



FRIENDS OF NICHD COALITION

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
AT THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The Friends of NICHD (FNICHD) is a coalition of nearly 100 organizations that support the extraordinary work of NICHD. Our coalition is comprised of organizations representing scientists, health professionals, families, and other advocates for the health and welfare of children, adults, families, and people with disabilities. FNICHD was created to bring together these diverse groups that each have an interest in the research conducted at NICHD. Our primary goal is to advocate for federal support of NICHD's mission and to ensure stable resources for NICHD research.

Each year, the FNICHD meets with Duane Alexander, MD, Director of NICHD, to discuss the President's budget. FNICHD also submits written testimony in support of appropriations for NICHD and requests a spot to testify before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education. We also coordinate a spring lobby day for Friends of NICHD members to educate Congress about the breadth of NICHD research and its impact on our nation's health. FNICHD also organizes sign-on letters to the congressional leadership and appropriators to encourage their support of NICHD. FNICHD has hosted congressional briefings highlighting NICHD research, sponsored an educational "NIH/NICHD 101" for FNICHD member organizations, and held separate meetings with congressional staff when feasible.

The full FNICHD Coalition meets approximately twice a year, and the executive committee meets quarterly to discuss future FNICHD activities and plan them. As there are no membership dues for FNICHD, funding for NICHD activities is determined by the voluntary contributions of FNICHD member organizations.

If your organization would be interested in joining the FNICHD, please fill out the contact information below and fax back to Krysta Jones (2007 Chair). Fax#: 202-488-3985. Or send electronically to Krysta at kjones@acog.org.

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The Friends of NICHD is an independent coalition of more than 100 organizations that support the NICHD.

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