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Introduction

The purpose of the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center (OHRC) is to respond to the needs of states and communities in addressing current and emerging public oral health issues. OHRC supports health professionals, program administrators, educators, policymakers, researchers, and others with the goal of improving oral health services for infants, children, adolescents, and their families. OHRC collaborates with government agencies, professional associations, foundations, and voluntary organizations to gather, develop, and share high-quality and timely information and materials.

The Oral Health Resource Bulletin is a periodic publication designed to stimulate thinking and creativity within the maternal and child health (MCH) community by providing information about selected materials of interest. Each successive volume is intended to supplement rather than replace previous volumes. The materials listed in the bulletin have been incorporated into the OHRC library. Copies of listed materials can be obtained directly from the contributing party or are available for loan from OHRC to those involved in MCH programs. When ordering materials from the HRSA Information Center, refer to the document code located within the contact information. An electronic version of the publication with clickable links to all the URLs shown is available at [http://www.mchoralhealth.org/materials/ResBulletins.html](http://www.mchoralhealth.org/materials/ResBulletins.html).

OHRC is committed to continuing to provide effective mechanisms for sharing information about materials that enhance oral health programs and services. If you have materials that you feel would be useful for program development, implementation, or evaluation, please become part of this process. Materials such as standards, guidelines, curricula, conference proceedings, policies, and reports are especially welcome. If you have any materials that you think might be of interest, please send two copies to

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Materials

DATA AND SURVEILLANCE

2011–2012 HEAD START ORAL HEALTH SURVEY NEVADA


This report presents findings from an oral health survey of students in Head Start in Nevada. Topics include population estimates on four oral health indicators: untreated tooth decay, treated decay, dental caries experience, and early childhood caries. Estimates are also presented relative to *Healthy People 2020* targets. Additional topics include demographics, affordability and accessibility of oral health care, and the relationship between body mass index and overall oral health. A summary of key findings is also available.


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ASTDD STATE SURVEILLANCE DATA TEMPLATE (REV. ED.)


This template provides a format for collecting data on oral health topics and indicators from a variety of sources. Sample topics include community water fluoridation, children, children with special health care needs, adolescents, adults, pregnant women, school-based health centers offering oral health services, and workforce issues.

Contact: Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors, 1838 Fieldcrest Drive, Sparks, NV 89434.

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BURDEN OF ORAL DISEASE IN MICHIGAN 2013


This report summarizes the status of oral health in Michigan and establishes a documented burden of disease, disparities in disease and access, and comparisons between Michigan and national data. Topics include national and state oral health objectives, the burden of oral diseases, risk and protective factors for oral diseases, oral health service provision, and programs and practices.


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CATALOG OF SURVEYS AND ARCHIVE OF PROCEDURES RELATED TO ORAL HEALTH


This database links descriptions of oral health data sources with descriptions of procedures used in the sources to provide a central and up-to-date resource for public health research, program planning, and policymaking. The catalog describes surveys and studies related to oral health, including sample design, data-collection methods, and references. The archive
describes clinical indices, questionnaires, and other methods of measuring oral health. Descriptions include the method’s background; historical changes or well-established modified versions of the method; and related references, surveys, and studies.

**Contact:** Dental, Oral and Craniofacial Data Resource Center, 2101 Gaither Road, Suite 600, Rockville, MD 20850-4006. Telephone: (301) 527-6670; fax: (301) 527-6401; e-mail: oralhealthdrc@ngc.com; website: http://drc.hhs.gov. Available at http://drc.hhs.gov/catalog.htm.

**CHEW ON THIS: 2012 REPORT ON THE ORAL DISEASE BURDEN IN COLORADO**


This report highlights indicators of oral disease burden across the life span of Colorado residents. Topics include the burden among infants, children, and adults; health professionals' and oral health professionals' support for good oral health; the state’s oral health work force; and an overview of health disparities. The report also discusses national and state oral health objectives; Colorado’s “winnable battle”; geographic and population issues in the state; oral screening of students in kindergarten and third grade; and behaviors, environments, and systems that support good oral health.

**Contact:** Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South, Denver, CO 80246-1530. Telephone: (303) 692-2000; (800) 886-7689; (303) 691-7700 (TTD line); fax: (303) 782-5576; e-mail: cdphe.information@state.co.us; website: http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDPHE-Main/ CBON/1251583470000. Available at http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite?blobcol=urldata&blobheadername1=Content-Disposition&blobheadername2=Content-Type&blobheadervalue1=inline%3B+filename+%3D%22Chew+On+This.pdf%22&blobheadervalue2=application%2Fpdf&blobkey=id&blobtable=MungoBlobs&blobwhere=12518926094748&ssbinary=true.

**DENTAL EXPENDITURES IN THE 10 LARGEST STATES, 2010**


This fact sheet presents estimates based on data from the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey—Household Component (MEPS-HC) on the use, costs, and sources of payment for oral health care expenditures for the 10 largest (per capita) states, and it compares the results to the national average. Highlights from the findings, the data source, definitions of expenditures, and an overview of the MEPS-HC are included.


**DENTAL-RELATED EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS ON THE INCREASE IN THE UNITED STATES**


This brief discusses the near doubling in numbers of visits to hospital emergency departments for dental emergencies between 1997 and 2007, as well as factors that may have contributed to the increase. The brief summarizes the problem and presents data, methods, results, and a discussion of findings and their implications.

**Contact:** American Dental Association, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611-2678. Telephone: (312) 440-2500; fax: (312) 440-7494; e-mail: info@ada.org; website: http://www.ada.org. Available at http://www.ada.org/sections/professionalResources/pdfs/HPRCBrief_0413_4.pdf.

**EVERY SMILE COUNTS: THE ORAL HEALTH OF CONNECTICUT’S CHILDREN (UPD. ED.)**

This report presents findings from an oral health screening survey of children enrolled in Head Start and students in kindergarten and third grade in Connecticut. Contents include information on the importance of oral health, key findings and strategies, survey methods, and data tables. Data are compared to national averages. Topics include tooth decay experience, untreated decay, rampant decay, need for care, and dental sealants.


**IDPH SCHOOL-BASED SEALANT PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT: SCHOOL YEAR 2012–2013**


This chart provides statistics for several school-based dental sealant programs in Iowa during the school year. Results for five agencies indicate the number of (1) children examined, (2) children receiving sealants, (3) sealants placed, (4) sealants placed on children covered by Medicaid, (5) children with history of tooth decay, (6) children covered by Medicaid with history of decay, (7) children with untreated decay, (8) children covered by Medicaid with untreated decay, (9) children with private insurance, (10) children with no dental insurance, (11) children covered by Medicaid, and (12) children covered by Hawk-i.


