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Why are you interested in protecting children's healthcare in Arizona? How did you hear about us? What would you like to see in this newsletter? [Contact us](#) with your stories, thoughts, and ideas for how we can all stand up for Arizona's kids.

## Making a Difference for Arizona's Children

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### Key funding restored for children's healthcare

We did it! Through a lot of phone calls, e-mails, and visits to key government officials, the Phoenix Children's Advocacy team - including you - helped restore much-needed funding for children's healthcare this year.



At the State Capitol, Phoenix Children's convinced lawmakers to put back funding for two programs key to our Hospital.

The legislature restored millions for hospitals who treat a large number of low-income patients, who are sicker and more costly to treat (this program is called "dispro," short for disproportionate share). The legislature also brought back millions for training Arizona's doctors and specialists of the future (called "GME").

And at the Capitol in Washington, D.C., there's even more good news for Arizona's children. Thanks to the help of U.S. Representative Ed Pastor, the federal government is investing \$1.9 million in Phoenix Children's for the new energy-efficient chillers in our expanded patient tower and \$143,000 for the Hospital's transition to electronic medical records, which are very important to protecting patient safety. [Visit Congressman Pastor's Web site if you would like to thank him for his help!](#)

But even as we celebrate these wins, we must continue to watch as our lawmakers work on next year's budget. Please continue to speak up for children's healthcare, and we will be sure to update you on key budget decisions.

### April is Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month

Nobody ever wants to hurt a child. But whether it's a sleepless parent, an inexperienced babysitter, or a neighbor who turns their head the other way, risks for child abuse and neglect are far too common in our community.

That's why, during the month of April, we shine a bright light on stress and other factors that can lead to child maltreatment - and how we can all work together to prevent it from ever happening.

Phoenix Children's is committed to reducing the risk of abuse for children in our community through our many prevention programs:

- The Shaken Baby Prevention Project
- Project SAFE
- Stewards of Arizona's Children
- Pediatric Forensic Program
- Teen/Tot Clinic
- Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect

Learn more about these programs by visiting the [Hospital's Web site today](#).

**Take Action!**

Spring has returned to the Valley of the Sun, and Arizonans are making their way outdoors to enjoy the gorgeous weather before triple digits drive them back inside. Along with spring cleaning and spring training, [the Water Watchers program](#) at Phoenix Children's Hospital asks families to also do a spring "pool check."



Visit the Phoenix Children's Web site for [some tips to get you started](#).

**Vote for Phoenix Children's**

*Ranking Arizona*, Arizona Business Magazine's annual list of the best businesses in our state, is now taking votes for your favorite companies. Vote for Phoenix Children's by visiting the [Web site](#) today, click on "search by name," type in "Phoenix Children," select our name from the drop down list, and cast your vote.

Thank you in advance for your help in this team effort to guarantee a healthy and safe future for the children of Arizona. Please [contact us](#) with your questions and concerns, and we encourage you to forward this message to your friends and family who would like to join us.

**Sincerely,**

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