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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>.

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

#### 2013: HEALTHY SMILES/HEALTHY GROWTH— WISCONSIN'S THIRD GRADE CHILDREN

Olson M, Chaffin J, Chudy N, Yang A. 2014. *2013: Healthy Smiles/Healthy Growth—Wisconsin's Third Grade Children*. Madison, WI: Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Oral Health Program. 40 pp.

This report presents key findings on oral health and growth status from a survey of students in third grade in Wisconsin public schools. Results are compared to similar surveys conducted in previous years. Topics include treated tooth decay, untreated decay, dental caries experience, urgency of need for oral health care, dental sealants, and body mass index for age (underweight, healthy weight, overweight, and obese).

**Contact:** Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Oral Health Program, P.O. Box 2659, Madison, WI 53701-2659. Telephone: (608) 266-0876; fax: (608) 266-8925; website: [http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/health/Oral\\_Health](http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/health/Oral_Health). Available at <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/P0/p00589.pdf>.

#### ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE AMONG RHODE ISLAND CHILDREN AND ADULTS, 2012

Rhode Island Department of Health. 2014. *Access to Dental Care Among Rhode Island Children and Adults, 2012*. Providence, RI: Rhode Island Department of Health. 4 pp.

The brief presents bar graphs showing data from the 2012 Rhode Island Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System to provide a picture of access to oral health care and related risk factors among infants, children, adolescents, and adults in Rhode Island. Topics include dental visits, oral cancer examinations, dental coverage, and tooth loss owing to tooth decay or gum disease.

**Contact:** Rhode Island Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Telephone: (401) 222-5960; website: <http://www.health.state.ri.us>. Available at <http://www.health.state.ri.us/publications/data/briefs/2012AccessToDentalCareAmongRhodeIslandChildrenAndAdults.pdf>.

#### DENTAL BENEFITS CONTINUE TO EXPAND FOR CHILDREN, REMAIN STABLE FOR WORKING-AGE ADULTS

Nasseh K, Vujicic M. 2013. *Dental Benefits Continue to Expand for Children, Remain Stable for Working-Age Adults*. Chicago, IL: American Dental Association, Health Policy Resources Center. 8 pp.

This brief reports on trends in insurance coverage identified from an analysis of dental benefits using data from the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey. The brief discusses the important effect of insurance coverage on whether adults and children seek and obtain oral health services. Data are provided on sources of dental benefits for children and adolescents ages 2 to 18, adolescent and adults ages 19 to 64, and adults ages 65 and older.

**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](mailto:info@ada.org); website: <http://www.ada.org>. Available at [https://www.ada.org/sections/professionalResources/pdfs/HPRCBrief\\_1013\\_3.pdf](https://www.ada.org/sections/professionalResources/pdfs/HPRCBrief_1013_3.pdf).

#### DENTAL CARE USE AMONG CHILDREN VARIES WIDELY ACROSS STATES AND BETWEEN MEDICAID AND COMMERCIAL PLANS WITHIN A STATE

American Dental Association, Health Policy Resources Center. 2013. *Dental Care Use Among Children Varies Widely Across States and Between Medicaid and Commercial Plans Within a State*. Chicago, IL: American Dental Association. 8 pp.

This research brief compares rates of oral health care use among children with public vs. private dental insurance by state. Contents include data, methods, and results. Topics include the percentage of children who had a dental visit within the past year by insurance type (commercially insured and Medicaid insured) and the percentage of children, adolescents, and young adults from birth to age 20 with a dental visit based on 90 days of continuous enrollment in an insurance program.

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**FINANCIAL BARRIERS TO DENTAL CARE DECLINING AFTER A DECADE OF STEADY INCREASE**

Wall T, Nasseh K, Vujicic M. 2013. *Financial Barriers to Dental Care Declining After a Decade of Steady Increase*. Chicago, IL: American Dental Association, Health Policy Resources Center. 12 pp.

This brief presents findings from a study of trends in unmet health care needs using 2000–2012 data from the National Health Interview Survey. Topics include unmet needs owing to cost for oral health care compared to three other categories of health care products and services (mental health services, prescription drugs, and eyeglasses). The brief also examines differences over time in the percentage of the population who reported unmet needs owing to cost and the magnitude of these differences. Data are presented by age, race/ethnicity, family income, employment status, marital status, general health status, and region.

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**NEIGHBORHOOD AND FAMILY SOCIAL CAPITAL AND ORAL HEALTH STATUS OF CHILDREN IN IOWA**

Reynolds JC. 2013. *Neighborhood and Family Social Capital and Oral Health Status of Children in Iowa*. Iowa City: IA: University of Iowa. 84 pp.

This report examines data from the 2010 Iowa Child and Family Household Health Survey on the association between child oral health status and social capital at the family and neighborhood levels. Contents include findings from a literature review, study methods and results, and a discussion. Topics include the conceptual framework integrating social capital and health behavior theory and conceptual models of influences on child oral health. This cross-sectional study on a generalizable sample of Iowa households found that neighborhood social capital and the frequency of families eating meals

together, a component of family social capital, have significant independent relationships with the oral health of children in Iowa.

**Contact:** University of Iowa, 2222 Old Highway 218, South, #178 MBSB, Iowa City, IA 52242-1602. Telephone: (319) 335-3500; website: <http://www.uiowa.edu>. Available at <http://ir.uiowa.edu/etd/5048>.

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**OKLAHOMA ORAL HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2013: THIRD GRADE CHILDREN**

Oklahoma State Department of Health, Dental Health Services. 2013. *Oklahoma Oral Health Needs Assessment 2013: Third Grade Children*. Oklahoma City, OK: Oklahoma State Department of Health, Dental Health Services. 44 pp.

This report presents data and analyses derived from a statewide assessment of oral health status indicators (prevalence of dental caries, caries experience, dental sealants, missing teeth, and need for oral health treatment) among students in third grade in Oklahoma. Contents include a description of the research design as well as information about the sample; consent; data collection, entry, and analyses; and confidentiality issues. Results are also presented. Comparison to *Healthy People 2020* targets, data collection and reporting forms, materials for communicating with schools and parents, and descriptions of participants are provided.

**Contact:** Oklahoma State Department of Health, Dental Health Service, 1000 N.E. 10th Street, Room 712, Oklahoma City, OK 73117-1299. Telephone: (405) 271-5502; fax: (405) 271-5434; website: [http://www.ok.gov/health/Child\\_and\\_Family\\_Health/Dental\\_Health\\_Service](http://www.ok.gov/health/Child_and_Family_Health/Dental_Health_Service). Available at <http://www.ok.gov/health2/documents/DEN%20Third%20Grade%20ZZZZSurvey%20Report%202013.pdf>.

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**ORAL HEALTH IN MAINE**

Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention. 2013. *Oral Health in Maine*. Augusta, ME: Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention. 63 pp.

