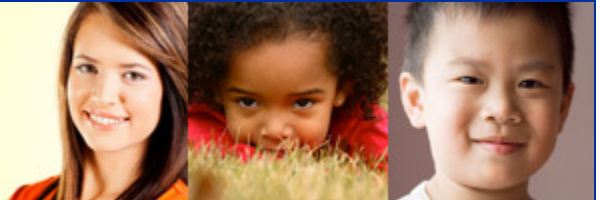




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## **BLAST COMMUNICATION**

### ***E-Cigarettes & Vaping Upcoming Webinars***

As you are likely aware, the rate of e-cigarette use among youth is climbing at an alarming rate. A recent Surgeon General's Advisory called the spike in use an "epidemic." Many e-cigarettes contain nicotine and youth are highly susceptible to becoming addicted. Data on the long-term health effects of e-cigarettes are limited, but scientists are concerned about the impacts on respiratory health and exposure to toxins. Additionally, recent research suggests that lungs weakened from breathing in smoke or aerosol are at greater risk for more severe COVID-19 infection.

In response to the growing epidemic of youth e-cigarette use among youth and young adults, the American Academy of Pediatrics has appointed an **E-Cigarette Champion** for each of the 59 chapters in the U.S. The purpose of this network of E-Cigarette Champions is to educate pediatricians on the extent of the vaping epidemic, advise them on screening for smoking and vaping in clinical settings, give them the means to educate patients and their parents of the harms of vaping and help those to quit who have become regular users. The Georgia E-Cigarette Champion is Alice Little Caldwell, MD, MPH, FAAP, IBCLC who is also the editor of the AAP Section on Tobacco Control newsletter. Dr. Caldwell welcomes partners in this work; please contact her at [alicelittlec@gmail.com](mailto:alicelittlec@gmail.com) if you are interested.

There are two upcoming opportunities for education on this topic:

#### **AAP Webinar: E-Cigarettes 101 Webinar: What They Are, Their Health Effects, and Their Appeal to Youth (No CME Offered)**

Thursday, September 24 at 8:00 pm

First in a series of free webinars led by subject matter experts that focus on clinical and policy approaches to address youth e-cigarette use and prevention offered by the AAP's *Julius B. Richmond Center of Excellence*

**Faculty:** Chris Harris, MD, FAAP

#### **Learning Objectives:**

By the end of this presentation, participants should be able to:

1. Define what e-cigarettes are
2. Describe the epidemiology of adolescent vaping
3. Identify the known health impacts of e-cigarette use
4. Describe the appeal of e-cigarettes to adolescents and young adults

[Register here](#)

#### **Georgia AAP Webinar: Update on E-Cigarettes Webinar\***

Wednesday, October 14 at 12:30 pm

First in a series of three webinars offered to Georgia Pediatricians on the growing epidemic of youth e-cigarette use

**Faculty:** Alice Caldwell, MD, MPH, FAAP, IBCLC

#### **Learning Objectives:**

By the end of this presentation, participants should be able to:

1. Discuss the history of tobacco use, smoking, and electronic cigarette use and the recent vaping epidemic
2. Identify the known and potential risks of e-cigarettes, vape devices, and pod systems, such as JUUL
3. Update current legislation related to e-cigarettes
4. Review methods to screen and counsel patients and families on vaping, tobacco use, prevention of initiation, and cessation

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**For more information:** Please contact Claire Eden at [ceden@gaaap.org](mailto:ceden@gaaap.org).

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