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October 10, 2025



News and Views from the New Jersey Local Boards of Health Association

Next Meeting:

Saturday, October 11, 2025

NJLBHA Board Meeting

10:00 AM EST

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Dear Board Members,

Please find the [registration information](#) for the NJ Public Health Association, (NJPHA), conference and awards dinner on **October 16, 2025** at the National Conference Center, just off Route 33 in East Windsor near turnpike exit 8.

This event is important to us in that we are co-sponsoring the awards ceremony in the evening where we will, for the first time since 2019, present our recognition awards to representatives of the four professions (H.O., REHS, Educator, and Nurse) as well as our other awards for advocate, legislator, and board member of the year.

The event registration will close soon so I ask you immediately consider attending the awards dinner and/or the conference. We as board members need to be fully represented here and your participation is important to make that happen.

Thank you for your volunteer service. I look forward to meeting each of you on October 16th.

Respectfully,

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Dr. Margaret "Meg" Fisher to Be Honored with NJAAP's First-Ever
Pediatrician Lifetime Achievement Award

I am Paul David Roman vice chair of the NJ public health council and past chair, president of the NJ local boards of health association and past president of the former Monmouth county regional health commission [now the jersey shore r.h.c.]

during my later years as mcrhc pres, Dr Fisher served as a commissioner from the borough of sea bright as well as a medical advisor. during that time she was instrumental in helping mcrhc become only the fifth NJ health dept to achieve national accreditation. when I was first appointed by gov murphy to be the first new appointee in 17 years and soon thereafter its chairman, Dr Fisher was a special assistant and acting deputy to the commissioner of the state dept of health. again, her wisdom and counsel helped shape a new direction for the council.

Dr Fisher not only proved to be a trusted source of advice and direction but became a good friend. she is highly deserving of this honor. it is unfortunate that I cannot be present on 13 Dec , but I hope this gets to her and might be read at her testimonial. thanx to the njaap for their outstanding leadership and congratulations on your selection as an outstanding chapter of asap. 732-747-3567

On Wed, Oct 8, 2025 at 10:07 AM New Jersey Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics <njchapter-njaap.org@shared1.ccsend.com> wrote:

Dr. Margaret "Meg" Fisher with receiving the Pediatric Lifetime Achievement Award



Dr. Margaret "Meg" C. Fisher, MD, FAAP will be honored with the Pediatrician Lifetime Achievement Award — the first such award in the 75-year history of the New Jersey Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (NJAAP) — during the organization's [75th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee on December 13, 2025](#).

This unprecedented recognition celebrates a career defined by visionary leadership, groundbreaking contributions to pediatric medicine, and an unwavering dedication to the health and well-being of children.

Over decades of service as a physician, educator, public health leader, and advocate, Dr. Fisher has profoundly shaped the landscape of child health care in New Jersey and beyond.

Born in York, PA and raised outside Philadelphia, Dr. Fisher showed an early fascination with science and medicine. She graduated summa cum laude with a degree in chemistry from Susquehanna University before earning her medical degree from the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. She returned to Philadelphia for her pediatric residency and fellowship training in pediatric infectious disease at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, where she began developing the expertise and passion for infectious disease that would define her life's work.

Her career in New Jersey began when she joined Monmouth Medical Center as the Chair of the Department of Pediatrics and Medical Director of the Unterberg Children's Hospital. Over the years, she also served as Medical Director of Clinical and Academic Excellence and maintained an academic appointment as Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Known for her exceptional clinical skills and warm, collaborative approach to patient care, Dr. Fisher became a trusted figure to families and colleagues alike.

Beyond the hospital walls, Dr. Fisher has been a powerful voice for children's health policy and immunization advocacy. From 2012 to 2014, she served as President of the New Jersey Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (NJAAP), leading efforts to strengthen childhood vaccination programs, improve access to care, and raise awareness about emerging infectious diseases. Her leadership continued long after

her presidency ended; she has chaired statewide immunization networks, advised the New Jersey Department of Health, and served as co-chair of its Professional Advisory Committee. In recognition of her extraordinary contributions to pediatric medicine and public health, she was named *NJAAP Pediatrician of the Year in 2016*, an honor that underscored her leadership, expertise, and lasting impact on the pediatric community.

Her passion for public health was perhaps most visible during the COVID-19 pandemic, when she temporarily stepped away from her hospital leadership responsibilities to help direct New Jersey's pandemic response and vaccination strategy. In that role, she became a trusted public voice, guiding families, schools, and policymakers through an unprecedented crisis.