This report provides information on the burden of oral diseases in children and adults in Maine, including data on access to care, prevalence of oral diseases

and oral-health-related risk behaviors, and the oral health work force in Maine. The report also addresses the oral disease burden in specific population groups, such as children with special health care needs, children enrolled in MaineCare (Maine's Medicaid program), pregnant women, and adults ages 65 and older. Comparisons are made to national data when possible and to *Healthy People 2010* objectives.

**Contact:** 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](mailto:judith.a.feinstein@maine.gov); website: <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/population-health/odh>. Available at <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/population-health/odh/documents/oral-health-in-Maine-2013.pdf>.

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**ORAL HEALTH SURVEY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL CHILDREN, 2011–2012**

Macek MD, Coller S, Chen H, Manski RJ, Manz M, Altema-Johnson D, Goodman HS. 2013. *Oral Health Survey of Maryland School Children, 2011–2012*. Baltimore, MD: University of Maryland School of Dentistry. 174 pp., summ. (4 pp.).

This report provides findings from a statewide survey to assess oral health status in students in kindergarten and third grade in Maryland and to assess their access to oral health care. The survey comprises a questionnaire sent to parents, in-school screening, and a report sent to parents with the child's screening results. Contents include the survey background and purpose, methods, results, and discussion. Topics include the percentage of children who saw a dentist within the last year, had a usual source of care, had at least one dental sealant on their permanent first molars, and had untreated dental caries.

**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@dnhm.state.md.us](mailto:oralhealth@dnhm.state.md.us); website: <http://fha.dnhm.maryland.gov/oralhealth/SitePages/Home.aspx>. Available at <http://phpa.dnhm.maryland.gov/oralhealth/Documents/SchoolSurveyFullReport.pdf> (report) and <http://phpa.dnhm.maryland.gov/oralhealth/Documents/SchoolSurveySummary.pdf> (summary).

**ORAL HEALTH SURVEYS: BASIC METHODS (5TH ED.)**

World Health Organization. 2013. *Oral Health Surveys: Basic Methods* (5th ed.). Geneva, Switzerland: World Health Organization. 66 pp.

This manual provides guidelines for assessing the current oral health status of a population and determining need for oral health intervention. The manual aims to encourage national oral health survey planners to standardize measurements of oral diseases and conditions that are important for planning and evaluating oral health programs, as well as to ensure the comparability of data collected in a wide range of environments. The manual advocates applying the World Health Organization (WHO) global approach to chronic disease surveillance to an operational model for the integration of oral health into chronic-disease-surveillance systems. Topics include basic principles of oral health surveys, oral health self-assessment, and obtaining assistance from WHO.

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**OREGON SMILE SURVEY 2012**

Oregon Health Authority, Oral Health Program. 2013. *Oregon Smile Survey 2012*. Portland, OR: Oregon Health Authority, Oral Health Program. 19 pp.

This report presents findings from Oregon's statewide survey to assess the oral health status and risk for dental caries of students in first, second, and third grades attending public schools. Contents include findings on tooth decay, disparities, access to oral health care, and dental sealants. Recommendations and a description of oral health program activities are included.

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**PREGNANCY RISK ASSESSMENT MONITORING SYSTEM: SURVEILLANCE REPORT—BIRTH YEARS 2009–2010**

New Mexico Department of Health. 2012. *Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System: Surveillance Report—Birth Years 2009–2010*. Santa Fe, NM: New Mexico Department of Health. 109 pp.

This report presents findings from a survey to assess the health of mothers and infants in New Mexico. Topics include the percentage of women who reported having their teeth cleaned in the 12 months before pregnancy, the percentage of those who had a dental problem while pregnant, and the percentage of those whose prenatal care health professionals talked to them about how to care for their teeth and gums. Additional topics include the percentage of women who said they could not afford to go to the dentist during pregnancy and the percentage who did not have transportation to go to the dentist during pregnancy.

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**STATE-BASED ORAL HEALTH SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS: CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK AND OPERATIONAL DEFINITION**

Phipps K, Kuthy R, Marianos D, Isman B. 2013. *State-Based Oral Health Surveillance Systems: Conceptual Framework and Operational Definition*. Atlanta, GA: Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists. 43 pp.

This paper discusses the public health implications of poor oral health, the role of public health surveillance, and efforts to improve national and state oral health surveillance systems (SOHSSs). Topics include efforts to align national and state oral health surveillance system indicators with *Healthy People 2020* objectives, assess new information technologies and the availability of data sources, and expand the operational definition of an SOHSS.

**Contact:** Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists, 2872 Woodcock Boulevard, Suite 303, Atlanta, GA 30341. Telephone: (770) 458-3811; fax: (770)

458-8516; website: <http://www.cste.org>. Available at <http://www.cste.org/resource/resmgr/Chronic/StateBasedOralHealthSurveill.pdf>.

**USE OF DENTAL SERVICES IN MEDICAID AND CHIP**

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. 2013. *Use of Dental Services in Medicaid and CHIP*. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. 6 pp.

This report provides a summary of and data on access to and use of preventive pediatric oral health services or treatment from 2007 to 2011. It discusses progress toward the goal of increasing children’s use of services and increasing the application of dental sealants by 10 percent by 2015. Tables present state-by-state data on children receiving preventive oral health services, as well as geographic variations.

**Contact:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244. Telephone: (877) 267-2323; (866) 226-1819; website: <http://cms.gov>. Available at <http://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Benefits/Downloads/Secretarys-Report-Dental-Excerpt.pdf>.

**WISCONSIN’S ROADMAP TO IMPROVING ORAL HEALTH: 2013–2018**

Children’s Health Alliance of Wisconsin. 2013. *Wisconsin’s Roadmap to Improving Oral Health: 2013–2018*. Milwaukee, WI: Children’s Health Alliance of Wisconsin. 41 pp.

This report presents a 5-year strategic plan to improve oral health in Wisconsin. Contents include a vision for oral health care; a description of the plan’s development process; and information on the burden of oral disease, risk and protective factors affecting oral diseases, and the provision of oral health services. The plan focuses on four areas: access, infrastructure, disease prevention and health promotion, and work force. Multiple goals that align with *Healthy People 2020* and *Healthiest Wisconsin 2020* are listed under each area.

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<http://cshcn.wpengine.netdna-cdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Dental-Care-Issue-Brief1.pdf>.

## POLICY

### CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT HEALTH WORKFORCE PILOT PROJECT #172: REPORT AND EVALUATION

Glassman P, Harrington M, Namakian M. 2013. *California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development Health Workforce Pilot Project #172: Report and Evaluation*. San Francisco, CA: University of the Pacific School of Dentistry, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, Pacific Center for Special Care. 13 pp.