**KIDS COUNT IN DELAWARE ISSUE BRIEF: ORAL HEALTH**


This issue brief examines and describes oral health, focusing on children in Delaware. Topics include demographics, tooth decay, preventive care, young children needing treatment, oral health care during pregnancy, access to care, and preventive measures such as fluoridated water and dental sealants. The brief concludes with a discussion about assessing progress and improving children’s oral health.

**Contact:** Kids Count in Delaware, University of Delaware, Center for Community Research and Service, Graham Hall Room 298K, Newark, DE 19716-7350. Telephone: (302) 831-4966; fax: (302) 831-4225; e-mail: kids-count@udel.edu; website: http://www.ccrs.udel.edu/kids-count. Available at http://www.ccrs.udel.edu/sites/ccrs.udel.edu/files/2012%20oral%20health.pdf.
MISSISSIPPI FACT SHEET: COMMUNITY WATER FLUORIDATION AND ORAL HEALTH (REV.)


This fact sheet outlines the importance of good oral health and the role community water fluoridation can play in preventing tooth decay. Topics include statistics on oral health in children and adults in Mississippi, the percentage of the population receiving optimally fluoridated drinking water in Mississippi in comparison to other states, the cost of water fluoridation relative to treatment costs, and public funding for programs.

Contact: Mississippi State Department of Health, Division of Dental Services, Box 1700, Jackson, MS 39215-1700. Telephone: (601) 576-7500; website: http://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/41,0,151.html. Available at http://www.msdh.state.ms.us/msdhsite/index.cfm/42,1067,151.pdf/FluoridationReasons.pdf.

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ORAL HEALTH DURING PREGNANCY, MI PRAMS 2004–2008


This newsletter presents oral health data about pregnant women collected through the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System in Michigan during the period 2004–2008. Topics include oral health status, demographic characteristics of women who did not receive oral health care during pregnancy, and birth outcomes among women who did not seek oral health care during pregnancy.


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ORAL HEALTH MAPS: A SERIES OF MAPS DESCRIBING PROFESSIONAL AND PREVENTION RESOURCES, MAINE, 2011–2012


These maps provide a picture of oral health resources in Maine. The maps display data on the number and density of licensed dentists and dental hygienists by county of practice, safety net dental clinics, schools funded to provide fluoride mouthrinse and dental sealants, and public water systems providing optimally fluoridated water. Maps showing independent dental hygienist practices and public health dental hygienists providing school-linked services while using public health supervision are also included.

Contact: Judith Feinstein. Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Oral Health Program, 11 State House Station, Key Plaza, Fifth Floor, Augusta, ME 04333. E-mail: judith.a.feinstein@maine.gov; website: http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/bohdcfh/odh. Available at http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/population-health/odh/maps.shtml.

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ORAL HEALTH OF RHODE ISLAND’S PRESCHOOL CHILDREN ENROLLED IN HEAD START PROGRAMS


This report presents key findings from a statewide oral health screening survey of children enrolled in Head Start in Rhode Island. Contents include information about the population and sample, data management and analysis, screening methods, children’s demographic characteristics, oral health outcomes, comparison to Healthy People 2010 objectives, and recommendations. Topics include prevalence of tooth decay, untreated decay, and dental sealants on primary molars among children ages 3–5.

Contact: Rhode Island Department of Health, Oral Health Program, 3 Capitol Hill, Room 408, Providence, RI 02908. Telephone: (401) 222-1171; fax: (401) 222-4415; website: http://www.health.ri.gov/disease/
STATE MEDICAID PAYMENTS FOR CARIES PREVENTION SERVICES BY NON-DENTAL PROFESSIONALS


This document presents survey findings for the 50 states and the District of Columbia on reimbursement for risk assessment, oral examination, fluoride varnish, anticipatory guidance, and family oral health education. It presents information on the following topics: type of health professional, services, fees, procedure codes, delegation, age limit for services, number of varnish applications reimbursed annually, training requirement, payor, payment by Medicaid or the Children’s Health Insurance Program, and legislative approval to reimburse health professionals.

Contact: American Academy of Pediatrics, Children’s Oral Health Initiative, 141 Northwest Point Boulevard, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007. Telephone: (866) 843-2271; (847) 434-4779; e-mail: oralhealth@aap.org; website: http://www2.aap.org/oralhealth. Available at http://www2.aap.org/oralhealth/docs/OHReimbursementChart.pdf.

MCHB-FUNDED PROJECT FINAL REPORTS

BEGIN WITH A GRIN: FINAL REPORT AND ABSTRACT


This report describes a program to prevent oral disease and address barriers to early oral health care for infants and young children from families with low incomes in Roanoke Valley, Virginia, by conducting in-home education and screening, applying fluoride varnish, and providing referrals. The report discusses the program’s goals and objectives, methodology, evaluation, outcomes, product dissemination and use, and sustainability. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center, Georgetown University, Box 571272, Washington, DC 20057-1272. Telephone: (202) 784-9771; fax: (202) 784-9777; e-mail: OHRCinfo@georgetown.edu; website: http://www.mchoralhealth.org. Available at http://www.mchoralhealth.org/pdfs/H17MC08975.pdf.

SUMMARY REPORT: SYNOPSIS OF STATE DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS—DATA FOR FY 2011–2012


This report summarizes the results of a study examining the status of state oral health programs. Topics include the demographic, infrastructure, workforce, and administrative factors that impact the state’s oral health program, as well as services that states provide.

Contact: Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors, 1838 Fieldcrest Drive, Sparks, NV 89434. Telephone: (775) 626-5008; fax: (775) 626-9268; e-mail: info@astdd.org; website: http://www.astdd.org. Available at http://www.astdd.org/docs/state-synopsis-report-summary.pdf.

POLICY

COST EFFECTIVENESS OF PREVENTIVE DENTAL SERVICES (UPD.)


This fact sheet outlines the ways in which preventive oral health care can reduce disease burdens and associated expenditures. Topics include preventive oral health interventions such as early preventive care, fluoridation, and dental sealants; how lack of oral health care leads
to costly emergency department visits and temporary solutions; the connection between access and preventive care, including socioeconomic and health insurance status; and the consequences of untreated oral disease and its effect on overall health.

**Contact:** Children’s Dental Health Project, 1020 19th Street, N.W., Suite 400, Washington, DC 20036. Telephone: (202) 833-8288; fax: (202) 331-1432; e-mail: cdhpinfo@cdhp.org; website: http://www.cdhp.org. Available at https://cdhp.s3.amazonaws.com/resource/163/attachment_1/original.pdf?1380054312.

