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Oral Health and Head Start: Opportunities for Community Collaborations

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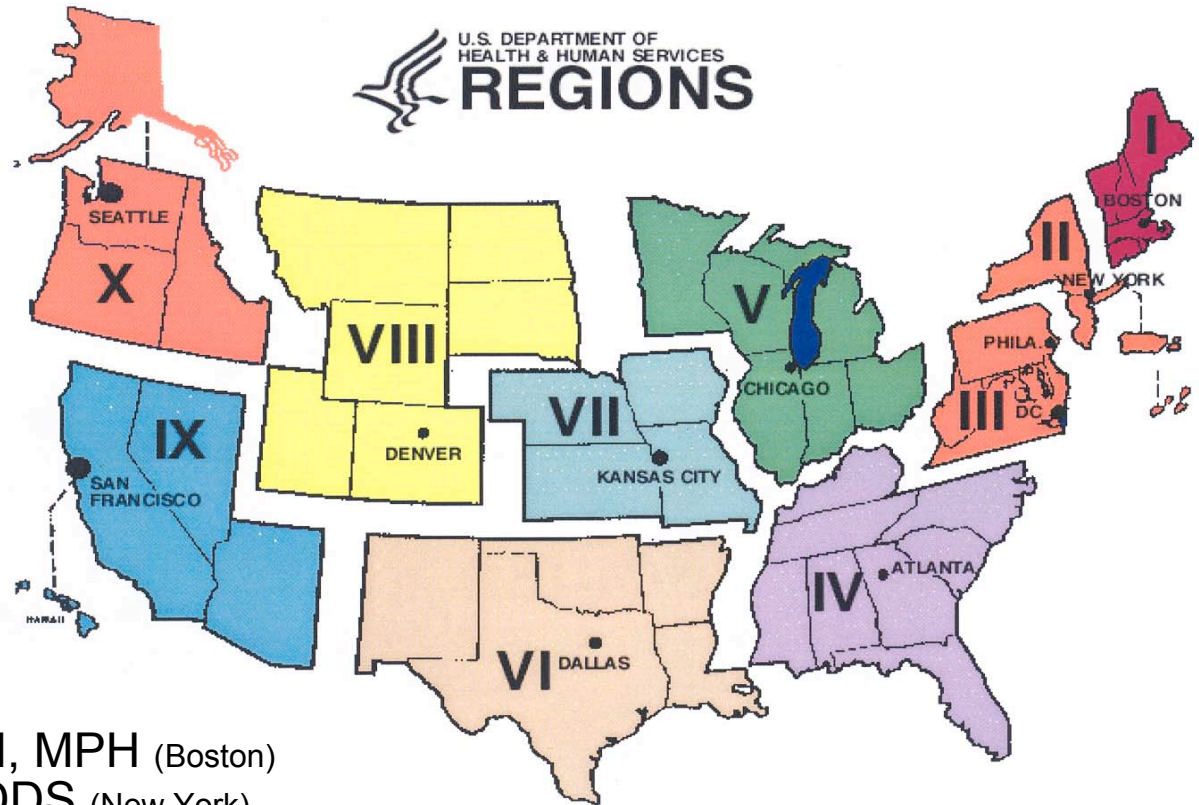
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Project Goals:

- Provide oral health expertise, consultation, training and technical assistance to the Region VIII office via the Head Start – Maternal Child Health Bureau intra-agency agreement
- Build infrastructure & cooperation for care provision
 - State Dental Directors, Primary Care Associations, Community Health Centers, Medicaid, SCHIP, Dental and Dental Hygiene Schools, Community Organizations
- Identify physicians, dentists, dental hygienists and essential community providers that can provide support at various levels
- **Improve oral health outcomes for Early Head Start and Head Start children and their families**

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What is Head Start?



