

Alabama



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Dr. Michael Ramsey is known throughout the Alabama medical community for his dedication to evidence-based pediatrics. Since his residency, he has been passionate about ensuring that children are up-to-date on all immunizations before they start school. In his 17 years as a pediatrician, he has become an immunization leader in his practice and throughout the state.

As president of the Alabama Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Dr. Ramsey leads the executive board's campaign to improve childhood immunization in Alabama. He plays a key role in the Chapter's Vaccine Summit, which explores how Alabama pediatricians can raise vaccination rates. He is also working to establish a peer-to-peer vaccination improvement program among private pediatricians. In addition, he has focused on immunization care coordination, leading a group that met with the state health officer and immunization director about this issue. Meanwhile, at his practice, Dothan Pediatric Clinic, Dr. Ramsey makes special efforts to ensure that all patients are vaccinated on schedule.

Thanks to Dr. Ramsey's work, 90% of the 2-year-old and adolescent patients who have been treated at Dothan Pediatric Clinic have received all of the recommended immunizations for their age groups. In recognition of his position as a leader among his peers, Dr. Ramsey was appointed to the Governor's Medicaid Pharmacy Study Commission, and served as pediatric spokesperson at the governor's news conference on Medicaid funding in May 2012.

For mobilizing pediatricians and decision makers to make childhood immunization a priority, Dr. Ramsey is Alabama's *CDC Childhood Immunization Champion*.