



FRIENDS OF NICHD COALITION

The Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
National Institutes of Health

- The Friends of National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) is an independent coalition of over 100 organizations formed in the mid-1980's to support the important role of NICHD.
- Member organizations represent scientists, physicians, health care providers, patients, and parents concerned with the health and welfare of women, children, families, and people with disabilities.
- The Friends of NICHD Executive Committee manages the coalition. Current members of the Executive Committee are the American Psychological Association, American Academy of Pediatrics, March of Dimes, Consortium of Social Science Associations, Society for Research in Child Development, Population Association of America/Association of Population Centers, Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the Association of University Centers on Disabilities, the American Physical Therapy Association, the National Center for Learning Disabilities and the National Women's Health Network.
- The primary mission of the Friends of NICHD is to advocate on behalf of the Institute during the annual congressional appropriations and budget processes.
- The Friends also promote NICHD-funded research activities and advances by sponsoring briefings for congressional staff, mailings to Members of Congress and staff, creating fact sheets, facilitating tours of the Institute and research facilities for Congressional staff, and submitting annual testimony to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees.
- The Friends of NICHD Co-Chairs maintain an active listserv to inform the Friends about key science policy issues and to share important announcements about NICHD and its research programs.
- At least twice a year, the Friends meet with the NICHD Director and other NICHD staff to discuss issues of mutual concern. The Friends are invited to attend and observe the public sessions of the NICHD Advisory Council meetings.

Celebrating 50 years of improving the health of women and children and advancing our knowledge of child development through research

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