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- Head Start was established in 1965
- Early Head Start was established in 1994
- Head Start is a comprehensive early childhood program
- Head Start serves more than 900,000 children and families at more than 18,000 Head Start sites Nationwide
SEARCH TOOL: <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/HeadStartOffices>
- Head Start Program Performance Standards relative to Child Health and Developmental Services
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/hsb/performance/>

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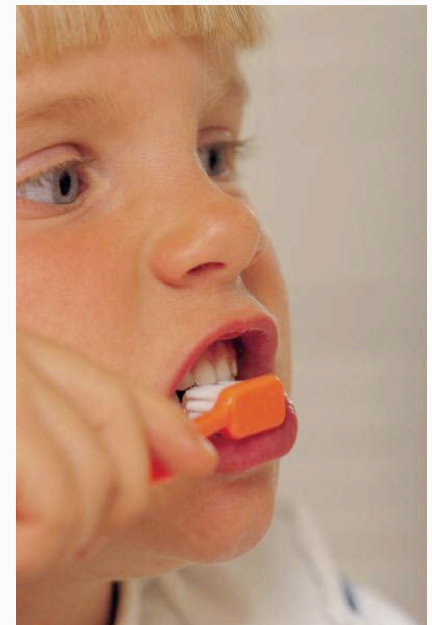
Goals of Head Start



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- Promote school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of low-income children
- Support parents in their role as primary educators of their children and empower families
- Provide a supportive learning environment for children, staff and parents
- Meet basic health needs including prevention
- Respect children & adults
 - *As individuals*
 - *With roots in many cultures and languages*
 - *As members of a community*

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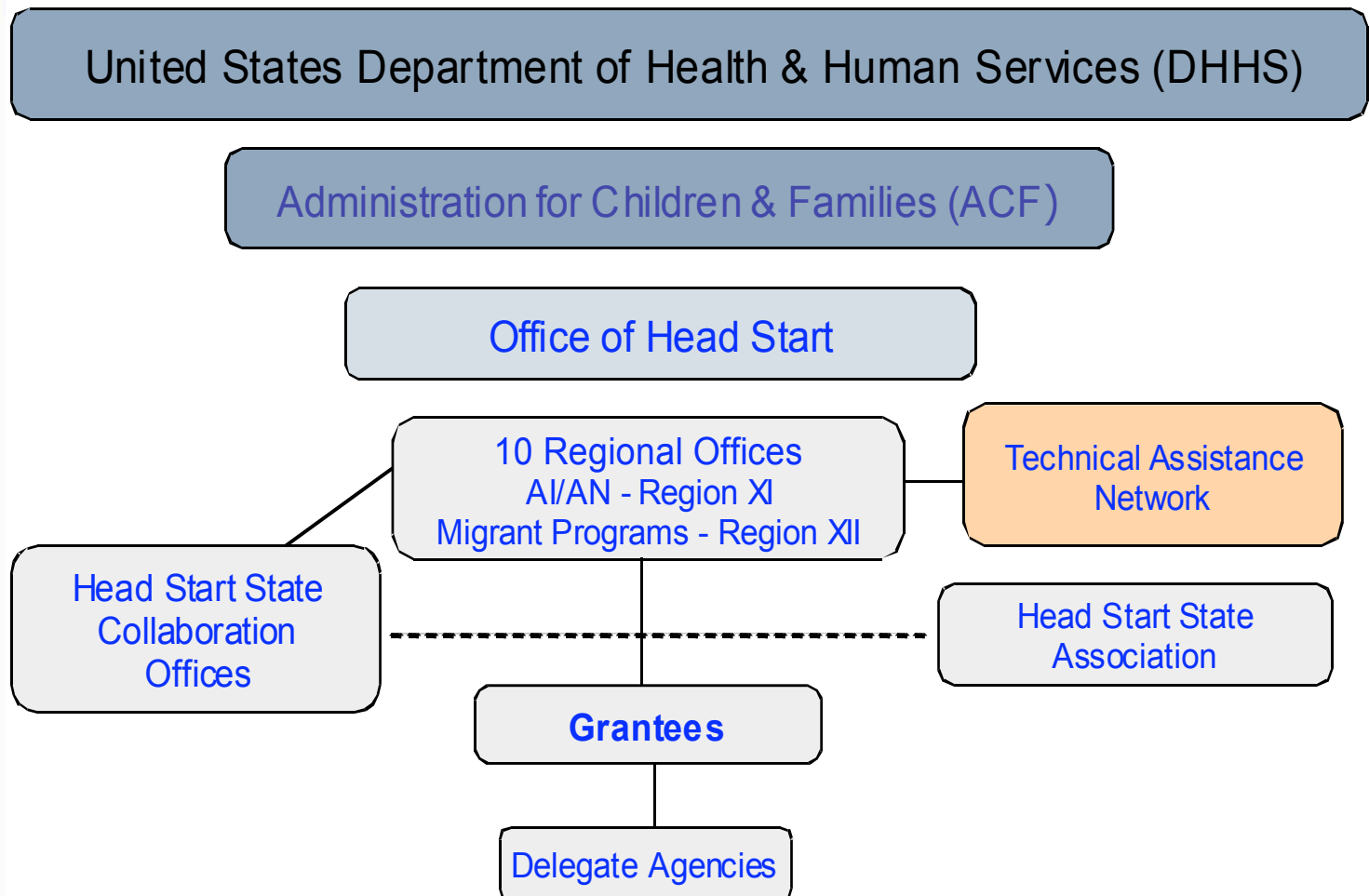