This policy brief presents findings from a demonstration project to train allied oral health professionals to perform new duties in community settings. The brief describes the trainees, dentists, and sites; the curriculum and training; and the evaluation process and results. Topics include patients, procedures, and visits; project features; satisfaction surveys; and an economic analysis.

**Contact:** University of the Pacific School of Dentistry, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, 2155 Weber Street, San Francisco, CA 94115. Telephone: (415) 929-6400; fax: (415) 929-6654; website: <http://dental.pacific.edu>. Available at [http://dental.pacific.edu/Documents/community/special\\_care/acrobat/VirtualDentalHome\\_HWPP\\_Evaluation\\_2013\\_04\\_051213.pdf](http://dental.pacific.edu/Documents/community/special_care/acrobat/VirtualDentalHome_HWPP_Evaluation_2013_04_051213.pdf).

### DENTAL CARE ACCESS FOR CHILDREN IN CALIFORNIA: INSTITUTIONALIZED INEQUALITY

Schor E. 2014. *Dental Care Access for Children in California: Institutionalized Inequality*. Palo Alto, CA: Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health. 10 pp.

This issue brief discusses the scope of oral health problems among children in California; the system of care available to them; and policy approaches to improve access to and quality of pediatric oral health care. Topics include children's use of oral health care; public health approaches to improve children's oral health, such as fluoridated community water; and financing and work force.

**Contact:** Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health, 400 Hamilton Avenue, Suite 340, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Telephone: (650) 497-8365; e-mail: [info@lpfch.org](mailto:info@lpfch.org); website: <http://www.lpfch.org>. Available at

### DENTAL LOSS RATIO: FACTORS TO CONSIDER IN ESTABLISHING A MINIMUM LOSS RATIO IN DENTAL INSURANCE IN CALIFORNIA

Finocchio L, Newman M. 2014. *Dental Loss Ratio: Factors to Consider in Establishing a Minimum Loss Ratio in Dental Insurance in California*. Sacramento, CA: California Dental Association. 28 pp.

This report explores implementation of the Affordable Care Act minimum loss ratio requirement for health plans in the group and individual insurance markets and implications for dental plans. Topics include the state of the market, differences between health plans and dental plans, the dental insurance landscape, and dental loss ratios in California and other states.

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### EXPANDING THE DENTAL TEAM: STUDIES OF TWO PRIVATE PRACTICES

Pew State and Consumer Initiatives, The Children's Dental Policy. 2014. *Expanding the Dental Team: Studies of Two Private Practices*. Washington, DC: Pew Charitable Trusts. 21 pp.

This report presents two case studies of private dental practices that employ dental therapists (Minnesota, United States, and Saskatchewan, Canada). Each case study describes the rules governing dental therapists; the dental practice and the role of the dental therapist in the practice; supervision; and the impact of the dental therapist on productivity (quantity of services performed), access to care for underserved populations, time spent by the dentist on complex vs. routine procedures, and practice profits.

**Contact:** Pew State and Consumer Initiatives, 901 E Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20004. Telephone: (202) 552-2000; fax: (202) 552-2299; e-mail: [pcs-feedback@pewtrusts.org](mailto:pcs-feedback@pewtrusts.org); website: <http://www.pewstates.org>. Available at [http://www.pewstates.org/uploadedFiles/PCS\\_Assets/2014/Expanding\\_Dental\\_Team\\_Report.pdf](http://www.pewstates.org/uploadedFiles/PCS_Assets/2014/Expanding_Dental_Team_Report.pdf).

**GROWING THE DENTAL WORKFORCE: THE CRITICAL ROLE OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS**

Pew Charitable Trusts. 2013. *Growing the Dental Workforce: The Critical Role of Community Colleges and Workforce Investment Boards*. Philadelphia, PA: Pew Charitable Trusts. 16 pp.

This report examines how community colleges and work force investment boards can help expand the oral health care team, improve access to care, and assesses benefits that can accrue to these institutions. The report also offers guidance on how these institutions can cultivate political and organizational support for new training programs and how they can leverage to begin educating midlevel oral health professionals. Contents include types and roles of midlevel oral health professionals, advancing and training midlevel oral health professionals, key steps for moving forward, and resources for choosing a new oral health professional.

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**HEALTHY PEOPLE 2020 ORAL HEALTH LEADING HEALTH INDICATOR POLICY STATEMENT**

Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 2014. *Healthy People 2020 Oral Health Leading Health Indicator Policy Statement*. Reno, NV: Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 3 pp.

This policy statement supports the *Healthy People 2020* oral health leading health indicator to increase the proportion of children, adolescents, and adults who used the oral health care system in the past year. The policy statement also recommends that state oral health programs implement interventions to address oral health disparities across the life span and increase access to and use of the oral health care system.

**Contact:** Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors, 3858 Cashill Boulevard, Reno, NV 89509. Telephone: (775) 626-5008; fax: (775) 626-9268; e-mail: [info@astdd.org](mailto:info@astdd.org); website: <http://www.astdd.org>. Available at <http://www.astdd.org/docs/hp-2020-oral-health-leading-health-indicator-march-17-2014.pdf>.

**MARYLAND PUBLIC HEALTH DENTAL HYGIENE ACT: IMPACT STUDY**

Levy D. 2013. *Maryland Public Health Dental Hygiene Act: Impact Study*. Baltimore, MD: Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Office of Oral Health. 55 pp.

This report evaluates the Maryland Public Health Dental Hygiene Act of 2008 permitting public health dental hygienists to provide any procedure allowed under the scope of practice for dental hygienists in public health settings without an examination by a dentist and without having a dentist on site. Topics include changes in scope of work, extent to which more children are receiving preventive services, extent to which more people are able to access and receive oral health care, what factors have facilitated or created barriers to implementing the act, and what written internal policies have been created related to the act.

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**THE ROLE OF DENTAL HYGIENISTS IN PROVIDING ACCESS TO ORAL HEALTH CARE**

Dunker A, Krofah E, Isasi F. 2014. *The Role of Dental Hygienists in Providing Access to Oral Health Care*. Washington, DC: National Governors Association. 18 pp.

This paper addresses the problem of barriers to access to oral health care, particularly in underserved and vulnerable populations, and how some states are considering expanding the oral health work force, especially related to the use of dental hygienists. Topics include how dental hygienists' roles can be expanded to enable them to perform oral screenings, fluoride and dental sealant applications, and prophylaxis. State examples of expanded roles are provided, along with a discussion of barriers limiting hygienist practices.

**Contact:** National Governors Association, 444 North Capitol Street, Suite 267, Washington, DC 20001-1512. Telephone: (202) 624-5300; fax: (202) 624-5313; e-mail: [webmaster@nga.org](mailto:webmaster@nga.org); website: <http://www.nga.org>. Available at <http://www.nga.org/files/live/sites/NGA/files/pdf/2014/1401DentalHealthCare.pdf>.

**STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE DENTAL BENEFITS FOR THE MEDICAID EXPANSION POPULATION**

Chazin S, Guerra V, McMahon S. 2013. *Strategies to Improve Dental Benefits for the Medicaid Expansion Population*. Hamilton, NJ: Center for Health Care Strategies. 12 pp.

This policy brief summarizes state decisions to include dental benefits for populations newly eligible for Medicaid. It details emerging strategies to ensure access to oral health care for adults (including pregnant women). Topics include tailoring outreach to the targeted population, developing stakeholder engagement, improving network adequacy through financial and nonfinancial incentives, and expanding the dental work force.

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**PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND PRACTICE**

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

American Association for Community Dental Programs. 2007-. *The Bellwether: Leading Local Efforts to Improve the Nation's Oral Health*. Washington, DC: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center. Semi-annual.

This newsletter provides information on national and local oral health activities and on upcoming events and educational materials. The January 2014 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]

**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](mailto:OHRCinfo@georgetown.edu); website: <http://www.mchoralhealth.org>. Available at [http://www.aacdp.com/docs/Newsletter\\_Issue12.pdf](http://www.aacdp.com/docs/Newsletter_Issue12.pdf).

**BRUSH UP ON ORAL HEALTH**

Lowe, E, Holt K, Barzel R, Kolo S. 2012-. *Brush Up on Oral Health*. Elk Grove Village, IL: National Center on Health. Monthly.

This newsletter provides Head Start staff with information on current practice, practical tips for promoting good oral health, and recipes for healthy snacks and other information to share with parents. Health and social service professionals interested in improving the oral health of pregnant women, infants, and children enrolled in Head Start and their families may also find the newsletter helpful.

**Contact:** Early Childhood Learning & Knowledge Center. Telephone: (866) 763-6481; website: <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc>. Available at <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/health/center/oral-health/policies-procedures/buoh.html>.

**THE HEALTH CONSEQUENCES OF SMOKING: 50 YEARS OF PROGRESS—A REPORT OF THE SURGEON GENERAL**

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. 2014. *The Health Consequences of Smoking: 50 Years of Progress—A Report of the Surgeon General*. Atlanta, GA: National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Office on Smoking and Health. 943 pp.

This report chronicles the consequences of 50 years of tobacco use in the United States. Topics include advances in knowledge of the health consequences of smoking from 1964 to 2014, including an understanding of the relationship between smoking and cancer, respiratory diseases, cardiovascular diseases, reproductive outcomes, and other specific outcomes; smoking-attributable morbidity, mortality, and economic costs; patterns of tobacco use among children, adolescents, and adults; current status of and future directions in tobacco control; and a vision for ending tobacco-caused death and disease. A consumer booklet, fact sheets, a video and podcast series, and partner resources are also available.

**Contact:** National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Office on Smoking and Health, 4770 Buford Highway, N.E., Mailstop K-50, Atlanta, GA 30341-3717. Telephone: (800) 232-4636; (888) 232-6348; e-mail: [tobaccoinfo@cdc.gov](mailto:tobaccoinfo@cdc.gov); website: <http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco>. Available at <http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/library/reports/50-years-of-progress/full-report.pdf>.

**THE IMPORTANCE OF HELPING CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN ESTABLISH A DENTAL HOME**

National Center on Health. 2014. The importance of helping children and pregnant women establish a dental home. *Health Services Newsletter* 2(4):1–4. 4 pp.

This newsletter for Head Start staff focuses on ways to help pregnant women and families with children enrolled in Head Start establish dental homes. Topics include the importance of good oral health and regular oral health care, program policies and procedures, tips for working with oral health professionals, and engaging families.

**Contact:** Early Childhood Learning & Knowledge Center. Telephone: (866) 763-6481; website: <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc>. Available at <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/health/docs/health-services-newsletter-201402.pdf>.

**INTEGRATION OF ORAL HEALTH AND PRIMARY CARE PRACTICE**

Health Resources and Services Administration. 2014. *Integration of Oral Health and Primary Care Practice*. Rockville, MD: Health Resources and Services Administration. 21 pp.

This report describes the structured approach, processes, and outcomes of an initiative to improve early detection and prevention of oral health problems by enhancing primary care health professionals' competence in the area of oral health. The recommendations and implementation strategies provide guidance for designing a competency-based, interprofessional practice model to integrate oral health care and primary care. Appendices include oral health core clinical competency domains and their associated competencies and major systems essential for implementation of core clinical oral health competencies.

**Contact:** Health Resources and Services Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Parklawn Building, Rockville, MD 20857. Telephone: (888) 275-4772; (301) 443-1246; e-mail: [ask@hrsa.gov](mailto:ask@hrsa.gov); website: <http://www.hrsa.gov>. Available at <http://www.hrsa.gov/publichealth/clinical/oralhealth/primarycare/integrationoforalhealth.pdf>.

**INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION: TENTH ANNUAL REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE US DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND TO CONGRESS**

Advisory Committee on Training in Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry. 2013. *Interprofessional Education: Tenth Annual Report to the Secretary of the US Department of Health and Human Services and to Congress*. Rockville, MD: Health Resources and Services Administration. 27 pp.

This report presents background and recommendations for an educational strategy to train health professionals in collaborative, team-based care to enhance clients' experience of care (quality, access, and reliability), improve the population's health, and reduce the per capita cost of care. Topics include collaborative interprofessional education and training, assessment and evaluation, institutional leadership for interprofessional education, integration of oral health services and general health services, and policy development.

**Contact:** Health Resources and Services Administration, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Telephone: (888) 275-4772; (877) 464-4772; (800) 221-9393; (301) 443-3376; fax: (301) 443-1246; e-mail: [ask@hrsa.gov](mailto:ask@hrsa.gov); website: <http://www.hrsa.gov>. Available at <http://www.hrsa.gov/advisorycommittees/bhpradvisory/actpcmd/Reports/tenthreport.pdf>.

**INTO THE MOUTHS OF BABES/CONNECTING THE DOCS TOOLKIT**

North Carolina Early Childhood Oral Health Collaborative. 2013. *Into the Mouths of Babes/Connecting the Docs Toolkit*. Raleigh, NC: North Carolina Division of Public Health, Oral Health Section. Multiple items.

This toolkit is for health professionals trained to deliver preventive oral health services (oral evaluation and risk assessment, parent or caregiver education, fluoride varnish application, and dental home referral) to infants and young children (from birth to age 3½) enrolled in Medicaid in North Carolina. Contents include videos on oral preventive procedure and the Priority Oral Health Risk Assessment and Referral Tool (PORRT). Additional contents include steps for fluoride varnish application that can be posted in the exam room, information on Medicaid reimbursement, the PORRT and referral guidelines, a supply list, parent-education materials in English and Spanish, and training guidelines and a certificate.

