

Welcome to the Ray E. Helfer Society



The Ray E. Helfer Society, founded in 1999 and named in honor of Dr. Ray E. Helfer, was originally established as an honorary society of physicians seeking to provide medical leadership regarding the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and research concerning child abuse and neglect. It has grown to be the primary sub-specialty society for physicians devoted to the problem of maltreated children. Members are encouraged to login and visit the Member Center to take advantage the Society's benefits. Non-members are encouraged to browse through this site and, if applicable, consider membership in our organization.

Our Vision

Children will thrive in a society that values them.

Our Mission

To help prevent and reduce the harm resulting from child maltreatment, by advancing the work of physicians in the areas of education, clinical care, research and advocacy.

Announcements and Updates

Registration Now Open for Society's Annual Meeting

Registration is open! The Society will host its 2019 Annual Meeting April 7-10 at the Loews Portofino Bay Hotel in Orlando, Florida. Select [this link](#) for details and registration.

Scholarship Applications Now Being Accepted

The Ray E. Helfer Society Annual Meeting Scholarship was established to encourage trainees to consider a career dedicated to the care of maltreated children. *Scholarships are available to medical students and pediatric residents.*

Select

[this link](#)

for details and to access the application. Or, download the application (Word format) directly [here](#)

. The deadline to apply is January 1, 2019.

Helfer Announces Pre-Conference Institutes This January in San Diego

The Society will host two dynamic educational sessions prior to the San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment. Select [this link](#) for details about *Abusive Head Trauma - Diagnosis, Treatment and Common Controversies* and *Introduction to the Medical Evaluation of Child Physical Abuse*

[Donate to the Friends of the Ray E. Helfer Society](#)

Membership

Membership in The Ray Helfer Society puts you in touch with a community of physicians seeking to provide leadership to enhance the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of child abuse and neglect. The Society is named after Ray E. Helfer, a pioneer in the prevention of child abuse. Dr. Helfer, a pediatrician and educator, helped research the origins of abuse and neglect and also developed methods of detection, treatment and prevention. You can learn more about the Society by visiting the [About the Society](#) section of this web site. A brief biography of Ray E. Helfer and his efforts in the prevention of child abuse is available by selecting [this link](#).

The organization offers two primary types of membership: [Scholar](#) and [Regular](#). A membership application is available in both the Scholar and Regular sections of this web site under the Membership tab.

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