Dr. Fisher's scholarly work has been equally influential. She has authored numerous chapters in major pediatric textbooks, including *Nelson's Textbook of Pediatrics*, and served on the American Academy of Pediatrics' Committee on Infectious Diseases, contributing to the authoritative *Red Book* on pediatric infections. She has also edited several key publications, including AAP's *Immunizations & Infectious Diseases: An Informed Parent's Guide*, and published extensively on vaccine safety, hospital-acquired infections, and emerging pathogens. Her expertise and scholarship have made her a leading national authority on pediatric infectious disease and immunization policy.

Her professional journey has also been shaped by deeply personal experiences. Twice a cancer survivor — first of uterine cancer in 2000 and later of breast cancer in 2017 — she has experienced life on both sides of the hospital bed. Those experiences have deepened her empathy for patients and families and reinforced her belief in the importance of compassionate, family-centered care.

Today, Dr. Fisher continues to serve as a leader in pediatric infectious disease and public health in New Jersey. She chairs the advisory board of the Children & Family Health Institute, sits on the Board of Trustees for VNA Health Group, and remains actively engaged in community health initiatives that promote vaccination, disease prevention, and early childhood wellness. She lives in Sea Bright, New Jersey, with her longtime companion and friend of more than 50 years, her niece, and her great-nephew — whom she lovingly describes as her nephew by choice.

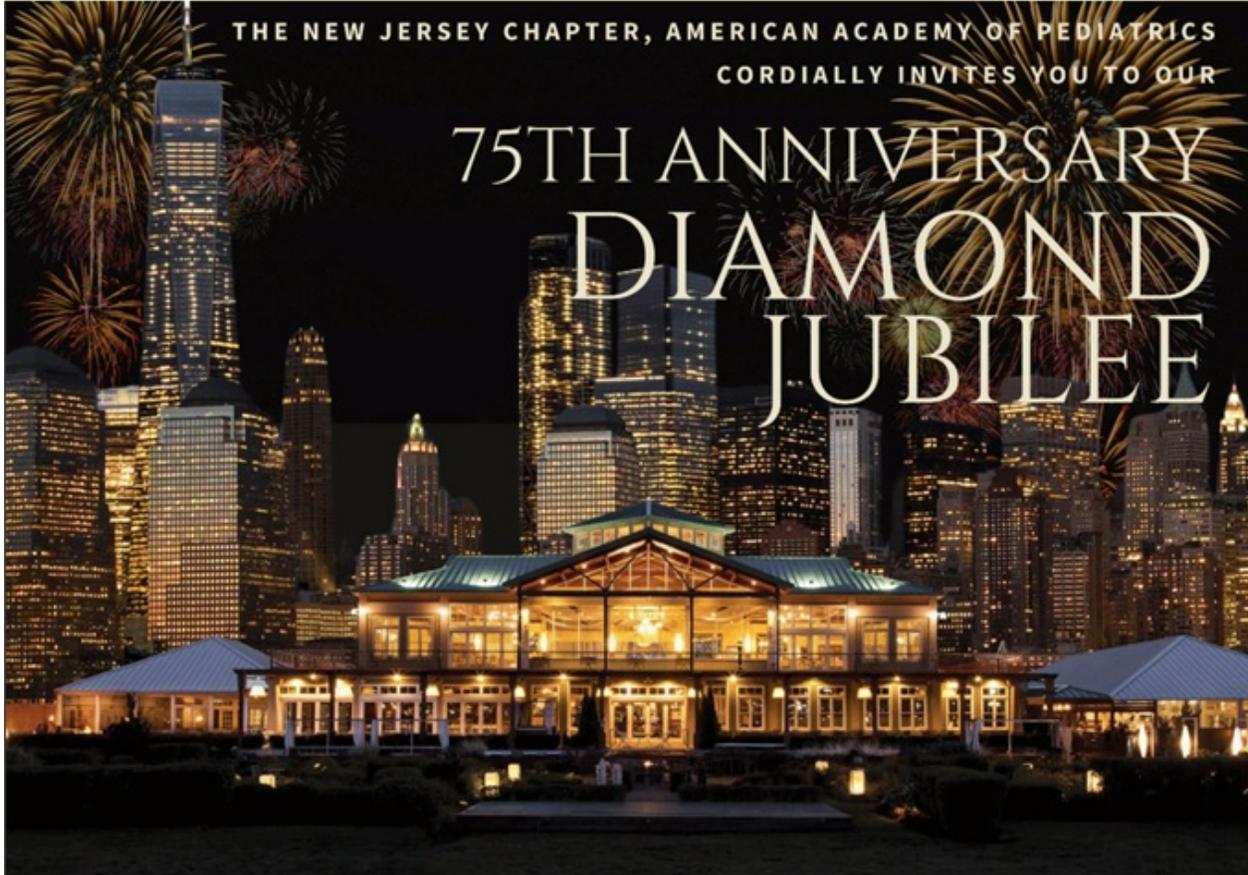
When she is not practicing medicine or shaping public policy, Dr. Fisher enjoys simple pleasures, like playing basketball with her nephew and spending time with family. Her curiosity, passion for learning, and determination to solve complex problems still drive her every day — much as they did when she first stepped into a hospital as a young physician.

