

# Advocacy for the Busy Pediatrician

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## YOU CAN DO IT

- Natural and powerful advocate
- Credibility
- Passion
- Skills
- Doesn't require a lot of time



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## IN LESS THAN 1 HOUR PER MONTH

- Vote
- Call or e-mail your elected official
- Sign up for 1 or 2 e-mails lists that focus on children's issues
- Contribute to a political campaign or nonprofit advocacy organization that focuses on children's health issues

## IN ABOUT 1 HOUR PER MONTH

- Cultivate long term relationships with your elected official or other decision-maker
- Write a letter to the editor in your local newspaper
- Meet with a decision-maker at your place of work or in the community

## IN MORE THAN 1 HOUR PER MONTH

- Testify before the state legislature or participate in community forums
- Serve as a spokesperson for a local issue or community-based organization
- Become a member or chairperson of your chapter's government affairs/legislative committee

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## AND ADVOCACY

- Serves as the locus of state advocacy activities.
- Works with state executive, legislative, and judicial branches on solutions.
- Seeks public policy change through engagement, education, and awareness-raising.
- Supports members with advocacy, learning, and engagement opportunities.
- Forges alliances, coalitions, and partnerships.

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## AND ADVOCACY

- Current AAP North Dakota advocacy priorities/and successes.
- Opioid Crisis/plan developed at ALF and conf. Friday.
- Health Care across entire state including First Nations/site visits by Section on Indigenous.
- ACES/cultural trauma emphasized at conferences in Bismarck: college, Spring Forum with PCAND, Senator H.Heitkamp.
- Gun violence/3 asks at DC: CDC funding, ban on assault weapons, age restriction.

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## JOIN THE NDAAP

- Become member of a council.
- Attend the Annual Leadership Forum.
- Help make the WebPage more user friendly.
- Set the agenda for the next NDAAP meeting.
- Feedback to make the meetings relevant to your practice.

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## STATE OF CHILDREN'S HEALTH



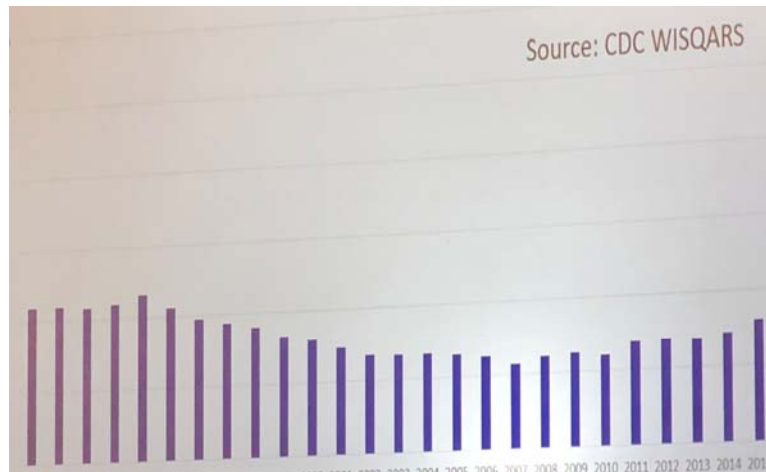
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## FIREARM HOMICIDES: 1990-2016



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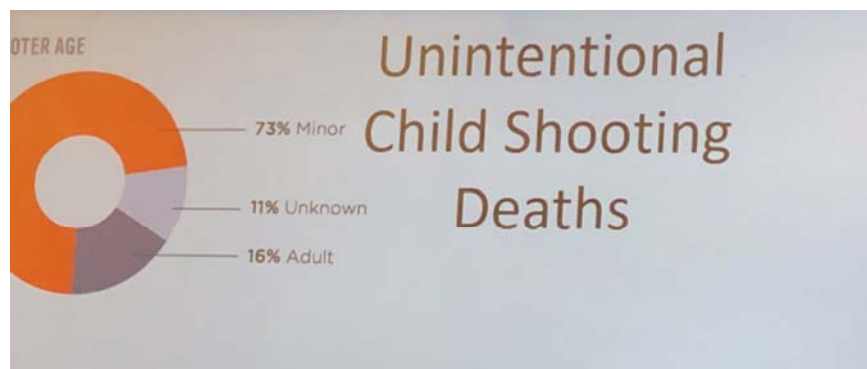
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## UNINTENTIONAL CHILD SHOOTING DEATHS



