

National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center



The purpose of the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center (OHRC) at Georgetown University is to respond to the needs of professionals working in states and communities, with the goal of improving oral health services for pregnant women, infants, children, and adolescents, including those with special health care needs, and their families (the maternal and child health (MCH) population). OHRC serves the MCH population by supporting health professionals, program administrators, educators, and others working in or with MCH programs. OHRC was founded in 1996.

OHRC works on a variety of projects funded by government agencies and foundations, including:

Center for Oral Health Systems Integration and Improvement (COHSII)

The COHSII consortium serves as a central convener, coordinator, and promoter of new oral health knowledge and skills. The consortium works with key stakeholders to improve systems of care in support of a quality improvement, patient-centered approach to address the oral health needs of the MCH population. The consortium is led by OHRC, working in collaboration with the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD) and the Dental Quality Alliance. COHSII is supported by a cooperative agreement from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

National Center for Early Childhood Health and Wellness (NCECHW)

The NCECHW consortium provides education, technical assistance, and training to the Head Start and child care community. OHRC is the lead on oral health activities, working in collaboration with ASTDD. NCECHW oral health activities also include supporting the dental hygienist liaison project, which serves as a communication link between NCECHW and Head Start and child care agencies. NCECHW is supported by a cooperative agreement from the Office of Head Start and the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families, and MCHB, HRSA.

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