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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. The complete collection of resource bulletins 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

2014 ORAL HEALTH SURVEY OF SOUTH DAKOTA CHILDREN


This report presents information about the importance of oral health and findings from a survey on the oral health status and treatment needs of students in third grade in South Dakota. Topics include who was screened, tooth decay experience, untreated tooth decay, dental sealants, need for oral health care, dental insurance coverage, and the time since the last dental visit. The report also discusses next steps and strategies to improve children's oral health. Information about the survey methods, data tables, a letter to parents, a screening form, and a consent form and parent questionnaire are also included.


2014 SUMMARY OF THE ORAL HEALTH STATUS OF CHILDREN IN INDIANA AGED 8–9 YEARS


This report presents results from a statewide survey and several surveillance projects on the oral health of children ages 8–9 in Indiana. Topics include untreated tooth decay, the presence of dental restorations and extractions, decay experience, and the presence of dental sealants on permanent molars.

Contact: Indiana State Department of Health, Oral Health Home, 2 North Meridian Street, Section 7-G, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Telephone: (317) 233-1325;

AN ANALYSIS OF 2013 HEALTH CENTER ORAL HEALTH PROVIDER RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, AND JOB SATISFACTION SURVEY RESULTS


This report presents findings from a survey of executive directors, dentists, and dental hygienists working in health centers throughout the United States to assess salaries, job satisfaction, and recruitment and retention strategies. Contents include information about survey distribution and survey response, an analysis, and survey results. The narrative also provides selected tables and figures; additional analyses and the survey instruments are included in the appendices.


CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES: WEAKNESSES IN ITS MEDI–CAL DENTAL PROGRAM LIMIT CHILDREN’S ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE


This report presents findings on how the Medi-Cal Dental Program is fulfilling its mandate to assess salaries, job satisfaction, and recruitment and retention strategies. Contents include information about survey distribution and survey response, an analysis, and survey results. The narrative also provides selected tables and figures; additional analyses and the survey instruments are included in the appendices.

Families dental programs, recommendations for action, and a response from the Department of Health Care Services.


CHILDREN’S ORAL HEALTH IN COLORADO


This brief describes progress in meeting Healthy People 2020 goals for reducing untreated tooth decay and reducing dental caries experience among children in kindergarten and third grade in Colorado. Topics include why children’s oral health is an issue; social and economic health disparities; behaviors, environments, and systems that support good oral health in children; and the importance of dental visits by age 1.


DENTAL BENEFITS EXPANDED FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG ADULTS IN 2012


This brief provides findings from an analysis of the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS) data for the period 2000–2012 on dental benefits for children (ages 2 through 18), working-age adults (ages 19–64), and older adults (ages 65 and older). Topics include the source of benefits (private, Medicaid, and uninsured) by age over time.

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/~media/ADA/Science%20and%20Research/HPI/Files/HPIBrief_1014_5.ashx.

DENTAL CARE UTILIZATION RATE HIGHEST EVER AMONG CHILDREN, CONTINUES TO DECLINE AMONG WORKING-AGE ADULTS


This brief describes oral-health-care-use patterns among children and adults, including the percentage of the population with a dental visit in the past year for the period 2000–2012. Contents include information about the data, methods, and results. Data are stratified by age, income, and dental benefits status.

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DENTAL CARIES AND SEALANT PREVALENCE IN CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS IN THE UNITED STATES, 2011–2012


This report describes the prevalence of dental caries and dental sealants in children and adolescents by age, race, and Hispanic origin in the United States. Topics include disparities for dental caries and dental sealant prevalence in children and adolescents in 2011–2012. Definitions, the data source, and a discussion of methods are included.

Contact: National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 3311 Toledo Road, Room 5419, Hyattsville, MD 20782. Telephone: (800) 232-4636; (888) 232-6348; fax: (301) 458-4020; e-mail: nchsquery@cdc.gov; website: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs; Available at http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/databriefs/db191.pdf.
FEWER AMERICANS FORGOING DENTAL CARE DUE TO COST


This brief presents findings from an analysis of National Health Interview Survey data for the period 2000–2013 on cost-related barriers to oral health care. The analysis examines trends in percentages of people who needed but did not obtain select health care services and of those who indicated cost as a barrier to receiving needed oral health care. Data are presented by age and by household income.

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/~media/ADA/Science%20and%20Research/HPI/Files/HPIBrief_1014_6.ashx.