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**THE EFFECT OF MEDICAID PAYMENT RATES ON ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE AMONG CHILDREN**


This paper examines the effect of Medicaid reimbursement on access to oral health care among children from families with low incomes. The analysis is based on data from three panels of the nationally representative Survey of Income and Program Participation spanning the period 2001–2010, combined with hand-collected state-level data on Medical payment rates for 15 common procedures. The authors estimate the relationship between Medicaid fees and three measures of oral health care use: whether a child has had at least one dental visit over a 12-month period, total number of visits during that period, and whether a child has had dental sealants applied.

**Contact:** National Bureau of Economic Research, 1050 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02138-5398. Telephone: (617) 868-3900; fax: (617) 868-2742; e-mail: info@nber.org; website: http://www.nber.org. Available at http://papers.nber.org/papers/w19218.

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This brief provides an overview of the impact of higher reimbursement rates on oral health care in Connecticut’s Husky A program for children from families with low incomes in the state. Topics include changes in

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**ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF DENTAL THERAPISTS**


This report assesses the work of dental health aide therapists (DHATs) in Alaska and dental therapists (DTs) in Minnesota, including time spent on different categories of procedures, characteristics of the population base served, and overall cost to practices of employing DHATs and DTs. Data on procedure types (evaluation and assessment, preventive, restorative, and other) that DHATs and DTs perform and on revenue that DHATs and DTs generate are presented in a series of charts throughout the document. The report concludes with a summary table showing the distribution of procedures and generated revenue.

**Contact:** Community Catalyst, 30 Winter Street, 10th Floor, Boston, MA 02108. Telephone: (617) 338-6035; fax: (617) 451-5838; e-mail: restuccia@communitycatalyst.org; website: http://www.communitycatalyst.org. Available at http://www.communitycatalyst.org/doc_store/publications/economic-viability-dental-therapists.pdf.

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**DENTAL SERVICES: INFORMATION ON COVERAGE, PAYMENTS, AND FEE VARIATION**


This report examines oral health services in the United States. It describes trends in coverage for and use of services, trends in payments for services, and the extent to which fees vary between and within selected communities. Appendices contain information on national expenditures, urban and rural dental visit rates, scope and methodology, and fees charged for common procedures.


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utilization rates, private dentist participation, and relative contributions of private practices and dental safety net providers.

**Contact:** Connecticut Health Foundation, 100 Pearl Street, Hartford, CT 06103. Telephone: (860) 724-1580; fax: (860) 724-1589; e-mail: info@cthealth.org; website: http://www.cthealth.org. Available at http://www.cthealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/impact-of-increased-dental-reimbursement-rates.pdf.

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**IN SEARCH OF DENTAL CARE: TWO TYPES OF DENTIST SHORTAGES LIMIT CHILDREN’S ACCESS TO CARE**


This report examines lack of access to oral health care in the United States, especially for families with low incomes. It also explores strategies states are employing—particularly expanding oral health teams by licensing additional types of health professionals—to address work force shortages and serve children.


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**MOUNTAIN DEW MOUTH: PREVENTION AND EDUCATION TO UNDO THE DENTAL DAMAGE OF THE DEW**


This video and accompanying slides address legal and policy changes that can positively impact public oral health challenges. Topics include the practical and political feasibility of banning soft drinks in schools, limiting product size, posting warning signs, and prohibiting the spending of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program dollars on sugar-sweetened beverages.

**Contact:** Temple University Beasley School of Law, Public Health Law Research. E-mail: phlr@temple.edu; website: http://publichealthlawresearch.org. Available at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V2Rsbv3l0NM (video) and http://publichealthlawresearch.org/sites/default/files/shared/Critical%20Opportunities_Singer.pdf (slides).

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**ORAL HEALTH CARE DURING PREGNANCY AND THROUGH THE LIFESPAN**


This document presents information and recommendations for obstetricians, gynecologists, and others about oral health care during pregnancy and through the lifespan. Topics include general health, common oral health conditions during pregnancy, periodontal disease and pregnancy outcomes, oral health assessment and counseling during pregnancy, and access to oral health care.

**Contact:** American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, 409 12th Street, S.W., P.O. Box 96920, Washington, DC 20090-6920. Telephone: (202) 638-5577; (202) 863-2518; e-mail: resources@acog.org; website: http://www.acog.org. Available at http://www.acog.org/~/media/Committee%20Opinions/Committee%20on%20Health%20Care%20for%20Underserved%20Women/co569.pdf?dmc=1&ts=20130724T094705564.

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**PATIENT CENTERED CARE**


This brief describes principles of and case studies on how patient- and family-centered care fit within the dental home. The brief also addresses health information technology and government programs that promote this care model. Finally, policy recommendations for patient- and family-centered care are presented. Topics include respect and cultural competence, integration and coordination of care, communication and information sharing, quality of care, and whole-person and comprehensive care.
POLICY STATEMENT ON COMMUNITY WATER FLUORIDATION


This document addresses Florida's public health policy related to community water fluoridation (CWF). Topics include the history and impact of CWF in reducing tooth decay in children and adults, documentation of the safety and efficacy of CWF, and support for CWF as the most economical and effective means to control the public health problem of dental caries.


RURAL AMERICA’S ORAL HEALTH NEEDS


This policy brief presents a review of the literature on the oral health status of rural America and provides recommendations for meeting rural America's oral health care needs. Topics include increasing access to oral health care, service reimbursement, training programs and recruitment, and research.

Contact: National Rural Health Association, 521 East 63rd Street, Kansas City, MO 64110. Telephone: (816) 756-3140; fax: (816) 756-3144; e-mail: mail@NRHRural.org; website: http://www.ruralhealthweb.org. Single copies available at no charge.

SCIENCE POLICY: AN AVENUE TO COMMUNITY COLLABORATION


This report presents findings from an evaluation of a project designed to provide technical assistance to local stakeholders in developing, promoting, and adopting school oral health policies. Contents include a description of the project, the evaluation methods, a summary of findings from individual sites and overall, recommendations, and next steps.


SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR DENTAL HYGIENISTS IN MISSISSIPPI


This issue brief provides answers to frequently asked questions related to dental hygiene scope of practice in Mississippi. Topics include requirements, the process for amending the requirements, and legislation in other states.


THE USE OF CASE MANAGEMENT TO IMPROVE DENTAL HEALTH IN HIGH RISK POPULATIONS

This policy brief addresses case management as a way to help families use available oral health services and reduce their risk for dental caries. Topics include oral health disparities, barriers to care, the dental home, and the role of case management in the prevention of oral disease. The brief also describes effective case-management strategies including motivational interviewing, client education and health literacy, care coordination, community outreach and education, and appointment-reminder systems; discusses policy recommendations; and presents a case study.