**Contact:** North Carolina Division of Public Health, Oral Health Section, 1910 Mail Service Center, 5505 Six Forks Road, Raleigh, NC 27699-1910. Telephone: (919) 707-5480; fax: (919) 870-4805; website: <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dph/oralhealth>. Available at <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dph/oralhealth/partners/IMB-toolkit.htm>.

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**ORAL HEALTH MATTERS**

Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 1999-. *Oral Health Matters*. Sparks, NV: Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. Quarterly.

This newsletter provides information on national, state, and local oral health activities as well as on educational materials and other resources. The winter 2014 issue features snapshots of the National Public Health Information Coalition, Alaska's oral health program, and the Head Start National Center on Health oral health project. Information from recent association surveys and committee meetings and new resources are also included.

**Contact:** Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors, 3858 Cashill Boulevard, Reno, NV 89509. Telephone: (775) 626-5008; fax: (775) 626-9268; e-mail: [info@astdd.org](mailto:info@astdd.org); website: <http://www.astdd.org>. Available at <http://www.astdd.org/docs/ohm-winter-2014-jan-21-2014.pdf>.

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**PARTNERING TO MAKE ORAL HEALTH A PRIORITY**

National Association of School Nurses. 2013. *Partnering to Make Oral Health a Priority*. Silver Spring, MD: National Association of School Nurses. 3 videos.

This three-part videocast series outlines school nurses' role in providing oral health leadership in school settings. Topics include providing oral health information and resources, establishing parent partnerships, providing preventive oral health care, and responding to dental emergencies.

**Contact:** National Association of School Nurses, 1100 Wayne Avenue, Suite 925, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Telephone: (240) 821-1130; (866) 627-6767; fax: (301) 585-1791; e-mail: [nasn@nasn.org](mailto:nasn@nasn.org); website: <http://www.nasn.org>. Available at <http://www.oralhealthconnections.org/Videocasts>.

**PROMISING PRACTICES**

National Network for Oral Health Access. 2013. *Promising Practices*. Denver, CO: National Network for Oral Health Access. Multiple items.

These resources comprise services, programs, functions, or processes that health centers and safety-net oral health programs lead, administer, facilitate, and/or support through collaboration with partners and stakeholders. The methods or techniques have consistently shown results superior to those achieved with other means, when applied to a particular condition or circumstance. Content is organized within the following three categories: dental program management, clinical excellence, and access to care.

**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](mailto:info@nnoha.org); website: <http://www.nnoha.org>. Available at <http://www.nnoha.org/programs-initatives/promising-practices>.

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**RECOMMENDED STANDARDS FOR DENTAL THERAPY EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN THE UNITED STATES: ADVISORY PANEL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Community Catalyst. 2013. *Recommended Standards for Dental Therapy Education Programs in the United States: Advisory Panel Report and Recommendations*. Boston, MA: Community Catalyst. 19 pp., exec. summ. 2 pp.

This report presents recommended standards for dental therapy education programs for states and tribal nations considering the addition of dental therapists to their oral health workforce. The recommendations address institutional effectiveness, administrative responsibility and status, student services and policies, curriculum and competencies, professional and community responsibility, and patient care.

**Contact:** Community Catalyst, 30 Winter Street, 10th Floor, Boston, MA 02108. Telephone: (617) 338-6035; fax: (617) 451-5838; e-mail: [restuccia@communitycatalyst.org](mailto:restuccia@communitycatalyst.org); website: <http://www.communitycatalyst.org>. Available at [http://www.communitycatalyst.org/doc\\_store/publications/dental-therapy-education-standards.pdf](http://www.communitycatalyst.org/doc_store/publications/dental-therapy-education-standards.pdf) (full report) and [http://www.communitycatalyst.org/doc\\_store/publications/dt-education-report-summary.pdf](http://www.communitycatalyst.org/doc_store/publications/dt-education-report-summary.pdf) (executive summary).

**SAFETY NET SOLUTIONS DENTAL PRACTICE MANAGEMENT SERIES**

Bingham D, Compton R, Doherty M, Goldsmith D, Kaminski S, Ohrenberger K, and Illumina Interactive. 2013. *Safety Net Solutions Dental Practice Management Series*. Westborough, MA: DentaQuest Institute. 1 v.

This learning series consists of seven modules designed to provide an overview of the main components of practice management for a safety-net dental program. Module topics address billing and collection processes, fee schedules and sliding fee scale rates, financial and productivity goals, front desk customer service, crucial roles of front desk staff, managing chaos, and strategic patient scheduling.

**Contact:** DentaQuest Institute, 2400 Computer Drive, Westborough, MA 01581. Telephone: (508) 329-2280; (508) 329-2250; e-mail: [info@dentaquestinstitute.org](mailto:info@dentaquestinstitute.org); website: <http://www.dentaquestinstitute.org>. Available at <http://www.dentaquestinstitute.org/learn/online-learning-center/online-courseware/safety-net-solutions-dental-practice-management>.

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**TOPICAL FLUORIDE FOR CARIES PREVENTION: FULL REPORT OF THE UPDATED CLINICAL RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUPPORTING SYSTEMATIC REVIEW—A REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS**

ADA Center for Evidence-Based Dentistry. 2013. *Topical Fluoride for Caries Prevention: Full Report of the Updated Clinical Recommendations and Supporting Systematic Review—A Report of the Council on Scientific Affairs*. Chicago, IL: ADA Center for Evidence-Based Dentistry. 118 pp.

This report provides evidence-based recommendations for the use of professionally applied topical fluorides to prevent dental caries. The report addresses the impact of topical fluoride vs. no topical fluoride on new and early carious lesions; which topical fluoride was most effective in preventing, arresting, or reversing dental caries; and whether an oral prophylaxis before application improved fluoride uptake. The report also describes the systematic review of the literature, methodologies used to develop the clinical recommendations, limitations related to the evidence and review, and future research needs.

**Contact:** American Dental Association, Center for Evidence-Based Dentistry, 211 East Chicago Avenue,

Chicago, IL 60611-2678. Telephone: (312) 440-2500; website: <http://ebd.ada.org>. Available at [http://ebd.ada.org/contentdocs/Topical\\_fluoride\\_for\\_caries\\_prevention\\_2013\\_update\\_-\\_full\\_manuscript.pdf](http://ebd.ada.org/contentdocs/Topical_fluoride_for_caries_prevention_2013_update_-_full_manuscript.pdf).

**PROFESSIONAL-CLIENT TOOLS**

**HEALTHY TEETH HEALTHY KIDS**

Maryland Dental Action Coalition. 2012. *Healthy Teeth Healthy Kids*. Columbia, MD: Maryland Dental Action Coalition. 1 v.