A HEALTHY VIRGINIA: HEALTH CARE REPORT


This report describes the governor’s plan to increase access to health care in Virginia. Topics include planning for medical and behavioral health services, covering children, supporting enrollment in the federal marketplace, informing people about their health care options, making dependent coverage affordable for state employees with low incomes, providing comprehensive dental coverage to pregnant women, prioritizing the health of veterans, winning a state innovation model grant, creating behavioral health homes, and reducing prescription drug and heroin abuse. Contents include information about the importance of each topic and related goals, background, strategies for success, a timeline, and measures of achievement.

Contact: Virginia Department of Health, P.O. Box 2448, Richmond, VA 23218. Telephone: (804) 864-7000; e-mail: questions@vdh.virginia.gov; website: http://www.vdh.state.va.us. Available at https://governor.virginia.gov/media/3096/a-healthy-virginia-report-final.pdf.

IDAHO SMILE SURVEY 2013 REPORT


This report summarizes findings on the oral health of children in third grade in Idaho. Topics include active tooth decay, caries experience, restorative dental service needs, dental sealants, fluorosis, and oral health service history. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


MOST IMPORTANT BARRIERS TO DENTAL CARE ARE FINANCIAL, NOT SUPPLY RELATED


This brief presents an analysis of data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey on trends in the percentage of the U.S. population who indicated that they needed oral health care but could not get it. Topics include reasons for not obtaining needed care, financial and supply-related barriers to obtaining needed care, and how financial barriers vary by age and income level. Policy implications, including those related to implementation of the Affordable Care Act, are also discussed.

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This brief presents national- and state-level estimates of supply and demand for dentists and dental hygienists at baseline in 2012 and for 2025 using the Health Resources and Services Administration’s Health Workforce Simulation Model. Both supply and demand projections are reported as full time equivalents. Contents include background, results, limitations, and conclusions. Topics include changes in oral health care delivery and in health systems, dentist shortages, the evolving role of the dental hygienist, and the productivity of the existing oral health work force.


ORAL HEALTH FOR PREGNANT WOMEN AND CHILDREN


This brief presents data and information about oral health for pregnant women and children. The brief describes why pregnant women’s and children’s oral health is a public health issue, the magnitude of the issue of oral disease in pregnant women and children, trends, national and state goals, current state programs and initiatives, public health strategies and practices, and state health agency capacity. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


SUPPLY OF DENTISTS IN THE UNITED STATES IS LIKELY TO GROW


This brief projects the number of dentists in the United States through 2033. The projections are based on a number of modeling scenarios and data. Contents include historical outflow and inflow rates, dentists’ average age at retirement, number of dental school graduates per year, and various work force model projections and assumptions.

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A TEN-YEAR, STATE-BY-STATE, ANALYSIS OF MEDICAID FEE-FOR-SERVICE REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR DENTAL CARE SERVICES


This brief presents an analysis of pediatric Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) reimbursement-rate data for oral health care services relative to commercial insurance charges. The brief also provides information about changes in pediatric Medicaid FFS reimbursement rates between 2003 and 2013. Data are presented for all states and the District of Columbia. For adult services, data are presented for states that provide benefits beyond emergency care to the adult Medicaid population. Policy implications are also discussed.

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WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL READINESS PROFILE 2013


This report details the types of programmatic and child outcome data available to county collaborative early childhood teams to assist them in establishing school-readiness goals at the local level. The report highlights the collaborative work of the West Virginia Department of Education, the Department of Health and Human Resources, and Head Start programs, focusing on outputs supportive of a comprehensive approach to early childhood education. Information about kindergarten-entry health data and potential uses for the data is included.


POLICY

ARE MEDICAID AND PRIVATE DENTAL INSURANCE PAYMENT RATES FOR PEDIATRIC DENTAL CARE SERVICES KEEPING UP WITH INFLATION?


This brief examines the extent to which Medicaid fee-for-service reimbursement and private dental insurance charges for children’s oral health services kept up with inflation during the period 2003–2013. Contents include weighted average Medicaid fee-for-service reimbursement and private dental insurance charges for pediatric oral health services, adjusted for overall inflation and for dental services inflation, by state.

**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/~/media/ADA/Science%20and%20Research/HPI/Files/HPIBrief_1214_2.pdf.

CHIP’S UNCERTAIN FUTURE


This issue brief focuses on the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), in particular, the program’s future in light of the fact that its funding will expire on September 30, 2015, unless Congress passes legislation to extend funding. The brief provides an overview of CHIP’s history and explains the purpose of the program. The brief also discusses the coverage CHIP provides, which includes a guaranteed pediatric dental benefit, and the importance of this benefit to families with low incomes.

