



Congratulations to the PA AAP's 2023 DEI Champion

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Dr. Elizabeth Miller, MD, PhD, PHASM, FAAP



The Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (PA AAP) is pleased to announce that Dr. Elizabeth Miller, MD, PhD, FHASM, FAAP has been selected as the inaugural recipient of the Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Champion Award. The DEI Champion Award was established to recognize an individual who champions diversity, equity and inclusion in the field of pediatric health care in the state of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Miller is professor of pediatrics, public health, and clinical and translational science and holds the Edmund R. McCluskey Chair in Pediatric Medical Education at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. She is also Director of the Division of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine and the Medical Director of Community and Population Health. She serves as the Academic Co-Director of Community PARTners (the community engagement core) for the Clinical and Translational Science Institute. Trained in internal medicine, pediatrics and medical anthropology, Dr. Miller has over 20 years of practice and community-partnered research experience in addressing interpersonal violence prevention among adolescents and young adults in clinical and community settings. With diverse funding from National Institutes

of Health, National Institute of Justice, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Office on Women's Health, and Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Programs, she has developed and tested clinical and community-based interventions in collaboration with youth, patients, health care providers, victim service advocates, public health administrators, educators, and school administrators.

Some of Dr. Miller's extensive accomplishments includes working with the city of Pittsburgh to create the 412 Youth Zone, the city's first ever one-step shop medical home for unstably housed youth; serving as Medical Director of the Ronald McDonald House Charities Care Mobile, providing outreach and care to pediatric patients of all ages; and the founding of the Gender and Sexual Development Program at UPMC Children's Hospital, where she worked tirelessly to bring together best practices to address the unique needs of our gender diverse youth.

"Dr. Miller truly stands out for her exceptional contributions to DEI efforts in pediatric medicine," said Dr. Mary Ann Rigas, MD, FAAP, President of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (PAAAP.) Rigas continued, "We are so pleased to recognize her outstanding efforts to advance child health equity through her clinical practice, research, advocacy and community service."