

## **Running for President – 2026-2028 Term**



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**Primary City of Practice:** Tampa, FL

### **Statement of Interest/Bio:**

My name is Jennifer Takagishi and I would be honored to fill the role of President of the Florida Chapter of the AAP! After completing medical school at Tufts followed by a residency at Duke, I moved to Brooklyn, NY to begin my career as a general pediatrician in a small teaching hospital. Since my arrival in Florida in 2000, I have been a general pediatrician in Tampa at the University of South Florida. My clinical work revolves around the education of pediatric residents and medical students in an underserved area, predominantly with families of racial and ethnic diversity. Since 2020, I have held the role of Division Chief for General Academic Pediatrics. One of my specific interests involves assessing satisfaction and mitigating burnout within physicians. I was fortunate to complete a national leadership program for women, Executive Leadership in Health Care. This training has been instrumental in my journey to becoming an effective leader. I am also a strong believer in mentorship and direct our departmental faculty mentorship program. Within the AAP, I was previously on the Executive Committee of the Council on Early Childhood and have authored or co-authored several publications. My passion in this area has kept me involved as the state's Early Childhood Champion. I also am a member of the Council on Foster Care, Kinship Care and Adoption as well as the Section on Breastfeeding. I represented Region 3 and assisted in the creation of a webinar to assist families of children with medical complexity in preparing for disasters like hurricanes. I moved into the role of Vice President of FCAAP two years ago and have been actively involved in advocacy for physician payment especially in regard to Medicaid, autism diagnosis and treatment, and early literacy. I have focused much energy and attention to advocacy as part of the legislative committee, have lobbied with legislators in Tallahassee and completed multiple interviews especially in reference to maintenance of immunizations. I look forward to working with all of you to provide the resources that we as pediatricians, our patients and families need and deserve.