Head Start Program Structure



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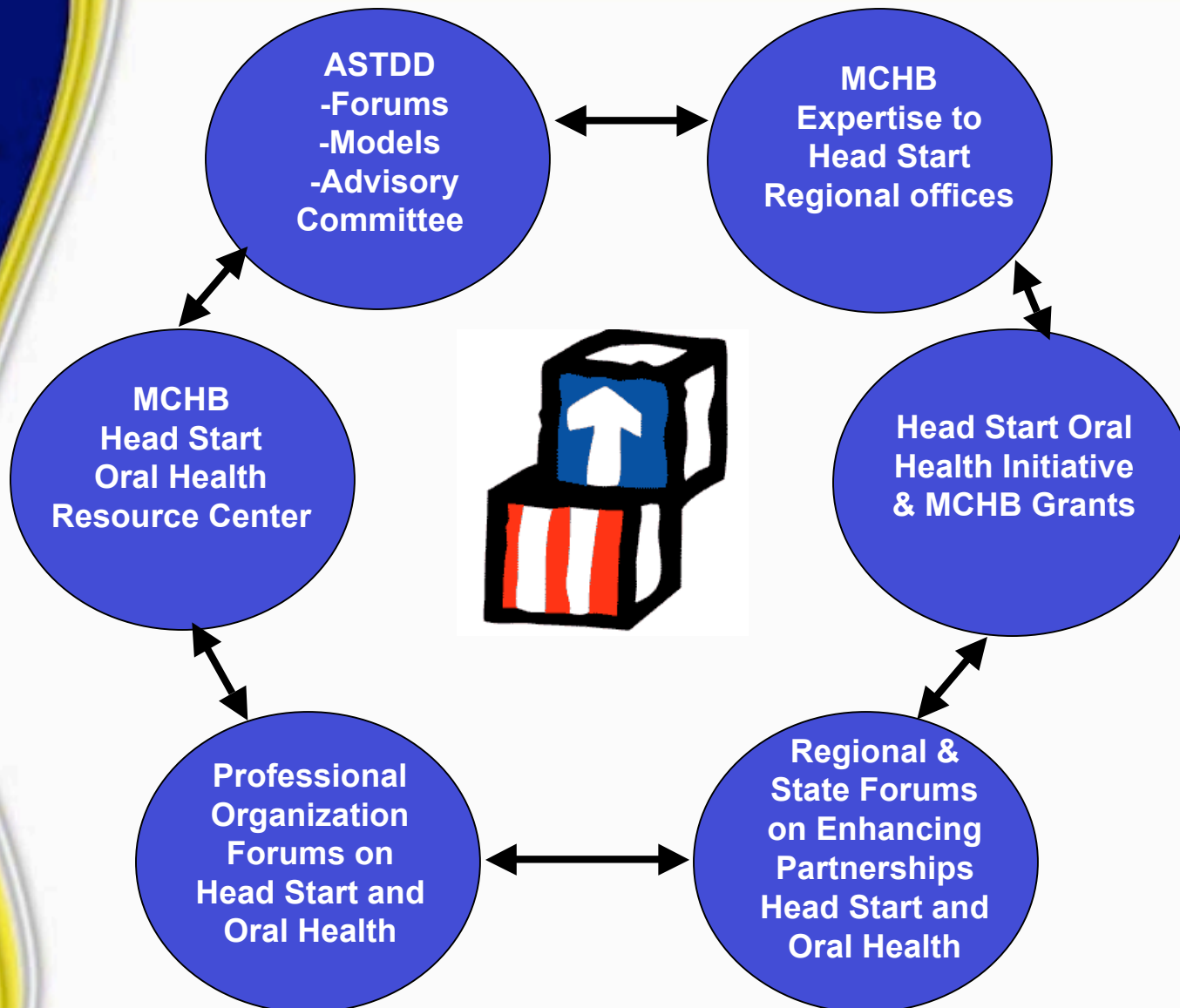


