

# Alabama



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Dr. Albert Holloway has served the children and families of Alabama for more than 3 decades—both in and out of clinic settings. As an immunization provider, he has worked to maintain vaccination coverage among economically disadvantaged children. During his tenure as president of the Alabama Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Dr. Holloway launched several initiatives to promote childhood immunization that continue to benefit the youngest state residents today.

Dr. Holloway hosted a Vaccine Summit and a Vaccine Immunization Congress for state pediatricians and partners to explore ways to increase childhood immunization rates. He established a Pediatric Council in 2008 to facilitate discussion among insurance providers and payers around coverage of childhood immunizations. This council advocated for increasing Alabama Medicaid's immunization administration fees by presenting a video that showed just how much work was involved in getting children immunized. Dr. Holloway continues to advocate for protecting children from pertussis by also vaccinating their parents.

The impact of Dr. Holloway's AAP work still reverberates throughout the state. Many of his initiatives have been sustained at the state level and are providing long-term positive effects for children in Alabama, especially the institutionalization of the Alabama Chapter's Pediatric Council, which continues to advocate for vaccination coverage for Alabama's children.

For supporting fellow pediatricians in their efforts to increase vaccination rates, Dr. Holloway is Alabama's *CDC Childhood Immunization Champion*.