Health Professions Educator Series
Health Systems Science Open Forum Session

Change Agency, Advocacy, and
Managing Your Passions Through Writing

June 26, 2023

Training & Education Resources

- **American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) Congressional Leadership Conference**
  - Annual, 3-day ACOG-hosted event to learn about key women’s health topics, and meet with your elected officials on day #3.
  - Funding often available through your ACOG District

- **Physicians for Reproductive Health**
  - Annual Leadership Training Academy covers multiple aspects of advocacy, over 3 separate in-person conferences. Includes a Lobby Day at the Capitol.
  - Funding provided.

- **Wiki-Edu**
  - Virtual classes on effectively writing Wikipedia entries – format, references, etc. Special training for Science/Medicine entries.

- **SIX – State Innovation Exchange**
  - Helps state legislators and their staff use evidence-based information to craft policy and legislation. Works to ensure policy is based on science. Helps the legislators reach out to pull in research.

- **SSN – Strategic Scholars Network**
  - Helps researchers collaborate to pursue research efforts that can be used to inform evidence-based policies and laws. Helps researchers push their findings up to the legislators.

- **Op-Ed Project – “Public Voices” and other programs**
  - Offers mentorship for authors on writing Op-Eds
  - Website with resources and guidelines for writing these pieces.
Websites for Advocacy Engagement

- American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG)
- Council on Resident Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology (CREOG)
- American Public Health Association (APHA)
- American Medical Association (AMA)
- Finding your elected officials
- Find pending regulations for comment

Tips for Writing/Calling Your Elected Officials

- American Medical Association (AMA)
  - How to make your voice heard by Congress, a publication of the AMA [pdf]
  - Physicians’ Grassroots Network
  - AMA Advocacy Insights webinar series
- Berkley Library, University of California
  - Tips for Contacting Elected Officials
- National Center for Health Research
  - Let Your Voice Be Heard
- National Women’s Law Center
  - Guides for contacting legislators, writing letters to the editor, etc.

Organizations Discussed in Session

- Vo+ER
- Maternal Mental Health Alliance
- Policy Center for Maternal Mental Health
- Mom Congress
Other Collaborators

- **Healthcare** – Other Specialties, Nurses, Psychologists, Social Workers, etc.
- **Legal**
  - American Civil Liberties Union
  - National Women’s Law Center
  - If/ When/ How
- **Other**: DEI, SDH, Environmental, Media/Journalism, Academic, Faith-based, Community Leaders, Business

Podcasts

- **Freakonomics Radio**
  - #405 - Policy Making is Not a Science (Yet) [Implementation Science]
- **Freakonomics: No Stupid Questions**
  - #10 “Why are Stories Stickier than Statistics?”
- **NPR: Short Wave**
  - 05 Aug 2021 “How to Correct Misinformation”
  - 06 Jan 2021 “One Page at a Time, Jess Wade is Changing Wikipedia”
  - 14 Jan 2020 “Your Brain on Storytelling”