These resources from a statewide campaign focus on oral health in infants and children from birth to age 6 and pregnant women. Contents include messages for parents and other caregivers, health professionals, and advocates; a press release about the campaign's launch; a television ad; and a brochure on children's oral health (in English and Spanish). Information on oral health care and coverage is included.

**Contact:** Maryland Dental Action Coalition, 6410 Dobbin Road, Suite G, Columbia, MD 21045. Telephone: (410) 884-8294; fax: (410) 884-8295; e-mail: [info@mdac.us](mailto:info@mdac.us); website: <http://www.mdac.us>. Available at <http://healthyteethhealthykids.org>.

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**HELPING CONSUMERS CHOOSE DENTAL COVERAGE IN THE VIRGINIA MARKETPLACE**

Children's Dental Health Project, Virginia Oral Health Coalition. 2014. *Helping Consumers Choose Dental Coverage in the Virginia Marketplace*. Glen Allen, VA: Virginia Oral Health Coalition. 2 items.

This webinar, held on February 12, 2014, provides guidance for navigators, assisters, and others helping individuals to enroll in the health insurance marketplace (exchange) in Virginia. Contents include information about dental benefits offered within Virginia's exchange and why dental benefits matter. A companion fact sheet is also available.

**Contact:** Virginia Oral Health Coalition, 4200 Innslake Drive, Suite 103, Glen Allen, VA 23060. Telephone: (804) 269-8720; e-mail: [info@vaoralhealth.org](mailto:info@vaoralhealth.org); website: <http://www.vaoralhealth.org>. Available at <http://vimeo.com/86526576> (video) and [http://www.vaoralhealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Dental-Info-Sheet-\\_VaOHC.pdf](http://www.vaoralhealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Dental-Info-Sheet-_VaOHC.pdf) (fact sheet).

**NATIONAL CHILDREN’S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH**

American Dental Association. 2013. *National Children’s Dental Health Month*. Chicago, IL: American Dental Association, Division of Communications. Multiple items.

These materials are designed to help oral health teams, teachers, and parents raise awareness about the importance of oral health during National Children’s Dental Health Month (February). Contents include a program-planning guide and posters and activity sheets in English and Spanish for children and adolescents.

**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](mailto:info@ada.org); website: <http://www.ada.org>. Available at <http://www.ada.org/5578.aspx>.

**NUTRITION AND ORAL HEALTH (REV.)**

Bellows, Moore R. 2013. *Nutrition and Oral Health* (rev.). Fort Collins, CO: Colorado State University Extension. 1 v.

This fact sheet provides information on nutrition and oral health, including facts about bacteria and foods that may act to increase or decrease risk for tooth decay. Additional topics include the tooth decay process; fluoridated water and sources of fluoride; oral health during pregnancy, infancy, and childhood; early childhood caries; and oral health and older adults. Tips to reduce tooth decay risk are included.

**Contact:** Colorado State University, Extension, Campus Delivery 4040, Fort Collins, CO 80523-4040. Telephone: (970) 491-7334; fax: (970) 491-7252; website: <http://www.ext.colostate.edu>. Available at <http://www.ext.colostate.edu/pubs/foodnut/09321.pdf>.

**OPTIMAL FLUORIDE LEVEL RECOMMENDATIONS: COMMUNITY WATER FLUORIDATION**

Wisconsin Department of Health Services. 2013. *Optimal Fluoride Level Recommendations: Community Water Fluoridation*. Madison, WI: Wisconsin Department of Health Services. 2 pp.

This fact sheet discusses the oral health benefits of providing optimal levels of fluoride in community water and includes information about a recent U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recommendation

to increase fluoride levels in fluoridated drinking water. The fact sheet provides background on the benefits of water fluoridation (including information on percentages of Wisconsin children who have experienced tooth decay in communities with fluoridated water compared to those in communities without it), the impact of the new fluoride level, and how to address potential concerns about fluoridated community water sources. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

**Contact:** Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Oral Health Program, P.O. Box 2659, Madison, WI 53701-2659. Telephone: (608) 266-0876; fax: (608) 266-8925; website: [http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/health/Oral\\_Health](http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/health/Oral_Health). Available at <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/P0/p00457.pdf>.

**TEETHFIRST!**

TeethFirst! 2014. *TeethFirst!* Providence, RI: Rhode Island KIDS COUNT; Rhode Island Oral Health Commission. Multiple items.

This website provides information and resources for parents and families, health professionals, and child care and other community organizations about early dental visits for young children in Rhode Island. Topics include first dentist appointments, finding a dentist, dental coverage and Medicaid, oral health during pregnancy, clinical guidelines and child-friendly practices, how to include oral health in wellness visits, dental caries risk assessment and fluoride varnish application, how to talk to parents about the importance of oral health, and professional training and reimbursement. Resources include the Tooth Talk blog.

**Contact:** TeethFirst!, Rhode Island KIDS COUNT, One Union Station, Providence, RI 02903. Telephone: (401) 351-9400; fax: (401) 351-1758; e-mail: [info@TeethFirstRI.org](mailto:info@TeethFirstRI.org); website: <http://www.teethfirstri.org>. Available at <http://www.teethfirstri.org>.

**TREATMENT OF FACIAL INJURY**

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. 2013. *Treatment of Facial Injury*. Rosemont, IL: American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. 1 v.

This resource provides information on treating and preventing maxillofacial injuries, also referred to as

facial trauma. Topics include the role of oral and maxillofacial surgeons in treating injuries to teeth, the mouth, jaws, and facial structures. The resource also discusses the importance of making safety gear such as protective mouth guards, masks, and helmets part of standard athletic equipment. Recommendations for injury prevention in specific sports are included.

**Contact:** American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, 9700 West Bryn Mawr Avenue, Rosemont, IL 60018-5701. Telephone: (847) 678-6200; (800) 822-6637; fax: (847) 678-6286; website: <http://www.aaoms.org>. Available at [http://myoms.org/assets/uploads/documents/Ebook\\_facial\\_Injury\\_R.pdf](http://myoms.org/assets/uploads/documents/Ebook_facial_Injury_R.pdf).

## PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION BETWEEN STATE ORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS AND STATE DENTAL ASSOCIATIONS TO IMPROVE ORAL HEALTH

Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors, American Dental Association. 2013. *Opportunities for Collaboration Between State Oral Health Programs and State Dental Associations to Improve Oral Health*. Sparks, NV: Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 1 p.

This document is designed to help states improve collaboration between state oral health programs (SOHPs) and state dental associations (SDAs). Contents include a description of SOHPs and SDAs and examples of how they can work together to address oral health needs, particularly among groups with significant oral health disparities.