PROFESSIONAL-CLIENT TOOLS

BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT FLUORIDE IN DRINKING WATER


These resources include a review of the national standard for fluoride in drinking water, questions and answers about science assessments, and health effects and exposure assessments. Additional topics include how fluoride is used, how it is regulated, and public notification requirements for public water systems.


DENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION RESOURCE GUIDE: PRESCHOOL THROUGH 2ND GRADE AND 3RD GRADE THROUGH 5TH GRADE


This guide provides information and resources to help school-age children understand the importance of good oral health and preventive oral health care. The guide is divided into two sections. The first section is designed for students in preschool through second grade and the second for students in third through fifth grades. Each section contains goals, objectives, and age-appropriate games and puzzles.

Contact: California Dental Association Foundation, 1201 K Street, Suite 1511, Sacramento, CA 95814. Telephone: (800) 232-7645, ext. 4916; e-mail: foundationinfo@cda.org; website: http://www.cdafoundation.org. Available at http://www.cda.org/Portals/0/pdfs/dentalhealthguide.pdf.

FALL FOR SMILES KIDS ACTIVITIES


These resources encourage children to take care of their teeth and show them why it’s important to brush, floss, and eat healthy foods. Contents include an activity booklet of experiments, crafts, and demonstrations for teaching children about the importance of oral health; a poster for promoting a Halloween candy exchange; and a chart for keeping track of children’s toothbrushing. Instructions for how to use the materials are included.

Contact: Oral Health America, 180 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 1150, Chicago, IL 60601. Telephone: (312) 836-9900; fax: (312) 836-9986; e-mail: info@oralhealthamerica.org; website: http://www.oralhealthamerica.org. Available at http://oralhealthamerica.org/fall-for-smiles-patient-activities.

FLUORIDE AND WATER TESTING LABORATORIES


This document defines fluoride, describes the benefits of fluoridated water, and discusses the importance of consulting a health professional or oral health professional before making decisions about taking fluoride supplements. The document also provides information about independent laboratories that the Maryland Department of the Environment has approved to test fluoride levels and accept water samples from the general public.
Contact: Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Office of Oral Health, 201 West Preston Street, Third Floor, Baltimore, MD 21201. Telephone: (410) 767-5300; (800) 735-2258; fax: (410) 333-7392; e-mail: oralhealth@dhmh.state.md.us; website: http://fha.dhmh.maryland.gov/oralhealth/SitePages/Home.aspx. Available at http://phpa.dhmh.maryland.gov/oralhealth/Documents/FluorideAndWaterTestingLabs.pdf.

IMPROVING ORAL HEALTH


These resources are designed to help health professionals promote oral health coverage in Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and to educate consumers about good oral health habits. Contents include links to (1) a description of Medicaid and CHIP benefits for children, (2) a tool to help families find a dentist, and (3) a description of national goals for improving oral health and a strategy to achieve them. Additional content includes a poster and flyer for pregnant women and parents and caregivers of infants and young children and a tearpad for professionals to share with pregnant women. The poster, flyer, and tearpad are available in English and Spanish.


HEAD START ORAL HEALTH FORM


This form is intended for use by oral health professionals to record information about a patient’s oral health visit. The form provides space to record the patient’s current oral health status, oral health care services delivered during the visit, and recommended future oral health care services. Also included is space for notes and for the health professional’s contact information and signature.


HEALTHY CHILDREN ARE READY TO LEARN


This fact sheet examines how health affects school readiness. Topics include oral health and learning and how family health and wellness support healthy child development. The fact sheet also explores how comprehensive services ensure that children are ready for school and how coordinated systems support health services.

ORAL HEALTH: TIPS FOR HEALTH MANAGERS


This fact sheet for health managers in Head Start programs discusses the importance of good oral health habits for children and pregnant women. Tips are provided for preventing tooth decay, making healthy food and beverage choices, the role of fluoride in helping to prevent tooth decay, and how parents can help children learn to brush teeth properly.


ORAL HEALTH, CANCER CARE, AND YOU SERIES


These resources are designed to inform health professionals and health care consumers about steps they can take before, during, and after cancer treatment to reduce the risk for and impact of oral complications of cancer therapy. The resource links to booklets and pocket guides for professionals and educational brochures for consumers. Consumer materials are available in English and Spanish.

Contact: National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, National Oral Health Information Clearinghouse, One NOHIC Way, Bethesda, MD 20892-3500. Telephone: (301) 402-7364; (866) 232-4528; fax: (301) 480-4098; e-mail: nidcrinfo@mail.nih.gov; website: https://www.nidcr.nih.gov/OrderPublications/default.aspx; Available at http://www.nidcr.nih.gov/OralHealth/Topics/Cancer/Treatment.

AN ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR EARLY HEAD START, HEAD START, AND EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS


These resources for educators focus on oral health in pregnant women, infants, and young children. Contents include activity guides for Early Head Start, Head Start, and other early childhood programs that were developed in accordance with the skill areas and child outcomes contained within the Head Start Child Outcomes Framework. Guides for kindergarten through third grade, songs, posters, storybooks (in English and Spanish), a flip chart, and a video are also available.


A PEDIATRIC GUIDE TO CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH FLIP CHART AND REFERENCE GUIDE (REV. ED.)


These resources feature pictures and speakers’ notes to help pediatricians counsel clients about oral health and fluoride varnish. The resources include a flip chart and a reference guide in English and Spanish, as well as a presentation. Topics include primary teeth, early childhood caries, feeding, nonnutritive sucking, fluoride modalities, toothbrushing, and flossing. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: American Academy of Pediatrics, Children’s Oral Health Initiative, 141 Northwest Point Boulevard, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007. Telephone: (866) 843-2271; (847) 434-4779; e-mail: oralhealth@aap.org; website: http://www2.aap.org/oralhealth. $44.95, nonmembers; $39.95 for members; plus shipping and handling.
RISK-BASED DISEASE PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES (ECC)


This flip chart is designed to help oral health educators communicate with families about the importance of good oral health habits and healthy eating behaviors early in life to prevent tooth decay. Topics include limiting juice and sugar-sweetened beverages for better oral health. The chart promotes brushing a child’s teeth right before bed and giving a child no beverage other than water to take to bed.

Contact: National Initiative for Children’s Healthcare Quality, 30 Winter Street, Sixth Floor, Boston, MA 02108. Telephone: (617) 391-2700; (866) 787-0832; fax: (617) 391-2701; e-mail: info@nichq.org; website: http://www.nichq.org. Available at http://www.nichq.org/stories/CHPCC-Flipchart_Shortened_04-23-13.pdf.

