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# What Every Child Needs

**A**t Washington Pediatric Associates, board-certified pediatricians Nicole V. Lang, MD, President and CEO, Amy M. Sage, MD, and Ms. Lisa Hunter, Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, believe that treating childhood illnesses and performing regular well child check-ups are only part of their mission.

Both physicians and nurse practitioners take a holistic approach in supporting physical, psychological, and emotional health for children of all ages, and from every type of environment. Highly personalized medical care is offered with exceptional compassion and competence.

"We're in the middle of a culturally diverse community," points out Dr. Lang. "Our practice is the pediatric referral of choice for the Office of the Attending Physician of the U.S. Congress, and we also have many patients whose families rely on Medicaid. Making sure each child is treated with the highest quality of care is our goal."

## Dedicated to Families

The practice opens its arms to whole families by providing a useful reference library to support health education, nutritional counseling, parenting classes, and support groups. Healthy lifestyle

habits with a focus on preventive care are encouraged.

A certified lactation consultant teaches new mothers about breastfeeding and has a host of resources for moms. Screening for post-partum depression is done on every mother served by the practice. An early childhood educator provides guidance on power struggles/temper tantrums and helps quiet the squalls of sibling rivalry and addresses school-based concerns.

Colorful exam rooms celebrate the community's multicultural makeup with picture books and storybooks that complement the practice's commitment to the Reach Out and Read® clinic-based

literacy program.

Washington Pediatric Associates also embraces the Brazelton Touchpoints Approach™ to building strong family relationships. Dr. Lang is a national spokeswoman for this approach, developed by renowned pediatrician Dr. T. Berry Brazelton.

"We know that a parent is the real expert about his or her children," says Dr. Lang. "We form a partnership with parents to help them make the best use of their support network and strengthen it with our own resources, time, and energy. This is family centered care."

## A PARENT'S OPINION:

*"As a parent of a special needs child, finding a pediatrician that understands, listens, communicates, provides good quality care, and takes time with my daughter was like looking for a needle in a hay stack. We found the needle at Washington Pediatric Associates."*



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The dedicated professionals of Washington Pediatric Associates are involved in child advocacy work...

- locally through community outreach organizations, including the Girl Scouts®, the YMCA, and providing educational lectures for day care and school locations;
- nationally with Every Child Matters Education Fund to make children a national political priority;
- and globally, where Dr. Lang spearheaded an international partnership with George Washington University Medical School and Orotta Medical School in Eritrea, East Africa.

## Giving Hope and a Future

Washington Pediatric Associates launched a very special program this summer: the Lollipop Kids Foundation. Through its efforts, Dr. Lang will make a positive impact on the lives of children with special needs.

"Special needs are not limited to developmental disabilities," says Dr. Lang. "Children living in extreme poverty and those in need of social support and mental health services, whose families simply can't afford those services, have special needs, too.

"Our goal is to give each child hope and a future," says Dr. Lang.



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