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### PROMISING PRACTICES TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO ORAL HEALTH CARE IN RURAL COMMUNITIES

Bayne A, Knudson A, Garg A, Kassahun M. 2013. *Promising Practices to Improve Access to Oral Health Care in Rural Communities*. Bethesda, MD: NORC Walsh Center for Rural Health Analysis. 6 pp.

This issue brief presents findings from a literature review of rural oral health programs and lessons learned from seven 330A Outreach Authority grantees that implemented oral health programs. The purpose of the project was to identify promising practices for rural oral health programs that help rural communities learn from the experiences of their peers and access tested tools and approaches. Topics include oral health program models in rural communities, staff and resources needed to support rural oral health programs, program evaluation and sustainability strategies, and implications for rural communities.

**Contact:** NORC Walsh Center for Rural Health Analysis, 4350 East West Highway, Suite 800, Bethesda, MD 20814. Telephone: (301) 634-9300; website: <http://www.norc.org/Research/Departments/Pages/public-health-research/walsh-center-rural-health-analysis.aspx>. Available at [http://www.norc.org/PDFs/Walsh%20Center/Oral\\_Rural%20Evaluation%20Issue%20Brief-6pg\\_mm.pdf](http://www.norc.org/PDFs/Walsh%20Center/Oral_Rural%20Evaluation%20Issue%20Brief-6pg_mm.pdf).

### THE VIRTUAL DENTAL HOME: IMPROVING THE ORAL HEALTH OF VULNERABLE AND UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS USING GEOGRAPHICALLY DISTRIBUTED TELEHEALTH-ENABLED TEAMS

Glassman P, Harrington M, Namakian M. 2013. *The Virtual Dental Home: Improving the Oral Health of Vulnerable and Underserved Populations Using Geographically Distributed Telehealth-Enabled Teams*. San Francisco, CA: University of the Pacific, Pacific Center for Special Care. 9 pp.

This brief describes the Virtual Dental Home, a model program in California that provides oral health care services to underserved populations outside traditional dental offices (e.g., in Head Start programs, elementary schools, residential care settings, or nursing homes). The program uses telehealth technology to link allied oral health professionals in communities with dentists in dental offices and clinics to provide education, triage, case management, preventive procedures, and interim therapeutic restorations.

**Contact:** Pacific Center for Special Care, University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, 2155 Webster Street, Suite 409, San Francisco, CA 94115. Telephone: (415) 929-6400; website: [http://dental.pacific.edu/Community\\_Involvement/Pacific\\_Center\\_for\\_Special\\_Care\\_\(PCSC\).html](http://dental.pacific.edu/Community_Involvement/Pacific_Center_for_Special_Care_(PCSC).html). Available at [http://dental.pacific.edu/Documents/community/special\\_care/acrobat/VirtualDentalHome\\_OvierviewResults\\_Policy\\_Brief\\_May\\_2013.pdf](http://dental.pacific.edu/Documents/community/special_care/acrobat/VirtualDentalHome_OvierviewResults_Policy_Brief_May_2013.pdf).



## PUBLIC AWARENESS AND EDUCATION

### 2MIN2X

Ad Council and Partnership for Healthy Mouths Healthy Lives. 2014. *2MIN2X*. Arlington, VA: Partnership for Healthy Mouths Healthy Lives. Multiple items.

This resource aims to motivate parents to take action to reduce their child's risk for oral disease. Contents include public service announcements (PSAs) featuring activities that children can do, such as watching a video, singing, or playing a video game. The PSAs' goal is to communicate the importance of brushing twice a day for 2 minutes each time. The resource also provides information for parents on teaching children how to brush, visiting a dentist, flossing every day, and using fluoride. A weekly toothbrushing checklist and mobile app are included. Content is available in English and Spanish.

**Contact:** Partnership for Healthy Mouths Healthy Lives, Dental Trade Alliance, 4350 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 220, Arlington, VA 22203. E-mail: [contact@healthymouthshealthylives.org](mailto:contact@healthymouthshealthylives.org); website: <http://www.healthymouthshealthylives.org>. Available at <http://2min2x.org>.

### BABY'S FIRST SMILES: PASS IT ON

Wilson L, Taba S. 2013. *Baby's First Smiles: Pass It On*. Honolulu, HI: Webfish Pacific and Same Small Boat Productions. 1 DVD (50 min.).

This video focuses on motivating young families to establish family routines, eat healthy foods, and visit the dentist to prevent poor oral health in young children. Contents include interviews with parents from a variety of cultural groups and show professionals interacting with infants, young children, and older children. Home visitors, teachers, dentists, and pediatricians in their own communities deliver oral health messages. The video is available in English and Spanish.

**Contact:** Webfish Pacific, P.O. Box 61156, Honolulu, HI 96839. Telephone: (808) 382-5286; e-mail: [webfish@webfishpacific.com](mailto:webfish@webfishpacific.com); [lbwilson@webfishpacific.com](mailto:lbwilson@webfishpacific.com); website: <http://www.webfishpacific.com>. \$26.00, plus shipping on Amazon.com; contact for bulk purchase. Trailer available at [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3w\\_Fe3wLRvA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3w_Fe3wLRvA).

## BUYING CHILDREN'S DENTAL COVERAGE THROUGH THE MARKETPLACE

Families USA and Children's Dental Health Project. 2014. *Buying Children's Dental Coverage Through the Marketplace*. Washington, DC: Families USA. 7 pp.

This guide for families uses frequently asked questions to explain or clarify the children's dental benefit (a provision of the Affordable Care Act) and how it works. Contents include guidance on buying coverage through a state marketplace, eligibility, covered services, and the difference between dental coverage sold separately vs. as part of a health plan. Topics include premiums, deductibles, copayments, co-insurance, out-of-pocket limits, and consumer protections. Information on financial assistance, coverage requirements, and buying coverage for adults is also included.

**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](mailto:cdhpinfo@cdhp.org); website: <http://www.cdhp.org>. Available at [https://cdhp.s3.amazonaws.com/resource/301/attachment\\_1/original.pdf?1392734537](https://cdhp.s3.amazonaws.com/resource/301/attachment_1/original.pdf?1392734537).

## CHILD DENTAL HEALTH

MedlinePlus. 2013. *Child Dental Health*. Bethesda, MD: National Library of Medicine. Multiple items.

These resources for parents and other caregivers address oral health during infancy, childhood, and adolescence. Topics include news, diagnosis and symptoms, treatment, prevention and screening, nutrition, and specific conditions and related issues. Multimedia tools (tutorials, videos, games); research; reference sources; and other resources are presented. Content is available in English, Japanese, Somali, and Spanish.

**Contact:** MedlinePlus, National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20894. E-mail: [custserv@nlm.nih.gov](mailto:custserv@nlm.nih.gov); website: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus>. Available at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/childdentalhealth.html>.

