

## Final Report Format

### Follow-Up Activities to EHS/HS State/Territorial Oral Health Forums

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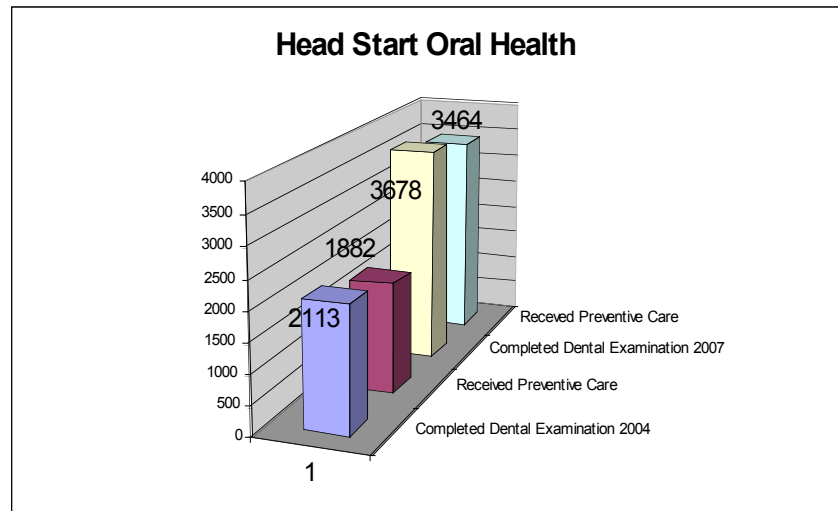
**Activities originally proposed and how they relate to action plan (copy or summarize from proposal with any revisions submitted after acceptance):**

The DC Head Start Association proposal in 2003 proposed four major areas of focus for the forum and follow-up activities:

- Promoting Education and Prevention
- Increasing Coverage and Access
- Enhancing the Dental Workforce, and
- Improving Quality of Data and Surveillance

Each area of focus was training for staff, partnering with local dentists for services, partnering with School and the Hispanic for local mass screening and improved and increased The most recent Program in the adjoining chart.

After an examination of the follow-up activities will focus and dental service



addressed through new with local dentists for Howard University Dental Dental Association chapter these initiatives resulted in services in 2004 and 2005. Information Report (PIR) is

outcomes since the Forum, on clarification of access reimbursement issues to

ensure a consistent source of care. Many of the Head Start children in the District of Columbia participate in managed care health services. A new Dental clinic has opened in DC that has a sufficient number of hours and slots eligible for and accepting Medicaid reimbursement.

**Activities accomplished: include process used, participants, partners, and significant dates/timelines:**

The follow-up activity focused on training of Head Start staff conducted by the managed care grantee for oral health in DC and the DC Oral Health Program Director at the Department of Health. The purpose of the training was to help parents understand their responsibilities with the increased access to oral health services available in DC and to ensure that staff were familiar with billing procedures and all opportunities.

After a year of participation with new opportunities it was discovered that although parents used the opportunities and the number of examinations and follow-up increased many parents were still not fully involved in communicating with the dentists and following through with their responsibilities.

The Oral Health Program Director has hired a Promotoras to work exclusively with Head Start staff and parents to improve parental participation in their children's oral health.

**Immediate outcomes (attach any reports or other documents/materials):**

As described above, the PIR data for Head Start children has shown marked improvement. The ongoing goal is to ensure that the oral health gains that children make while in Head Start are continued through Kindergarten and elementary school. The Oral Health Program director will follow the students through their school years.

Through the district of Columbia Early Childhood Comprehensive Services Grant, all early childhood programs will have access to oral health child care health consultants. The Early Care and Education Administration has adopted oral health goals and now requires oral health screening for all children in any care setting.

**Additional follow-up activities planned:**

The Early Care and Education Administration and the Department of Health Oral Health program have partnered to focus on Oral Health and School Readiness. The Oral Health Program received a HRSA grant to conduct public education activities around this goal. The issue brief developed through this partnership is attached.

**Need for additional resources to accomplish other follow-up activities (please be specific): None**

**Budget Explanation**

How ASTDD Funds Were Used	Other Funds Expended, Include Source	In-Kind Support, Include Source
<p>The ASTDD funds were used for outreach to Head Start staff.</p> <p>Funds for an ASTDD Follow-up Forum were used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Informational brochures for staff;</li> <li>• Drafting and distributing a model information document for parents.</li> </ul>	<p>Additional Follow-up</p> <p>Continued outreach to child care programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funds provided by the Early Care and Education Administration</li> </ul> <p>Public Policy/Public Education with policy makers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funds provided by HRSA grant (see attached document)</li> </ul>	<p>Refreshments for Follow-up Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funds provided by the DC Head Start Association</li> </ul>

A couple of Forum/Training pictures are below.



Please review the attached issue brief that outlines future directions.

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