TIPS FOR GOOD ORAL HEALTH DURING PREGNANCY


This tip sheet provides information and resources to help women take care of their oral health during pregnancy. Topics include getting oral health care, practicing good oral hygiene, eating healthy foods, and practicing other healthy behaviors. The tip sheet also encourages women to take care of their infant’s gums and teeth, ask their pediatric health professional to check their infant’s mouth starting at age 6 months, and provide a referral to a dentist for urgent care. A list of resources is included. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND PRACTICE

BABY ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM (BOHP)

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry, Department of Pediatric Dentistry. 2013. Baby Oral Health Program (BOHP). Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry, Department of Pediatric Dentistry. 1 v.

These resources for oral health professionals and trainees focus on developing skills for interviewing caregivers, examining infants and toddlers, and educating caregivers about oral-health-related issues. Contents include a DVD and written outline, a guide to early childhood development and its implications for pediatric oral health care, a flip chart to help educate caregivers in the dental office (in English and Spanish), a form for new client encounters, a resource list for the oral health team and caregivers, and information on an optional 2-hour continuing oral-health-education credit offered through the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry.

Contact: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry, Department of Pediatric Dentistry, Manning Drive and Columbia Street, CB #7450, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7450. Telephone: (919) 537-3737; fax: (919) 966-7992; website: https://www.dentistry.unc.edu/academic/ade/ped. Contact for cost. Available at http://www.bohp.unc.edu.

THE BELLWETHER: LEADING LOCAL EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE NATION'S ORAL HEALTH


This newsletter provides information on national and local oral health activities and on upcoming events and educational materials. The June 2013 issue features information about the American Association for Community Dental Programs’ annual symposium, legislative and regulatory updates, and program news and resources. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]
CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE DENTAL TREATMENT OF PREGNANT WOMEN: A RESOURCE FOR CONNECTICUT DENTISTS


This document is designed to help dentists and other health professionals understand the importance of providing oral health services to pregnant women. The document also assists health professionals in making appropriate decisions about pregnant women's care. Contents include pharmacological considerations for pregnant women and answers to basic questions related to providing oral health services to pregnant women.


THE DENTAL TEAM’S ROLE IN IDENTIFYING AND PREVENTING FAMILY VIOLENCE


This continuing-education course provides information on the dental team’s role in identifying and preventing family violence. Topics include definitions, the problem, demographics, protocols, and local and state initiatives.


DENTAQUEST DISEASE MANAGEMENT SERIES


This course provides guidance on implementing a prevention-focused approach to managing dental caries and periodontal disease in a practice-based setting. The course comprises eight 30- to 40-minute modules. Topics include dental caries risk assessment, perinatal oral health care, managing dental caries in infants and young children from birth to age 5 and throughout the life span, and transitioning a traditional oral health practice to a prevention-focused practice.

Contact: DentaQuest Institute, 2400 Computer Drive, Westborough, MA 01581. Telephone: (508) 329-2280; (508) 329-2250; e-mail: info@dentaquestinstitute.org; website: http://www.dentaquestinstitute.org. Available at http://dentaquestinstitute.org/learn/online-learning-center/online-courseware/dentaquest-disease-management-series.

GIDLEY ELEMENTARY SBOHC CLINIC OPERATIONS MANUAL, 2012–13 (REV. ED.)


This manual describes the functioning of a school-based oral health clinic located in an elementary school. Contents include vision and mission statements, administrative protocols, infection control, sterilization protocols, exposure incidents, infectious disease protocols, and portable dental operation regulations; clinical protocols; procedure logs and daily student evaluations; and fire, earthquake, and natural disaster protocols. Appendices include charts, forms, policies, releases, surveys, logs, evaluations, and guidelines.

THE GUIDE TO COMMUNITY PREVENTIVE SERVICES: IMPROVING ORAL HEALTH


These resources provide evidence-based recommendations and findings about what works to improve public oral health. Strategies are reviewed and interventions outlined in three key areas: (1) prevention of dental caries, (2) prevention of oral and pharyngeal cancers, and (3) prevention of oral and facial injuries. Recommendations include community water fluoridation, school-based or -linked dental-sealant-delivery programs, early cancer detection, and the use of protective gear for the head and the mouth during contact sports.

**Contact:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road, Atlanta, GA 30333. Telephone: (800) 232-4636; (888) 232-6348; e-mail: cdc@cdcinfo.gov; website: http://www.cdc.gov. Available at http://www.thecommunityguide.org/oral.

MEDICAID PROVIDER GUIDE: ACCESS TO BABY AND CHILD DENTISTRY


This manual contains instructions for participating in Access to Baby and Child Dentistry, a program to increase access to oral health services for Medicaid-eligible infants and children from birth through age 5 in Washington. Topics include eligibility, coverage, authorization, and billing and claim forms. Fee schedules are also available.

**Contact:** Washington State Health Care Authority, Medicaid, P.O. Box 45502, Olympia, WA 98504-2682. Telephone: (800) 562-3022; e-mail: ASKMEDICAID@hca.wa.gov; website: http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov. Available at http://www.hca.wa.gov/medicaid/billing/Documents/guides/abcd_dental_bi.pdf.

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INSTRUCTIONAL WEBINARS


These webinars for safety net oral health programs address a variety of oral health issues. Topics include creating dashboards to monitor oral health programs; the mouth-body connection; school-based and school-linked oral health programs; practice-management technical assistance; oral health, systemic health, and pharmacology; applying quality-improvement principles to oral health programs; elimination of disease; expanding school-based dental sealant programs; successful oral health programs in community health centers; risk management; financial planning and financing for expansion; developing a dashboard for oral health quality measures; the importance of community water fluoridation; why policy matters for access to oral care; and leadership.

**Contact:** DentaQuest Institute, 2400 Computer Drive, Westborough, MA 01581. Telephone: (508) 329-2280; (508) 329-2250; e-mail: info@dentaquestinstitute.org; website: http://www.dentaquestinstitute.org. Available at http://www.dentaquestinstitute.org/learn/online-learning-center/instructional-webinars.

MEDICAID PROVIDER GUIDE: DENTAL-RELATED SERVICES


This manual contains instructions for providers participating in Medicaid’s oral health program in Washington. Topics include eligibility, coverage, authorization, and billing and claim forms. Fee schedules are also available.

**Contact:** Washington State Health Care Authority, Medicaid, P.O. Box 45502, Olympia, WA 98504-2682. Telephone: (800) 562-3022; e-mail: ASKMEDICAID@hca.wa.gov; website: http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov. Available at http://www.hca.wa.gov/medicaid/billing/Documents/guides/dental-related_services_bi.pdf.