**ENSURING CHILDREN GET NEEDED DENTAL SERVICES**

Family Voices, IMPACT. 2013. *Ensuring Children Get Needed Dental Services*. Albuquerque, NM: Family Voices, IMPACT. 1 p.

This fact sheet provides guidance for families on ways to ensure optimal oral health for their child or adolescent with special health care needs. Contents include tips on locating and receiving preventive and treatment services, modeling oral hygiene routines at home, communicating with children and adolescents about their oral health, and advocating on children's and adolescents' behalf. Resources are included. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

**Contact:** Family Voices, IMPACT, 3701 San Mateo Boulevard, N.E., Suite 103, Albuquerque, NM 87110. Telephone: (505) 872-4774; (888) 835-5669; fax: (505) 872-4780; website: <http://www.fv-impact.org>. Available at [http://www.fv-impact.org/files/5913/8437/6470/Oral-Health\\_Nov\\_2013\\_final\\_red.pdf](http://www.fv-impact.org/files/5913/8437/6470/Oral-Health_Nov_2013_final_red.pdf).

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**FROM DROOL TO SCHOOL: CARING FOR YOUR CHILD'S ORAL HEALTH FROM THE DROOL YEARS THROUGH THE SCHOOL YEARS**

Delta Dental Foundation, Michigan Dental Association Foundation. 2013. *From Drool to School: Caring for Your Child's Oral Health from the Drool Years Through the School Years*. Lansing, MI: Delta Dental Plan of Michigan. 42 pp.

This booklet provides tips and advice for expecting and new parents, along with puzzles, games, and coloring pages for children. Topics include proper oral health care, prenatal care and nutrition, infant gum care and nutrition, teething tips, primary teeth and permanent teeth, toothbrushing, visiting the dentist, preschool years, fluoridated water, and flossing during childhood. Links to a web-based video are included, as are sources for finding and paying for dental care in Indiana, Michigan, North Carolina, and Ohio.

**Contact:** Delta Dental Plan of Michigan, Attn: Corporate Communications, P.O. Box 30416, Lansing, MI 48909-7916. Telephone: (800) 524-0149; (517) 347-5242; website: <http://www.deltadentalmi.com>. Available at <http://www.deltadentalmi.com/MediaLibraries/Global/documents/From-Drool-to-School-Book-DIGITAL-MICHIGAN.pdf>.

**HEALTHY MOUTHS FOR YOU AND YOUR BABY**

University of Maryland School of Public Health, Herschel S. Horowitz Center for Health Literacy. 2013. *Healthy Mouths for You and Your Baby*. College Park, MD: University of Maryland School of Public Health, Herschel S. Horowitz Center for Health Literacy. 1 video (12 min.).

This video provides information on good oral health practices for pregnant women, mothers, and their families. Topics include recognizing early signs of tooth decay and the role of good oral hygiene, good nutrition, and regular dental visits in preventing oral disease. Information about fluorides and oral health during pregnancy is included.

**Contact:** University of Maryland School of Public Health, Herschel S. Horowitz Center for Health Literacy, Dean's Office, SPH Building, Room 2367, College Park, MD 20742. Telephone: (301) 405-2356; e-mail: [HealthLiteracy@umd.edu](mailto:HealthLiteracy@umd.edu); website: <http://www.healthliteracy.umd.edu>. Available at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ycTette04YI>.

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**TALKING WITH KIDS ABOUT HEALTH: GOING TO THE DOCTOR AND DENTIST**

PBS Parents. 2014. *Talking with Kids About Health: Going to the Doctor and Dentist*. Arlington, VA: Public Broadcasting Service. 1 v.

This webpage provides tips on what to say to children (ages 8 and under) before, during, and after a doctor or dentist visit. Topics include being patient and giving choices, reading books, and asking the doctor or dentist to explain what will happen. Content is available in English and Spanish.

**Contact:** Public Broadcasting Service, 2100 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202. Telephone: (703) 739-5000; website: <http://www.pbs.org>. Available at <http://www.pbs.org/parents/talkingwithkids/health/doctor.html> (English) and <http://www.pbs.org/parents/talkingwithkids/health/spanish/doctor.html> (Spanish).

## QUALITY ASSURANCE

### 2013 CONFERENCE COMPENDIUM: IMPROVING QUALITY THROUGH MEASUREMENT

Dental Quality Alliance. 2013. *2013 Conference Compendium: Improving Quality Through Measurement*. Chicago, IL: American Dental Association. 61 pp.

These proceedings present highlights of presentations made at the Dental Quality Alliance Conference held on June 28–29, 2013, in Chicago, IL. The conference focused on improving the quality of oral health care throughout the country. Topics include (1) defining quality in oral health care, (2) patient-centered and effective care (evidence-based dentistry, prevention, and importance of patient-centered care), (3) equitable and effective care (transitions in care and patient safety), and (4) promoting quality (promoting change and activities of the Dental Quality Alliance).

**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](mailto:info@ada.org); website: <http://www.ada.org>. Available at [http://www.ada.org/sections/dentalPracticeHub/pdfs/FINAL\\_2013\\_Conference\\_Compndium\\_.pdf](http://www.ada.org/sections/dentalPracticeHub/pdfs/FINAL_2013_Conference_Compndium_.pdf).

### ACTION FOR DENTAL HEALTH 10-STEP PLANS TO IMPROVE ORAL HEALTH IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

American Dental Association. 2013. *Action for Dental Health 10-Step Plans to Improve Oral Health in Underserved Communities*. Chicago, IL: American Dental Association. 12 files.

These plans for oral health professionals outline steps in a comprehensive approach to caring for individuals with untreated oral disease, strengthening and enhancing the oral health care safety net, and providing disease-prevention and health-promotion services in underserved communities. Topics include authorizing and piloting a community oral health coordinator, collaborating with other health professionals and community-based programs such as Head Start, contracting with a health center, establishing an emergency department oral health referral program, participating in Medicaid, streamlining and promoting reimbursement, and creating a college- or university-based training program.

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### IMPROVING ORAL HEALTH CARE DELIVERY IN MEDICAID AND CHIP: A TOOLKIT FOR STATES

Borck R, Vine M, Crall J, Norris L, Rosenbach M. 2014. *Improving Oral Health Care Delivery in Medicaid and CHIP: A Toolkit for States*. Baltimore, MD: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. 37 pp., plus appendices.

This toolkit describes a six-step process that states can use to analyze data on oral health care access and then design, implement, and evaluate targeted quality-improvement efforts. Topics include analyzing data on the use of recommended services, examining variations within subgroups, assessing drivers of variation in oral health care access and use, identifying and implementing strategies to improve oral health care delivery, and assessing results.

**Contact:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244. Telephone: (877) 267-2323; (866) 226-1819; website: <http://cms.gov>. Available at <http://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Benefits/Downloads/Oral-Health-Quality-Improvement-Toolkit-for-States.pdf>.

