

# Pediatric Nutrition



a dietetic practice group of the  
**Academy of Nutrition  
and Dietetics**

Dear PNPG Member,

Welcome to all new and returning PNPG members! I am very excited to serve you all as Chair this year. We have been working hard on our new DPG strategic plan and will be moving this forward in 2019-20.

We hope that you will take advantage of all that PNPG has to offer. Our excellent member benefits include:

**Grants, Awards and Scholarships**—please make sure and take advantage of these opportunities and apply! Look out for timing and more information in our monthly e-blasts.

**Staying up to date** on pediatric nutrition topics with social media via our [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#). We highlight members in our “Featured Member Friday” posts and new information on “What’s New Wednesday”. Make sure to “like” and/or “share”. Additionally, great pediatric nutrition topics are covered in our [Building Block for Life](#), a peer-reviewed quarterly publication. We also offer [webinars](#) that are free or discounted to our members and provide CPEUs. Those alone are worth the cost of membership!

**A highly successful mentoring program!** If you are interested in sharing your expertise or if you are new in the field with a need for mentoring, please log in at [www.pnpg.org](http://www.pnpg.org) and click on “Mentor Program” from the PNPG Member Portal Home Page for more information.

**An extremely active public policy committee** with a focus on child nutrition issues, that can help you understand how and why to get involved in advocacy. Contact them [here](#) or via the website for more information.

**Access to the member section of the PNPG website**, [www.pnpg.org](http://www.pnpg.org), which houses information on all of the above as well as [infant formula mixing instructions](#), access to our [pediatric discussion forum](#) and much more. There is even a [community forum for nutrition students](#).

**Annual and Special Events:** We offer many exciting networking and professional development opportunities throughout the year. If you are planning to attend the Academy’s [Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo™ \(FNCE®\)](#) this fall in Philadelphia, be sure to join us at one or more of our special events. Stay tuned for more information on this.

PNPG’s mission, vision, and values, are available [here](#).

I would also like to thank the entire [PNPG leadership team](#) that collectively devotes an incredible amount of volunteer hours to serve you, our members. They are tireless and passionate pediatric nutrition leaders. Join us!

Please do not hesitate to let us know how we can support you.

Best wishes,  
*Lori*

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Chair, Pediatric Nutrition Practice Group, 2019-2020