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MID-ATLANTIC PREVENT ABUSE AND NEGLECT THROUGH DENTAL AWARENESS


This course is designed to help oral health professionals and others recognize indicators of abuse and neglect.
and to inform them of their legal and ethical responsibilities related to reporting and referral. Topics include child abuse and neglect, domestic violence, elder abuse and neglect, and human trafficking.


**NEBRASKA TELEDENTISTRY PROJECT**

University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry. 2013. *Nebraska Teledentistry Project*. Lincoln, NE: University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry. 1 v.

This resource describes a project to educate health professionals about the advantages of teledentistry consultation and to develop an interprofessional work force to serve the oral health needs of rural and other underserved populations in Nebraska. The statewide project connects health professionals in community sites, including federally qualified health centers and Indian Health Service sites, to Nebraska College of Dentistry specialists to treat clients in special circumstances. Information about equipment and training on procedures for requesting and implementing a teledentistry consultation, as well as a video demonstrating a consultation, are also available.

**Contact:** University of Nebraska Medical Center, College of Dentistry, 40th & Holdrege Streets, Box 830740, Lincoln, NE 68583-0740. Telephone: (402) 472-1301; website: http://www.unmc.edu/dentistry. Available at http://www.unmc.edu/dentistry/teledentistry.htm.

**ORAL HEALTH AND LEARNING: WHEN CHILDREN’S ORAL HEALTH SUFFERS, SO DOES THEIR ABILITY TO LEARN (3RD ED.)**


This fact sheet presents information on the effects of poor oral health on learning in school-age children. Topics include the impact of poor oral health on school performance and social relationships, nutrition and learning, school attendance and learning, and programs for improving oral health. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

**Contact:** National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center, Georgetown University, Box 571272, Washington, DC 20057-1272. Telephone: (202) 784-9771; fax: (202) 784-9777; e-mail: OHRCinfo@georgetown.edu; website: http://www.mchoralhealth.org. Available at http://www.mchoralhealth.org/order/index.html (order print copy) or http://www.mchoralhealth.org/PDFs/learningfactsheet.pdf.

**PRENATAL ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM (POHP)**


These resources are designed to help prenatal primary care professionals and oral health care teams implement and deliver preventive oral health services to women, including those who are pregnant. Contents include videos, guidelines, a referral form and follow-up report card, and a periodicity table. Additional resources for new mothers and pregnant women—including videos on oral health care for pregnant women and infants, a self-evaluation, and a provider locator—are also available in English and Spanish.

**Contact:** University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry, Department of Pediatric Dentistry, Manning Drive and Columbia Street, CB #7450, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7450. Telephone: (919) 537-3737; fax: (919) 966-7992; website: https://www.dentistry.unc.edu/academic/ade/ped. Available at http://www.prenataloralhealth.org.

**PROMOTING ORAL HEALTH IN PREGNANCY**


This brief describes a study on factors that affect the ability and inclination of pregnant women with low incomes in Connecticut to seek oral health care. The brief outlines reasons for seeking oral health care during pregnancy as well as several barriers related to obtaining care, and it provides recommendations for overcoming barriers.
Contact: Connecticut Health Foundation, 100 Pearl Street, Hartford, CT 06103. Telephone: (860) 724-1580; fax: (860) 724-1589; e-mail: info@cthealth.org; website: http://www.cthealth.org. Available at http://www.cthealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Promoting-Oral-Health-In-Pregnancy-2013.pdf.


This report summarizes the fifth leadership colloquium of the National Oral Health Alliance to examine financing of oral health. The summary provides an overview of key areas of focus, shared ideas, and next steps envisioned by colloquium participants. Topics include advocacy, literacy, financing, reimbursement models, data, disease prevention, and community engagement.


SUMMARY OF THE FOURTH LEADERSHIP COLLOQUIUM: METRICS FOR IMPROVING ORAL HEALTH—U.S. NATIONAL ORAL HEALTH ALLIANCE, NOVEMBER 15–16, 2012, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA


This report summarizes the fourth leadership colloquium of the National Oral Health Alliance to develop and draw attention to critical metrics for improving oral health. The summary provides an overview of key areas of focus, shared ideas, and next steps envisioned by colloquium participants. Topics include creating a standardized approach to gathering oral health data; developing a national oral health plan; examining oral health costs, financing, and outcomes; using data to build a nationwide dialogue about oral health; and providing information that helps people take action.

Contact: National Oral Health Alliance, 465 Medford Street, Boston, MA 02129. Telephone: (617) 886-1466; e-mail: info@usalliancefororalhealth.org; website: http://www.usnoha.org. Available at http://www.usalliancefororalhealth.org/sites/default/files/static/FourthColloquiumSummaryUSNationalOralHealthAllianceNov2012_0.pdf.


This report summarizes the third leadership colloquium of the National Oral Health Alliance to address critical questions about oral health literacy as a pathway to health equity. The summary provides an overview of key areas of focus, shared ideas, and next steps envisioned by colloquium participants. Topics include developing trust; directing attention to prevention; shifting policy and financing; educating the public; connecting, partnering, and collaborating; and advocating for all people.

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SUMMARY OF THE SECOND LEADERSHIP COLLOQUIUM: WOMEN’S HEALTH CURRICULA: FINAL REPORT ON EXPERT PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INTERPROFESSIONAL COLLABORATION ACROSS THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS


Contact: Connecticut Health Foundation, 100 Pearl Street, Hartford, CT 06103. Telephone: (860) 724-1580; fax: (860) 724-1589; e-mail: info@cthealth.org; website: http://www.cthealth.org. Available at http://www.cthealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Promoting-Oral-Health-In-Pregnancy-2013.pdf.
This report provides background, recommendations, and implementation steps to improve women’s health education across five health professions programs: medicine, oral health and dentistry, baccalaureate nursing, pharmacy, and public health. The report is based on recommendations from three expert panel meetings. Contents include a summary of recent literature on women’s health curricula across health professions; key strategies for interprofessional collaboration in women’s health curricula, with an emphasis on concrete actions; and a dissemination plan to share report findings and create greater awareness of women’s health-education needs.

Contact: Health Resources and Services Administration, Office of Women’s Health, 5600 Fishers Lane, Parklawn Building, Room 18-46, Rockville, MD 20857. Telephone: (301) 443-8664; fax: (301) 443-8587; e-mail: smatoff-stepp@hrsa.gov; website: http://www.hrsa.gov/WomensHealth. Single copies available at no charge.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

ASTDD ANNUAL REPORT 2012: PROMOTING STRONG ORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS


This report summarizes activities of the American Association for State and Territorial Dental Directors. It addresses the association’s efforts to build on proven models, advocate for policies and resources, help states improve their programs and collaborations, plan strategic communications, and assess and evaluate partnerships and collaborations. In addition, it focuses on efforts to increase visibility and appreciation for state oral health programs and transitions to new models and funding for oral health care.

