**Early Childhood Oral Health (ECOH) Coalition Action Plan Road Map**

**Inputs**
- State Senate Commission
- Head Start OH Forum
- RI Early Childhood OH Coalition
- Statewide Partners
- Other Resources

**Promising Strategies**

**Including but not limited to:**

**A. Data/Surveillance**
1. Expand + coordinate statewide OH surveillance system

**B. Regulations/Legislation**
1. Revise licensure + dental practice regulations
2. Expand OH advocacy efforts targeting legislators/policymakers

**C. Training**
1. Expand training/mentoring for:
   - Primary Care Providers (PCPs)
   - HS staff/others
   - OH providers willing to treat very young children

**D. Workforce Development**
1. Promote dental careers to science students
2. Support dental education
3. Expand community health/service learning opportunities for OH students
4. Reinforce OH provider recruitment + retention efforts
5. Provide practice incentives
6. Promote licensure/scope of practice changes
7. Engage PCPs

**E. Prevention/Public Awareness/Curricula**
1. Promote/leverage resources for population-based prevention interventions
2. Update OH curricula + resource info for young children + families
3. Create a cross-cultural OH public awareness/prevention campaign

**F. Benefits/Reimbursement**
1. Expand RIte Care/Medicaid transportation + interpreter services
2. Revise RIte Care/Medicaid benefits + RIte Care/Medicaid/commercial reimbursement rates
3. Increase Medicaid resources for young children + their families

**Products**

**Including but not limited to:**

**A. Data/Surveillance**
1. Coordinated OH surveillance system
2. Cost/benefit/cost analysis of prevention/early interventions

**B. Regulations/Legislation**
1. Appropriate licensure + practice rules
2. Oral disease burden documents based on current OH data; disseminated to stakeholders/policymakers

**C. Training**
1. PCP-OH training sessions
2. Web-based training + resources for teachers/staff
3. More OH providers treating preschoolers

**D. Workforce Development**
1. Job fairs, job shadowing, mentoring
2. Expanded dental residency programs
3. Training support for RI students @ out-of-state dental schools
4. HS Family Advocate + RDH student collaboration (home visits)
5. Recruitment incentives
6. Practice incentives

**E. Prevention/Public Awareness/Curricula**
1. Comprehensive State OH Plan
2. School-based/school-linked oral disease prevention programs for targeted children
3. Healthy school vending/fundraisers
4. OH resource guide
5. Culturally-appropriate preschool/elementary school OH curricula
6. OH awareness tool kit

**F. Benefits/Reimbursement**
1. Enabling (transportation + translation) services incorporated as RIte Care/Medicaid benefit
2. Dental Benefits Manager
3. Increased reimbursement rates
4. Increased OH provider participation (public + commercial insurance)
5. RIte Home by age three

**Outcomes**

**PROXIMAL**
- Public health/welfare protected; improved competence of OH + primary care workforce
- Increased public awareness of OH disease prevention/health promotion methods
- Increase in number of programs + people served
- Environmental changes supportive of oral health improvement
- Families with young children expand oral disease prevention practices/complete dental treatment as needed
- More RI students opt for dental careers

**DISTAL**
- Reduced prevalence of:
  - Early childhood caries
  - Unintentional oro-facial injuries
- Increased quality of life
- Reduced disparities in oral health outcomes