**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: info@cdhp.org; website: http://www.cdhp.org. Available at https://s3.amazonaws.com/cdhp/downloads/CHIP+Coverage+Brief+++June+2014_F.pdf.
DENTAL BENEFITS FOR PREGNANT WOMEN ENROLLED IN MEDICAID AND FAMIS MOMS


This fact sheet for policymakers describes the benefits of providing oral health care for pregnant women eligible for Medicaid and FAMIS MOMS in Virginia. Topics include opportunities to improve the oral health of children and pregnant women and reduce costs related to periodontal disease in pregnant women and dental caries in infants and young children.

Contact: Virginia Oral Health Coalition, 4200 Innslake Drive, Suite 103, Glen Allen, VA 23060. Telephone: (804) 269-8720; e-mail: info@vaoralhealth.org; website: http://www.vaoralhealth.org. Available at http://www.vaoralhealth.org/Portals/0/Advocacy/Preg%20Women%20Talking%20Points_Jan2015.pdf.

IMPLEMENTING THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT: REVISITING THE ACA’S ESSENTIAL HEALTH BENEFITS REQUIREMENTS


This brief examines how states have exercised their options under the initial federal essential health benefits (EHB) framework. Topics include the Affordable Care Act’s 10 EHB categories and state approaches to selection of an EHB benchmark plan, regulation of EHB substitution, defining coverage for habilitative services, and coverage for pediatric dental services.

Contact: Commonwealth Fund, One East 75th Street, New York, NY 10021. Telephone: (212) 606-3800; fax: (212) 606-3500; e-mail: info@cmwf.org; website: http://www.commonwealthfund.org. Available at http://www.commonwealthfund.org/~media/files/publications/issue-brief/2014/oct/1783_giovannelli_implementing_aca_essential_hlt_benefits_rb.pdf.

MARYLAND’S 2014 ANNUAL ORAL HEALTH LEGISLATIVE REPORT


This report provides information about oral health program accomplishments and future initiatives in Maryland. Contents include findings from and recommendations for the oral health safety net program and oral cancer mortality prevention initiative and information about the availability of dentists who participate in Medicaid. Topics include results of the Basic Screening Survey and the follow-up survey; expanding the oral health infrastructure through other programs; Medicaid funding, expenditures, and use rates; dental professional shortage areas; and strategies to improve access to oral health care.

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; (877) 463-3464; fax: (410) 333-7392; e-mail: dhmh.oralhealth@maryland.gov; website: http://fha.dhmh.maryland.gov/oralhealth/SitePages/Home.aspx. Available at http://phpa.dhmh.maryland.gov/oralhealth/Documents/2014.pdf.

MEDICAID MARKET FOR DENTAL CARE POISED FOR MAJOR GROWTH IN MANY STATES


This brief provides findings from a study to measure growth in the Medicaid market due to Medicaid expansion. The brief presents the potential increase in the number of adults with dental benefits and the potential increase in the number of adults enrolled in Medicaid managed care plans with limited dental benefits in four states. The brief also examines the potential increase in the number of children with Medicaid dental benefits by state.

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MODEL LEGISLATION REQUIRING A SAFETY WARNING FOR SUGAR-SWEETENED BEVERAGES


This document provides model legislation for states implementing a policy requiring a safety warning on sugar-sweetened beverage (SSB) containers and packaging. Contents include model legislation to assist states seeking to increase consumer awareness about the health risks of consuming SSBs and to help them make informed choices. An accompanying set of evidence-based facts that support the legislation is also available.


SNACKS, SWEETENED BEVERAGES, ADDED SUGARS, AND SCHOOLS


This statement updates progress since the American Academy of Pediatrics’ Council on School Health issued its policy statement “Soft Drinks in Schools” in 2004 and highlights new opportunities for improving the quality of food provided in schools. Topics include optimal nutrition for children and adolescents, national school meal programs, items sold in competition with school meals, new nutrition standards’ food and beverage requirements, informal sources of foods and beverages, and recommendations for improving food quality in schools.


MORE DENTAL BENEFITS OPTIONS IN 2015 HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACES


This research brief compares dental benefits offerings in 2015 to the offerings in 2014, focusing on the federally facilitated marketplace (FFM) and select state-based marketplaces. Topics include dental benefits offered within medical plans and stand-alone dental plans and the amount of information available to consumers when they are shopping for dental benefits through the FFM. The brief concludes with a discussion of the findings’ policy implications.