Contact: Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors, 1838 Fieldcrest Drive, Sparks, NV 89434. Telephone: (775) 626-5008; fax: (775) 626-9268; e-mail: info@astdd.org; website: http://www.astdd.org. Available at http://www.astdd.org/docs/ASTDD_Annual_Report_2012_FINAL.pdf.

COMMUNITY WATER FLUORIDATION: AN EVIDENCE REVIEW


This report documents an assessment and summary of the scientific evidence on the benefits and harms of community water fluoridation (CWF). Contents include review purpose and scope, evidence search and strategy, methods, results, and conclusions. Findings on the benefits and potential harms of CWF for children and adults are provided. Descriptions of the systematic reviews included and excluded from the review are presented in tables.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION BETWEEN STATE ORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS AND STATE MEDICAID-CHIP ORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS


This document is designed to help states improve collaboration between state oral health programs and state Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Programs. Contents include a discussion of the importance of oral health; a description of the programs and related professional associations; a framework for considering the benefits of collaboration; and examples of collaboration in Alaska, Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, and Michigan.

Contact: Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors, 1838 Fieldcrest Drive, Sparks, NV 89434. Telephone: (775) 626-5008; fax: (775) 626-9268; e-mail: info@astdd.org; website: http://www.astdd.org. Available at http://www.astdd.org/docs/Medicaid-SOHP_Collaboration_tip_sheet_4.8.2013.pdf.

ORAL HEALTH IN CHILD CARE AND EARLY EDUCATION


This resource is a compilation of health and safety standards on oral health in child care and early education settings. Topics include oral health practices and why they are important, education and training, feeding and nutrition, infectious disease, emergencies, policies and information, licensing and state responsibilities, and related issues. The content is drawn from Caring for Our Children: National Health and Safety Performance Standards—Guidelines for Early Care and Education Programs (3rd ed.) (CFOC3) published in 2011. References to other standards contained in CFOC3 are included. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care and Early Education, University of Colorado Denver, 13120 East 19th Avenue, Mail Stop F541, P.O. Box 6511, Aurora, CO 80045. Telephone: (800) 598-5437 (598–KIDS); fax: (303) 724-0960; e-mail: info@nrckids.org; website: http://nrckids.org. Available at http://cfoc.nrckids.org/StandardView/SpcCol/Oral-Health.

PROMOTING ORAL HEALTH IN SCHOOLS: A RESOURCE GUIDE (2ND ED.)


This guide provides resources to prevent oral disease and promote oral health in children and adolescents in school settings. The guide is divided into three sections. The first section lists journal articles appearing in the peer-reviewed literature. The second section describes recent materials such as brochures, fact sheets, guidelines, curricula, and reports. The third section lists federal agencies, national professional associations, resource centers, and national coalitions that may serve as resources. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


PROMOTING ORAL HEALTH IN YOUNG CHILDREN: A RESOURCE GUIDE


This document is designed to help health professionals, program administrators, educators, researchers, policymakers, parents, and others prevent disease and promote oral health in infants and young children from birth through age 5. The guide lists journal articles appearing in the peer-reviewed literature; materials such as brochures, fact sheets, guidelines, curricula, and reports; and federal agencies, national professional associations,
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By bringing comprehensive oral health care to places they already go.

Topics include implementing a curriculum (Cavity Free Kids) for young children and their families and providing restorative and preventive services to young children using portable equipment in preschools and community centers. Additional topics include the program’s impact on parent knowledge, child practices, and access to care and support, as well as lessons learned.

Contact: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center, Georgetown University, Box 571272, Washington, DC 20057-1272. Telephone: (202) 784-9771; fax: (202) 784-9777; e-mail: OHRCinfo@georgetown.edu; website: http://www.mchoralhealth.org; Available at http://www.mchoralhealth.org/order/index.html (order print copy) or http://www.mchoralhealth.org/PDFs/resguideyoungchildren.pdf.

PROVIDING PREVENTIVE ORAL HEALTH CARE TO INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN IN WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC), EARLY HEAD START AND PRIMARY CARE SETTINGS


This report focuses on seven programs that provide preventive oral health care to infants and young children enrolled in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) or Early Head Start (EHS) and in primary care settings. Topics include integrating oral health into primary care and within WIC and EHS, oral health services offered in WIC and EHS, staff training, and staffing to deliver oral health services.

Contact: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Route One and College Road, East, P.O. Box 2316, Princeton, NJ 08543. Telephone: (877) 843-7953; website: http://www.rwjf.org. Available at http://www.rwjf.org/content/dam/farm/reports/reports/2013/rwjf407854.

THE ROLE OF EVALUATION IN DESIGNING CHOMPERS! AND BRINGING DENTAL CARE TO KIDS


This document describes a multiyear initiative to improve the oral health of young children living in poverty in western and central New York by bringing comprehensive oral health care to places they already go. Topics include implementing a curriculum (Cavity Free Kids) for young children and their families and providing restorative and preventive services to young children using portable equipment in preschools and community centers. Additional topics include the program’s impact on parent knowledge, child practices, and access to care and support, as well as lessons learned.


SMILES ACROSS AMERICA PRODUCT DONATION PROJECT


This resource is designed for use by community or school oral health programs in applying for product.
donations. Contents include eligibility requirements; a form for programs to request dental sealant and fluoride varnish products as well as toothpaste, toothbrushes, pumice preps, dental floss, and other products; and a reporting form to describe program results.

**Contact:** Oral Health America, 180 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 1150, Chicago, IL 60601. Telephone: (312) 836-9900; fax: (312) 836-9986; e-mail: info@oralhealthamerica.org; website: http://www.oralhealthamerica.org. Available at http://www.oralhealthamerica.org/resources/saa-product-donation-project.

**WATER FLUORIDATION: A COMMUNITY TOOLKIT**


This document provides information about the health benefits and cost savings of community water fluoridation (CWF), and resources for outreach in Michigan. Contents include myths and facts about CWF; a map showing the percentage of people served by CWF systems by county; statements from the state health department and Surgeon General about CWF; a business perspective on CWF; quotations from national organizations, other state agencies, and professional associations about CWF; answers to frequently asked questions about CWF and about infants and fluoridated water; and contact information for subject matter experts and media outlets in Michigan.


