

# ON BOARD

July 10, 2026



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

**Next Meeting:**

**Saturday, Saturday, July 11, 2026**

**NJLBHA Board Meeting**

**10:00 AM EST**

Zoom Meeting Link: [Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)

## Current Articles and Requests for Participation

The plan4healthnj, a program of the American Planning association in New Jersey announces its second round of grant eligibility for municipalities. Local Boards of Health are to be included in the grant program development process. so as President of NJLBHA i am pleased to recommend that Boards of Health encourage their local governments to consider applying. the submission deadline is July 29 2026. pdr



Land use decisions influence how people live, move, access services, find housing, and connect with their communities.

Plan4HealthNJ is helping municipalities across New Jersey strengthen Master Plans through health-based planning strategies, technical assistance, innovative data tools, and grant funding.

**SELECTED MUNICIPALITIES RECEIVE:**

- ✓ \$20,000 in funding
- ✓ Data, mapping, and planning tools
- ✓ Technical assistance from planning and public health experts
- ✓ Support developing a Public Health Element or integrating health-based strategies throughout existing Master Plan elements
- ✓ Recognition as a statewide leader in innovative planning



**APPLY TODAY!**



Expression of Interest Due July 29, 2026

[plan4healthnj.org](http://plan4healthnj.org)

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Communities Network**  
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Pediatrician-led vaccine education for New Jersey families

**FACTS IN FOCUS:**

Your Trusted Guide to Vaccine News, Resources, and Events

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# New Jersey Chapter

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## Call for Nominations NJAAP Youth Achievement Award

THE NEW JERSEY CHAPTER,  
AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS  
PRESENTS

THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL  
New Jersey CHILDREN'S Ball

# SPOTLIGHT ON CHILDREN

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2026

COCKTAIL RECEPTION 4:00 PM • AWARD CEREMONY & DESSERT 6:30 PM

### Liberty House

76 Audrey Zapp Drive  
Jersey City, NJ 07305

## New Jersey Chapter

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The NJ Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics, is pleased to announce  
a CALL FOR NOMINATIONS for the

### **YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

The Youth Achievement Award recognizes the strengths and accomplishments of a young person or group of young people and will be presented on Sunday, November 16, 2026. We are asking any and all to submit their nomination via the instructions listed below. **Deadline for submissions is Friday, July 17, 2026.**

**NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS**

The Nominee(s) should be New Jersey - based, under the age of 22, and be a (group of) child(ren), adolescent(s) or young adult (s) who has/have demonstrated initiative, talent and determination resulting in a notable accomplishment in any field - including - but not limited to - health, community service, education, and advocacy.

Please be sure to describe why you are nominating this individual or group of individuals citing specific examples of how they have made an impact. Supporting documents, such as additional letter of endorsement, news articles, organization newsletters, or other publications are welcomed and encouraged, and may be emailed separately to [reinhardt@njaap.org](mailto:reinhardt@njaap.org).

[CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION](#)







**IASIC**  
INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY ON THE SCIENCE AND IMPACT OF CANNABIS  
*Doctors Educating on Cannabis*

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**IASIC Speaker Series Presents:**  
**"Health Problems from Emissions of Cannabis Cultivation"**  
by **Deborah A. Eppstein, PhD, Alan H. Cohen, MD,**  
and **Craig S. Harrison, JD**

**July 23, 2026 12:00 pm EST**

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**Elizabeth Stuyt, MD IASIC**  
**- Secretary**

IASIC Speaker Series is pleased to invite you to join us for an insightful webinar, "Health Problems from Emissions of Cannabis Cultivation."

This session will explore an often-overlooked public health concern—the release of airborne toxins from cannabis cultivation and their potential impact on surrounding communities. The presentation will examine both immediate respiratory effects and longer-term risks, including carcinogenicity.

Join us as we discuss the broader public health implications of cannabis-related emissions and explore potential pathways to better understand and address these emerging environmental and health challenges.



**Deborah A. Eppstein** has a doctorate in biochemistry with postdoctoral work in virology and cell biology. She worked in the pharmaceutical/biotechnology industry for 37 years, directing research in cancer, vaccines, stem cells and drug delivery. She has over 50 scientific publications, book chapters and 25 patents. Dr.



**Craig S. Harrison** is a retired environmental attorney and holds a BA in biochemistry (U.C. Berkeley). For decades he represented industrial companies in EPA Clean Air Act rule makings, compliance, and enforcement litigation. He has participated in the regulation of cannabis cultivation in Sonoma County, California, for a decade and



**Alan H. Cohen, MD** is a board-certified Pediatric Pulmonologist with a longstanding interest in respiratory infectious diseases (eg RSV, influenza, hMPV), as well as a Lung Transplant and Cystic Fibrosis physician. He has worked at many highly regarded Pulmonary Centers of Excellence, including those at the University of Colorado/National

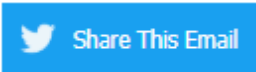
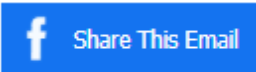
chapters and 25 patents. Dr. Eppstein honed her legal expertise with teams at major law firms and pharmaceutical companies. After she retired, she moved to Sonoma County where she became involved in environmental and public safety issues.

County, California, for a decade and has served as president of his local community association for 12 years. He has lived in Santa Rosa since 2002.

University of Colorado/National Jewish Center for Immunology & Respiratory Diseases, Washington University School of Medicine, Emory University, Johns Hopkins and most recently on the clinical faculty at Stanford University School of Medicine.

**REGISTER NOW!**

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.



Members: although we do not have a local linkage to the dept of human services, I believe that we need to be aware of what they do. the same goes for the state dept of families and children. our good friend Rick HAGER reached out to me recently and will be soon reinstating contact with their related services. you all should go to the state websites of both depts to become more familiar with what they do. pdr



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NEW JERSEY HUMAN SERVICES



**Division of  
Developmental  
Disabilities**

## **New Law Strengthening Oversight and Accountability of Developmental Disabilities Service Providers Takes Effect July 1**

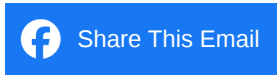
*Law Allows for Civil Penalties for Serious Violations*

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### **NJLBHA LinkedIn Account Reactivated**

The New Jersey Local Boards of Health Association is excited to announce the re-activation of their official LinkedIn account! This platform will now serve as a hub for updates, resources, and collaboration opportunities to strengthen public health across the State. Follow along to stay connected with local initiatives, upcoming events, and important health news.





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