Through decades of service, scholarship, and leadership, Dr. Meg Fisher has become much more than a physician. She is a mentor, a public health advocate, a trailblazer, and a tireless champion for children. And although her work has touched families across New Jersey and beyond, she is quick to say that the privilege has always been hers — to care for children, to guide families, and to help build a healthier future for the next generation.

"NJAAP is truly thrilled to present this great honor to Dr. Fisher," said Dr. Katharine Clouser, President of the New Jersey Chapter of the AAP. "This recognition is incredibly well deserved — Dr. Fisher's lifelong dedication to children's health, her leadership in pediatrics, and her tireless advocacy for families have left an indelible mark on our state and our profession."

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Mark Your Calendars! **Saturday, December 13, 2025, 6 - 11 pm** **The Liberty House, Jersey City**

Join us for an unforgettable evening as we celebrate 75 years of pediatric progress and innovation in New Jersey. This Diamond Jubilee tribute will bring together pediatricians, public health leaders, families, legislators, and dedicated advocates for a night of recognition, celebration, and joy.

Highlights of the Evening:

- Heartfelt tributes honoring the Pediatrician Lifetime Achievement Award and Youth Achievement of the Year
- A celebratory cocktail hour, followed by an elegant three-course dinner
- Dancing to the high-energy sounds of *The Legacy Band*, performing everything from Motown classics to today's top hits
- And to cap off the night — **a spectacular fireworks display lighting up the Manhattan and Jersey City!**

Dress in your holiday finest and be part of this once-in-a-lifetime celebration. Whether you have been a longtime supporter or are new to our mission, we invite you to honor the past, celebrate the present, and invest in a brighter future for children in New Jersey.

Space is limited for this exclusive event!

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Through collaborative programs, our research team brings scientific discoveries to evidence-based clinical practice. From scientific research focusing on repairing the injured nervous system to clinical research concentrating on developing improved treatment outcomes for orthopedic and spinal cord injuries, our research has already translated into practice guidelines and treatment policies that have improved the lives of children worldwide.

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Insurance trade group says COVID, flu vaccines covered through 2026



New Jersey Department of ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Catch-up with the Office of Climate Resilience: Summer 2025

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection sent this bulletin at 09/05/2025 12:00 PM EDT

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Quarterly Newsletter - Summer 2025

Resilient NJ - NJ Coastal Management Program - Blue Acres

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...and something fun!

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InsideView

A showcase of NJAAP initiatives transforming children's health and well-being.

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Oct/Nov

Dear Nurture NJ Partners,

I am thrilled to invite you to the 8th Annual Nurture NJ Leadership Summit on Wednesday, December 10th!

Each year, my incredible team and partners bring together experts from across the state and country to build community and strategize approaches to ending New Jersey's maternal and infant health crisis. Last year's Summit brought together nearly 700 national experts, doulas, hospital CEOs and health care providers, elected officials, activists, representatives from state departments and agencies, nonprofit leaders, moms, dads and more to develop strategies for growing and diversifying our perinatal workforce.

This year's Summit will focus on the critical importance of building trust and a community that works together to drive systemic change. This interactive convening will include panels of state and national experts as well as breakout tables where participants will be able to participate in collaborative discussions and problem solving.

Please join us - in person - on Wednesday, December 10th, 2025 from 8:30am-4:00pm at the Hilton East Brunswick Hotel & Executive Meeting Center (3 Tower Center Boulevard, East Brunswick, NJ 08816).

