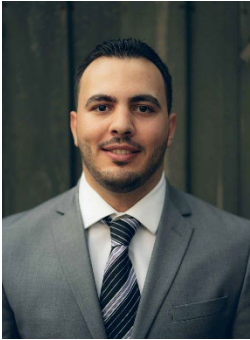


Running for Region 2 Representative – 2026-2028 Term



Name: Issa Hanna, MD, FAAP

City of Primary Practice: Jacksonville, FL

Statement of Interest/Bio:

Dr. Issa Hanna is a pediatric emergency physician practicing in Jacksonville, Florida. Born and raised in Syria, he earned his medical degree there before relocating with his family to the United States amid the civil war. Florida's welcoming atmosphere shaped his determination to give back to the community that embraced them.

After completing his pediatric residency and pediatric emergency medicine fellowship at the University of Florida College of Medicine in Jacksonville, Dr. Hanna chose to stay in the city he now serves. His focus is on improving the health of children and teenagers in his community.

Advocacy has been a core part of his career since medical school. During his internship, he witnessed a tragic vaping-related illness and immediately partnered with local leaders to launch a statewide campaign addressing the youth vaping epidemic. He continues to tackle substance-related issues that impact babies, teens, and families. His research focuses on vaping's effects on teenagers' health and on improving care for newborns with neonatal abstinence syndrome.

Dr. Hanna's journey with the Florida Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics began during residency. He served as the Chapter's E-cigarette Champion for two years, then became the chair of the E-Cigarette Task Force in 2023. He led the creation of Florida's first vaping education toolkit for healthcare providers, covering screening, diagnosis, and management of youth vaping.

On a national level, he served for 2 years as the executive coordinator for Fellows and Subspecialties in the Section of Pediatric Trainees (SOPT) and on the SOPT national leadership nomination committee. He has helped shape bylaws and collaborate with legislators to establish policies that protect Florida's children.

Dr. Hanna seeks to continue his service as the Region 2 Representative. With hands-on clinical experience, a proven record of advocacy, and a deep connection to the community, he is prepared to help shape a healthier future for every child in the region.