**PUBLIC AWARENESS AND EDUCATION**

**AAPD FAST FACTS**


This press kit includes story ideas addressing common pediatric oral health issues. Topics include treating infants in the dental office, fluoride for infants, pacifier and thumb sucking, and how to select a pediatric dentist. Additional topics include cosmetic and restorative dentistry, behavior guidance, diet and oral health, dental sealants, risk assessment, oral health care for individuals with special health care needs, and sports safety and oral health emergencies.


**BENEFITS OF DRINKING FLUORIDATED TAP WATER**


This document discusses the safety and effectiveness of fluoridation in community water supplies and the benefits of drinking fluoridated tap water at home, work, or school. Topics include the public health issue of tooth decay in children and adults, why it is important to drink water, differences between tap and bottled water, the benefits of drinking fluoridated tap water, guidelines for fluoride intake, and water fluoridation in Massachusetts.


**DENTAL HEALTH**


These resources for the public provide information on oral health. Topics include news, treatment, prevention and screening, nutrition, and conditions and related issues. Contents include multimedia tools (tutorials, videos, games); research; reference sources; and other resources. Selected resources are available in Arabic, Bosnian, Chinese, Russian, and Spanish.
**SCHOOL-BASED DENTAL SEALANT PROGRAMS**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Oral Health. 2013. *School-Based Dental Sealant Programs*. Atlanta, GA: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Oral Health. 1 v.

This fact sheet for consumers presents information on school-based dental sealant programs. Topics include what dental sealants are, what school-based dental sealant programs are, evidence showing that the programs work, and recommendations for programs. Links to resources such as national reports, fact sheets, best practices, and research are included.

**Contact:** National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Division of Oral Health, 4770 Buford Highway, N.E., Mailstop F-10, Atlanta, GA 30341-3717. Telephone: (770) 488-6054; e-mail: oralhealth@cdc.gov; website: http://www.cdc.gov/OralHealth. Available at http://www.cdc.gov/OralHealth/dental_sealant_program.

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**EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES (ECC) EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS**


These resources are designed to help health professionals raise awareness among American Indian parents about ways they can prevent oral disease and promote oral health in infants and toddlers from birth to ages 16 months. Contents include a flyer, a brochure, and two posters. Topics include tooth decay, oral hygiene, nutrition, and the first dental visit.

**Contact:** Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, 2214 North Central Avenue, Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85004. Telephone: (602) 258-4822; fax: (602) 258-4825; e-mail: info@itcaonline.com. Available at http://itcaonline.com/?p=10844.

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**QUESTIONS TO ASK WHEN LOOKING FOR A DENTAL OFFICE**


This handout is designed to help parents and other caregivers of young children find and use oral health services. The handout offers questions to ask before deciding to make an appointment. Topics include language services, health insurance, specialized training, office environment and days and hours of operation, paperwork requirements, and what to do in an emergency.

**THE TOOTH DECAY PROCESS: HOW TO REVERSE IT AND AVOID A CAVITY**


This resource for parents of school-age children explains how the tooth decay process starts and how it can be stopped or reversed. Topics include the importance of using fluoride, monitoring how often children eat and what they eat, toothbrushing, talking to an oral health professional about dental sealants, and taking children to the dentist for regular check-ups. The resource is available in English and Spanish.


**QUALITY ASSURANCE**

**CMS ORAL HEALTH INITIATIVE: SETTING BASELINES AND GOALS**


This document describes progress toward improving access to oral health care for children in Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Contents include data on the 10 states with the largest proportion of children receiving a preventive oral health service in federal fiscal years 2007 through 2011 and new codes for diagnostic services. The document also provides information and resources on the quality of care for children in Medicaid and CHIP; national and state baselines, goals, and action plans; and technical assistance.


**DENTAL PROFESSIONALS IN NON-DENTAL SETTINGS**


This report focuses on nine oral health innovations seeking to increase access to preventive oral health care in non-oral-health settings. Topics include a description of program settings (Head Start programs, schools, and senior center and other residential facilities) and strategies used in service delivery (referral systems, work force adaptations, funding mechanisms, consent procedures, telehealth technology, and incentives).

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**EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS GUIDE: IMPROVING ORAL HEALTH FOR MIGRANT AND SEASONAL HEAD START CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES**


This document is designed to help Migrant and Seasonal Head Start (MSHS) grantees and Federally Qualified Health Centers establish partnerships that increases access to oral health services for children in MSHS and their families. Contents include steps and considerations for effective partnering. Topics include the importance of oral health, comprehensive oral health care, financing, collaborative planning, and best practices.

GUIDE TO THE FUTURE: A STRATEGIC ROADMAP TO ACHIEVING MEANINGFUL USE OBJECTIVES AND SELECTING AN INTEGRATED ELECTRONIC DENTAL RECORD (EDR) ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD (EHR) SYSTEM TO IMPROVE ORAL HEALTH ACCESS AND OUTCOMES


This paper provides guidance for safety net oral health programs on selecting and implementing an electronic record system. Contents include information on using certified electronic health record (EHR) technologies in ways that can be measured (meaningful use) and steps for implementing an EHR system that integrates electronic dental records (EDRs). An EDR/EHR selection tool is included. Appendices provide vendor rating charts and evaluations.

Contact: National Network for Oral Health Access, PMB 329, 3700 Quebec Street, Unit 100, Denver, CO 80207-1639. Telephone: (303) 957-0635; fax: (866) 316-4995; e-mail: info@nnoha.org; website: http://www.nnoha.org. $15; also available at no charge from the website at http://66.147.244.144/~nnohaorg/nnoha-content/uploads/2013/07/HIT-Part-2.pdf.

INNOVATIONS THAT ADDRESS SOCIOECONOMIC, CULTURAL, AND GEOGRAPHIC BARRIERS TO PREVENTIVE ORAL HEALTH CARE


This report focuses on oral health innovations that integrate service delivery and work force models to reduce or eliminate socioeconomic, geographic, and cultural barriers to care. Topics include implementing multiple strategies to increase the number of children from families with low incomes who access preventive care and also to engage families and communities in investing in and prioritizing oral health.

Contact: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Route One and College Road, East, P.O. Box 2316, Princeton, NJ 08543. Telephone: (877) 843-7953; website: http://www.rwjf.org. Available at http://www.rwjf.org/content/dam/farm/reports/reports/2013/rwjf407853.

KEEP KIDS SMILING: PROMOTING ORAL HEALTH THROUGH MEDICAID BENEFIT FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS


This guide provides examples of successful approaches to improving oral health care access and use for children and adolescents enrolled in Medicaid. Contents include facts on oral health and why it is important, four strategies for promoting oral health for children, and organizational and educational resources. Topics include improving state Medicaid program performance through policy changes, maximizing provider participation, addressing missed appointments, educating children and families about oral health, and partnering with oral health stakeholders.
