

**Oregon Head Start Action Plan for Oral Health**  
**Developed at the Director's and Specialists Meeting in Eagle Crest in April 2003**

**The Oregon Head Start Association will form the Oregon Head Start Oral Health Coalition by April 2004.**

**The Oregon Head Start Oral Health Coalition (OHSOHC) will be comprised of at least eight voting members:**

- Four Oregon Early Head Start/Head Start (EHS/HS) Health and Nutrition Coordinators
- One Oregon Migrant Head Start Representative
- Two Early Head Start/Head Start parent representatives
- One Head Start Director

**Consulting representatives will be periodically requested from:**

- The State of Oregon Oral Health Program
- The Oregon Medical Assistance Program (OMAP)
- The Oregon Dental Association (ODA)
- The Oregon Dental Hygiene Association (ODHA)
- Dental Care Organizations (DCO's)
- The State of Oregon Board of Dentistry

**The Coalition will use the Oregon Head Start Oral Health Action Plan as their framework.**

## I. Access to Prevention:

Oregon Head Start Programs will increase the use of Registered Dental Hygienists and Limited Access Permit Dental Hygienists to bring innovative prevention interventions to EHS/HS children and families.

<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Time Frame</b>	<b>Resources/responsible parties</b>
Coalition will encourage each EHS/HS program to work with a Dental Hygienist or Dental Hygienist with a Limited Access Permit to support education & program planning. Coalition will also seek Technical Assistance from State in accessing funding sources for this unique model.	Summer 2004	State Oral Health Program Oregon Medical Assistance Program (OMAP) Coalition
Coalition will request a list of LAP Hygienists from the Board of Dentistry and distribute the information accordingly.	Summer 2004	Board of Dentistry 503-229-5520
Coalition will request assistance from Region X and the Head Start Bureau in clarifying the role of Oregon's unique Limited Access Permit Dental Hygienist within the Performance Standard framework.	Initial dialogue at Region X Oral Health Summit in January 2004.	Coalition OHSA Region X representatives Head Start Bureau

## II. Prevention Strategies:

Head Start programs will have access to cutting edge prevention research and techniques.

<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Time Frame</b>	<b>Resources/responsible parties</b>
An update of the latest prevention strategies will be listed as a permanent agenda item for Coalition meetings.	April 2004	Coalition
Coalition will identify and disseminate information about existing oral health clearinghouses and resources to EHS/HS programs.	April 2005	Coalition OHSA Individual Head Start Programs
Coalition will analyze relevant guidelines and models for optimal fluoride use in EHS/HS settings.	January 2005	State Oral Health Program Coalition

### III. Access to Treatment:

Head Start programs in Oregon will work in partnership with dentists who provide services to Head Start Children so that Head Start's administrative requirements do not over burden those dental providers.

<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Time Frame</b>	<b>Resources/responsible parties</b>
Coalition will meet on regular basis to analyze all dental Performance Standards.	Coalition will set meeting schedule in April 2004.	Coalition
Explore possibility of HS programs pooling funds for oral health services in order to contract with statewide dental providers.	January 2005	OHSA Coalition DCO's OMAP
Encourage EHS/HS Health Coordinators to contact local Dental and Hygiene Associations to discuss HS Dental education and service needs.	December 2004	Coalition Individual Head Start Programs ODHA ODA
Coalition will assure that a Coalition member is made available to represent Oregon Head Start Association in relevant State Oral Health Program Planning Groups.	April 2004	Oregon State Oral Health Program. OHSA Coalition
Coalition will request that the OHSA lobbyist inform the coalition of any legislation impacting oral health for HS families.	Legislative session 2004	OHSA Lobbyist
Coalition will support efforts to have Primary Care Providers involved in Early Childhood Cavity Prevention Interventions.	Legislative session 2004	OHSA Lobbyist Early Childhood Cavity Prevention Coalition
Coalition will advocate for refining the OMAP policies and procedures which may be interfering with access to oral health services for EHS/HS children and families.	April 2004 and ongoing.	Coalition OMAP
Coalition will advocate for establishment of a Pediatric Dentistry Program at Oregon Health Sciences University.	April 2004 and ongoing.	Coalition OHSU Board of Dentistry

#### IV. Education Strategies:

Head Start Programs will work to assure that families, children, staff and medical and dental communities receive appropriate, up to date education in Oral Health.

<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Time Frame</b>	<b>Resources/responsible parties</b>
Coalition will analyze the Washington Dental Service Curriculum For possible use in Oregon Head Start programs.	Autumn 2004	Coalition
Coalition will create opportunities for HS staff to receive up to date oral health education and training.	January 2005	Coalition OHSA Individual Head Start Programs
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