Registration and more information can be found here: Nurture New Jersey Summit 2025 - Child Welfare Education Institute | Stockton University. <https://stockton.edu/child-welfare-education-institute/nurture-nj-2025.html>

Our collective efforts have driven remarkable progress – from launching the nation's most robust universal nurse home visitation program, Family Connects NJ, to establishing the Maternal and Infant Health Innovation Authority – the only governmental agency of its kind dedicated to the health and well-being of moms and babies, and we are starting to see our impact! We've seen a reduction in low-risk cesarean births, an increase in utilization of paid leave, the scientific underpinnings behind the 70+ pieces of legislation that Phil has signed, and evidence of Nurture NJ's influence on catalyzing momentum around maternal health efforts. These are just a few

examples that show our efforts to address our maternal mortality crisis come from every angle, and they are working!

We are striving to improve the entire experience of pregnancy, delivery, and the postpartum period for mothers, babies and families. There is still much more work ahead, but with this year's Summit, I am eager to learn alongside you how we can continue to build on our accomplishments to advance our shared mission to make New Jersey the safest, most equitable state in the nation to deliver and raise a baby.

Please feel free to reach out to me or anyone on my team if you have any questions or thoughts as we work on the final details of the Summit. Looking forward to seeing you on December 10th!

My very best,

Tammy

Tammy Snyder Murphy

First Lady of New Jersey

Oct/Nov

Public Health In Transition: Building Our Future Together

If you are a member, please [log in](#) to access additional, potentially lower registration fee options.

Date and Time

Wednesday, October 22, 2025, 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM Eastern Time (US & Canada) (UTC-05:00)

Location

Professional Conference Center,
Educational Services Comm. of N.J.
Located- rear of bldg.
1690 Stelton Rd
Piscataway, NJ 08854
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Category

General Membership Meetings

Registration Info

Registration is required

About this event

Note that registration for this event will close on 10/17/25 at noon.

Approved for 5.25 **Public Health CE# 22587**

Tentative Agenda / Subject to Change:

8:30am Registration & Coffee

9:00am Welcome & Opening Remarks:

Shereen Semple

Stephanie Gorman

9:15am Connection to a National Collaborative & State Examples

Pam Pontones, Deputy Health Commissioner, Indiana Department of Health

10:15am 21C Learning Collaborative and New Jersey's Journey

10:45am State Highlights – their path in 21C

11:00am Break

11:15am NJ Foundational Assumptions World Cafe

12:15pm Lunch

1:00pm Defining Our Future: Using Challenging Times as an Opportunity

Kevin Sumner

Margy Jahn

1:15pm Orient to the Future Activity

2:15pm What's Next?

2:45pm Final Thoughts & Evaluation

Facilitators Confirmed:

o DLPH – Morgan Patrick, Maame Araba Assan, Amber Rementov, Rikiyah Mixson

o NJACCHO – Devangi Patel, Margy Jahn, Kevin Sumner, Linda Brown

What is 21C: The 21st Century Learning Community (21C), led by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB), is a nation

The **Foundational Public Health Services Model (FPHS)** is the foundation of the 21C framework. It defines the minimum se

Foundational Assumptions for NJ Public Health Transformation:

1. Prioritize collaborative efforts to address workforce challenges, develop sustainable solutions, and build a strong public health
2. Strengthen quality of public health service provision with clear mechanisms for accountability.
3. Adapt to an evolving landscape through strategic partnerships – guide collaborative messaging and uphold high-quality sha

A location map will be mailed to individuals prior to the event. Note that the entrance to the Professio

Introducing a Major Milestone for Environmental Public Health!

After years of collaboration and development, NEHA has officially released the [Pillars of Governmental Environmental Public Health](#), a national framework built to help local environmental public health departments identify essential program areas, estimate staffing needs, and advocate for resources.

This project represents one of NEHA's largest investments to date and brings together insight from hundreds of professionals across 45 states.

It reflects what's working in the field, and how agencies of any size can use those benchmarks to build stronger, more effective programs.

You'll find guidance on the 11 core environmental public health programs as well as recommendations for staffing, training, and performance outcomes.

The resource also includes insights on emerging topics like climate health, healthy homes, and air quality.

This is about strengthening the local infrastructure that protects our communities every day. Whether you're an EPH director seeking to strengthen existing programs, a manager advocating for resources, or a policymaker working to support public health infrastructure, this guide offers practical benchmarks and strategies to enhance environmental health services in your community.

You can explore the full guide here: [Pillars of Governmental Environmental Public Health!](#)

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