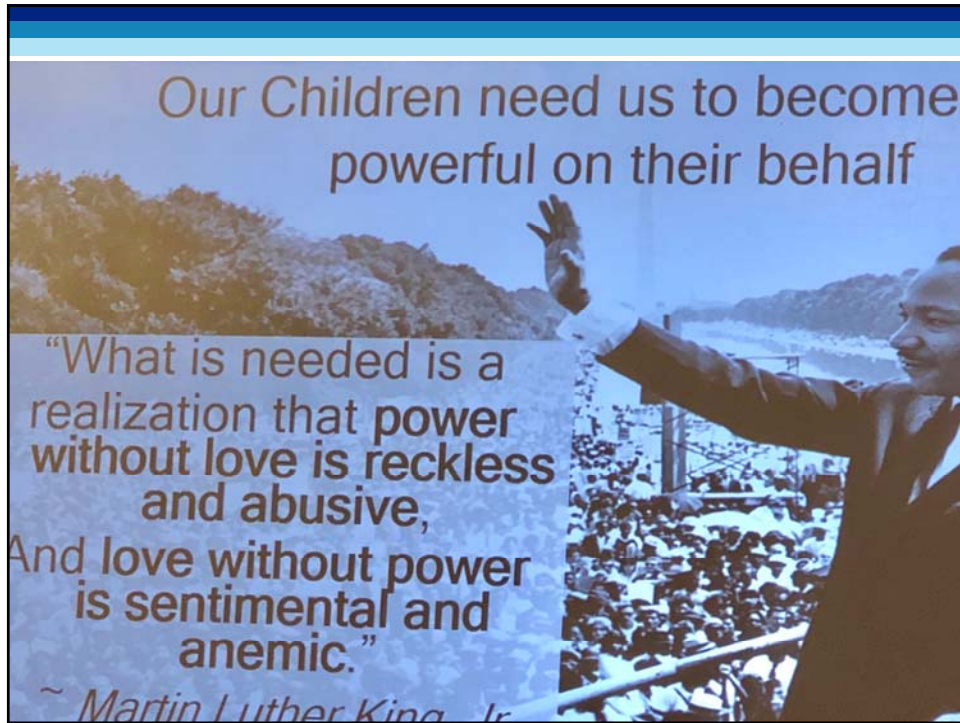
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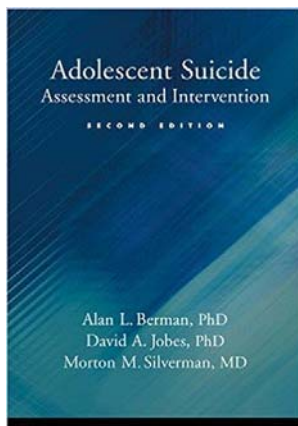
Our Children need us to become powerful on their behalf

“What is needed is a realization that power without love is reckless and abusive, And love without power is sentimental and anemic.”

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.



## ZERO SUICIDE CONFERENCE IN BISMARCK 2018



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## **ADVOCACY IN DC, RESIDENTS, MEDICAL STUDENTS SUPPORT THEIR PRESENCE THROUGH THE NDAAP**

- South Dakota and North Dakota on the Capitol Steps



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## **CURRENT TOPICS**

- 1. Improve health for all children of North Dakota
- 2. National Speakers on First Nations children's health
- 3. Coordinate presentations with National and Local Advocacy

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**AAP ADVOCACY GUIDE**  
Pointing you in the right direction to become an effective advocate

• [aap.org/stateadvocacy](http://aap.org/stateadvocacy)



## ANSWERS

- 1. List 5 ways the NDAAP can advocate for my patients: Medical Home, medical device funding, connect to State Wide services (preschool daycare), Zero Suicide presentations, nurses in schools
- 2. AAP Friends of Children uses funding for International Disasters, fly-ins, training medical advisors
- 3. AAP has a vocal advocacy for changing MOC to match clinical practice
- 4. 5 key changes the AAP can advocate for to improve profession: accessibility to health care, access to child abuse advocates, focused councils on areas of interest (adoption/kinship care, environmental, specialty)
- 5. Identify specific agencies or ways complex patients can be assured consistent care: ND Health Department, Child Care Aware, Care Clinic, and more.