

The HAP Foundation



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Take a moment to view this video about our prestigious new grant award.

Executive Director of Pediatrics, Kristin James shares the good news.

HAP receives prestigious award from Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)

We are thrilled to announce a grant funded by PCORI. In partnership with HAP, Dr. Kelly Michelson at Lurie Children's Hospital and Dr. Stacy Lindau at the University of Chicago will study the Missing Pieces program and its work with the Medical Examiner/Coroner's Office to support families following the death of a child. The five-year project is titled "The Missing Pieces Trial: A Multi-Site Pragmatic Comparative Effectiveness Trial of Interventions to Support Parents After Their Child's Unexpected or Traumatic Death." PCORI is the leading funder on patient-centered research. To learn more click this [link](#).

New HAP Research

The HAP Foundation is excited to announce it has been awarded a community research grant through the **Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities (ARCC)**. This grant will allow the HAP Community Health Worker (CHW) team to collaborate with Sista Yaa Simpson of The Association of Clinical Trials Services (TACTS) to develop training modules for CHWs. Through CHW training, the HAP Foundation will increase capacity to conduct community-enhancing research on serious illness and grief. The goal is to build community trust in research and increase community involvement in the development, implementation and dissemination of critical community-driven research. Kandis Draw, HAP's Community Education Associate and Research Liaison, and Kim Downing, HAP's Executive Director of Program Evaluation and Research, lead the initiative. Additional information can be found [here](#). For information about ARCC, visit their website at [Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities \(ARCC\): Center for Community Health : Feinberg School of Medicine: Northwestern University.](#)

Article Published in Death Studies

In our ongoing commitment to improve access to bereavement care, we are honored that our research studying the results of matching zip codes of deceased children from the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office with grief support services was published in the journal, Death Studies. The results highlighted many challenges for families including the type of grief support and geographic availability to those who had experienced a pediatric death. Additional findings include:

- Locations by zip codes in which the largest number of Medical Examiner's Office cases occurred **did not have bereavement support groups**.
- Locations in which more Medical Examiner's Officer cases occurred **generally had lower-income populations and a greater proportion of Black or Hispanic residents**.
- Bereavement support following pediatric death is **inadequate and unevenly distributed across the Chicagoland area**.

[Availability of bereavement support following traumatic pediatric death in a large metropolitan area](#)

Divakar, K. James, A. Mayorga, K.N. Michelson. DEATH STUDIES. DOI:

New Law Affecting Charitable Giving and Retirement Plans

The SECURE Act 2.0 Helps Retirees and Provides More Opportunities for Charitable Giving

In December 2022, President Biden signed into law the \$1.7 trillion Consolidated Appropriations Act, better known as the SECURE Act 2.0. This Act included several provisions to enhance retirement benefits and charitable giving through retirement plans, which are detailed below.

- **IRA Charitable Rollover Enhancement** – Individuals age 70 ½ or older are permitted to make distributions from their IRA directly to charity and avoid recognition of the income. This IRA charitable rollover, known as the qualified charitable distribution or (QCD), is limited to \$100,000 each year. Beginning in 2024, this amount will be indexed for inflation. The IRA charitable rollover amount can also be used to satisfy the donor's required minimum distribution.
 - **Required Minimum Distribution Age** – Required minimum withdrawals, or (RMD)s, from traditional IRAs, 401(k)s and other employer-sponsored retirement accounts must begin in the year the individual reaches a certain age (generally age 72). Starting this year, that age will increase from 72 to 73 and will increase again to age 75 in the year 2033. This increase does not apply to individuals who have already begun taking their RMD.
 - **Advantages of Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD)** – Individuals can satisfy both their charitable objectives and their required minimum distribution through a QCD. When a QCD is made, the charitable contribution made from the IRA counts towards the RMD, but it is not included in the gross income of the IRA owner. Additionally, the IRA owner does not need to itemize on their 1040 year-end tax return to utilize the QCD.
 - **Charitable Gift Annuities and Charitable Remainder Trusts** – The new law also expands the QCD by allowing a one-time transfer of up to \$50,000 to fund a charitable gift annuity, charitable remainder annuity trust, or charitable remainder unitrust.
 - **Required Minimum Distribution Penalty** – Beginning this year, the penalty for failing to take the RMD will be reduced from the current 50% penalty to 25%.
 - **Impact of RMD's** – Withdrawals from IRA accounts, whether the RMD or a larger amount, are taxed as ordinary income and can also result in additional income taxes. The withdrawal can cause more Social Security benefits to be taxable and/or increase Medicare Part B and D premiums. Therefore, making your charitable gifts directly from your IRA has two benefits: supporting your favorite charities like The HAP Foundation and minimizing your tax burden.
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The HAP Foundation's Community Health Learning Collective

The CHLC is a monthly convening of CHWs, Promotores de Salud, CHRs, CHW Ally's, community members and clinicians. It is an opportunity to discuss emerging issues in the field, share organizational announcements and experience fellowship with like-minded individuals! Each CHLC contains education programming to encourage us, inform our work and open dialogue about critical issues that impact our organizations. Not able to attend? Check our community education page for recordings of previous sessions [HAP Foundation](#).

To register for any of our CHLC programs or to find out more about the CHLC, please contact Maureen Burns, Senior Community Education Associate and Research Liaison at The HAP Foundation at mburns@thehapfoundation.org.

- **In honor and celebration of Black History Month**, The HAP Foundation is privileged to present a documentary from filmmaker Karen Moore entitled "**Who Told You Your Black is Not Beautiful.**" The showing of the film, along with a post-showing conversation led by the director will occur as part of The HAP Foundation's Community Health Learning Collective (CHLC). Don't miss it - **February 15, 2023, 1 p.m. -2:30 p.m. CT**
- In March, the CHLC is eager to host Margarita Reina, Senior Epidemiologist at the Chicago Public Health Department. Margarita will be speaking about data literacy and guiding the group through ways CHWs can utilize data to inform and impact the community. Margarita will be sharing her expertise with the group on **March 23, 2023, Noon-1:30 p.m. CT.**

Understanding Respite Care in Illinois Town-hall series

Greater Illinois Pediatric Palliative Care Coalition, a program of HAP, is honored to partner with the [Illinois Respite Coalition](#) and [Almost Home Kids](#) (AHK) in hosting a series of townhall style meetings to help inform health care providers and parents how to access different types of respite care in Illinois including the Emergency Respite Care Program and transitional care opportunities at AHK. This series will highlight statewide support systems and different funding sources to help caregivers of seriously ill children in Illinois.

Upcoming Community Presentations

- [Virtual CRM workshop with Age Options, Thrive with Pride, 2/28/23](#)
- [Virtual Grief webinar with ASU, OCHER, 2/28/23](#)
- [Virtual Advance Care Planning presentation with Evanston Library, 3/7/2023](#)
- [Virtual Serious Illness Support presentation with Evanston Library, 3/14/2023](#)



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