; Melvin Oatis, MD, Co-Chairs, AACAP Advocacy Committee</b>
6:30 pm	<b>Welcome Reception</b>	<i>Hosted by AACAP-PAC</i>
7:30 pm	<b>Day 1 Concludes</b>	

### Tuesday, May 5, 2026

7:15 am	<b>All Attendee Breakfast</b>
7:15 am	<b>AACAP-PAC Chairperson's Circle Breakfast – invitation only</b>
8:15 am	<b>Presentation of AACAP Member Advocacy Champion Award</b>
8:45 am	<b>Wrap-up and Depart for Capitol Hill</b>
10:00 am – 5:00 pm	<b>Congressional Meetings</b>
12:15 pm	<b>Group Photo on U. S. Capitol Steps</b>
5:00 pm	<b>Legislative Conference Concludes</b>