Head Start Oral Health Projects



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Program Partnerships for Oral Health



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Community Partnerships: Access, Education and Prevention

Health Services Advisory Committee

- Grantee Health Coordinator/ Manager
 - Dentists and dental hygienists
 - Pediatricians and nurses
 - Child health and nutrition experts
 - Local health departments & WIC representatives
 - MCH Programs
- <http://www.mchoralhealth.org/PDFs/IntegrationOHMCH.pdf>



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1304.41(B) Health Services Advisory Committee to advise in the planning, operation and evaluation of health services in Early Head Start/Head Start

Partnerships for Oral Health Education



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- **Head Start Health Staff**
 - Health Advisory Committee
 - Current Oral Health Practice Standards
 - Nutrition and Oral Health
- **Teachers / Home Visitors**
 - Working with Parents and Health Professionals to care for children's teeth
- **Parents and Children**
 - Motivational Interviewing
 - Anticipatory Guidance

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1304.40(f)(1) Provide dental health educational programs for program staff, parents and families
1304.40(f)(2)(iii) Provides parents with the opportunity to learn about preventive dental health.

Partnerships for Oral Disease Prevention



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- Community Water Fluoridation
- Pediatric Fluoride Supplements
- Fluoride Varnish / Infant Oral Care programs
- Center based tooth brushing programs



http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/Program%20Design%20and%20Management/Head%20Start%20Requirements/PIs/2006/resour_pri_00108_103106.html

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1304.20(c)(3)(i) Fluoride supplements and topical fluoride
1304.20(c)(3)(ii) Other necessary prevention and treatment recommended by dental professional

Access: *The First Oral Health Visit*



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- Parent Interview and Caries Risk Assessment
- Demonstration and instruction in proper care of teeth and gums
- Toothbrush Prophylaxis
- Oral Assessment
- Fluoride Varnish Treatment
- Anticipatory guidance
 - Advice about diet and nutrition
 - Injury prevention advice
 - Prevention plan including fluorides and sealants



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1304.41(a)(2)(i) Access to care, forging partnerships with dentists and health professionals

References: The Head Start Performance Standards relating to Oral Health



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- 1304.3(a)(11) Health means medical, dental and mental well-being
- 1304.20(a)(1)(ii) Up-to-date on schedule of preventive and primary care (EPSDT)
- 1304.20(c)(2) Assistance to parents re: “health literacy”
- 1304.20(c)(3)(i) Fluoride supplements and topical fluoride
- 1304.20(c)(3)(ii) Other necessary prevention and treatment recommended by dental professional
- 1304.20(c)(5) Head Start can use program funds for services when no other source is available
- 1304.20(d) Continuing well-child care; ongoing monitoring recurrent problems
- 1304.20(f)(1) Use info from dental evaluations to follow-up appropriately

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- 1304.22(a) Policies/procedures to respond to dental emergencies
- 1304.22(a)(1) Posted policies/plans of action requiring immediate dental attention
- 1304.23(b)(3) Must promote effective dental hygiene in conjunction w/ meals
- 1304.40(c)(1)(iii) In EHS provide care for pregnant women, including dental Exams and Treatment
- 1304.40(f)(1) Must provide dental health educational programs for staff and families
- 1304.40(f)(2)(ii) Encourage parents to participate in dental care process
- 1304.40(f)(2)(iii) Provide parents with opportunities to learn about prevention and dental health
- 1304.41(a)(2)(i) Access to care, forge partnerships with dentists and health professionals

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Head Start: An Opportunity to Improve the Oral Health of Children and Families

Head Start

Early Head Start and Head Start are comprehensive child development programs that serve infants and children from birth through age 5, pregnant women, and their families. The overall goal of these child-focused programs is to increase the school readiness of young children from families with low incomes.¹

Data from Head Start operating year 2001–2002 reveal the following:

- There were 912,345 children enrolled in Head Start; among these, 848,481 (93 percent) were ages 3 and older.²
- About 68 percent of the children were from a racial/ethnic minority group.²
- Of those children with health insurance, 63 percent were also enrolled in the Medicaid/Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) program, which provides coverage for oral health services.²

Most children enrolled in Head Start are eligible for oral health services paid for through either Medicaid/EPSDT, the State Children's Health Insurance Program, the Indian Health Service, or the military dependent dental plan.³





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