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THE VOTES ARE IN: ADVOCATING FOR MEDICAID ADULT DENTAL COVERAGE IN WASHINGTON


This toolkit describes strategies used to restore the Medicaid adult dental program in Washington. Topics include adapting advocacy materials to suit local needs, working with state policymakers, initiating a media campaign, and using social media tools.

Contact: Washington Dental Service Foundation, P.O. Box 75983, Seattle, WA 98175-0983. Telephone: (206) 528-2372; e-mail: info@deltadentalwa.com; website: http://www.deltadentalwa.com; Available at http://www.oralhealthwatch.org/wp-content/uploads/adult_medicaid_policy_overview_2014_04.pdf.
COMMUNITY WATER FLUORIDATION SPEAKING POINTS: PEDIATRICIANS & HEALTH PROFESSIONALS


This document for pediatricians and other child health professionals and caregivers focuses on the role of community water fluoridation (CWF) in preventing dental caries. Contents include facts about fluoride and fluoride safety. The document also links to information on health, to medical organizations that support CWF, and to key recommendations for disease prevention for parents and families.


FLUOROSIS FACTS: A GUIDE FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS


This document for health professionals provides information about the importance of fluoride in preventing tooth decay in children and tips on discussing fluorosis with families who may have questions about the condition. Contents include the definition, occurrence, and prevalence of fluorosis; fluorosis and toothpaste and other oral health products; and risk assessment and prevention. The document is available in English and Spanish. A companion resource for parents and caregivers is also available.


PROFESSIONAL-CLIENT TOOLS

ALBUQUERQUE AREA DENTAL SUPPORT CENTER RESOURCE COLLECTION


This document for health professionals describes materials to address oral health in American Indian/Alaska Native populations across the lifespan. Contents include descriptions of books, binders, electronic media, patient-education materials, posters, presentations, and other materials.


BRUSH UP ON ORAL HEALTH


This newsletter provides Head Start staff with information on current practice, practical tips for staff to share with parents for promoting good oral health, and recipes for healthy snacks that children can make with Head Start staff or at home with their 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. Recent topics include choosing healthy behaviors, healthy bedtime habits, dental clinic care for children with disabilities, autism spectrum disorder, and smoking.

**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. The tip sheet is available in English and Spanish.

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**LAND OF SMILES**


These videos and corresponding lesson plan activity sheets, which are part of the Land of Smiles curriculum, are designed to teach students in kindergarten through third grade about oral health. Topics include tooth basics, cavities, plaque, visiting the dentist, and the relationship between healthy mouths and healthy bodies. The curriculum also includes live performances in schools and at community events.

**Contact:** Delta Dental Plans Association, 1515 West 22nd Street, Suite 450, Oak Brook, IL 60523. Website: [https://www.deltadental.com](https://www.deltadental.com). Available at [http://www.landofsmilesprogram.org](http://www.landofsmilesprogram.org).

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**TEMPLATE LETTER TO PATIENTS ABOUT COMMUNITY WATER FLUORIDATION**


This letter for pediatricians and other child health professionals and caregivers to share with clients provides information and resources about the role of community water fluoridation (CWF) in preventing tooth decay. Contents include facts about fluoride and fluoride safety, as well as links to federal agency and professional organization websites and other CWF resources.


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**PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND PRACTICE**

**2014 PERINATAL CARE RECOMMENDATIONS**


This document provides a core set of perinatal clinical care guidelines for the general population. Contents include guidelines for the first prenatal visit (6 to 12 weeks) and at each subsequent prenatal visit (13 to 42 weeks). Topics include initial and interval history; psychosocial assessment; physical examinations; immunizations; laboratory evaluation and additional testing; oral health; genetic counseling, screening, and testing; general counseling, education, and discussion; and the
postpartum visit. Resources and a list of supporting organizations are also available.

**Contact:** Massachusetts Health Quality Partners, 42 Pleasant Street, Suite 3, Watertown, MA 02472. Telephone: (617) 600-4621; fax: (617) 393-3433; e-mail: info@mhqp.org; website: http://www.mhqp.org. Available at http://www.mhqp.org/guidelines/perinatalPDF/MHQPerinatal20142015Guidelines.pdf.

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**APPROPRIATE PRACTICES IN SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH EDUCATION**


This document provides guidance for key stakeholders in school-based health education, including but not limited to health educators, physical educators, school nurses, principals, teacher evaluators, community members, and higher-education faculty. The document discusses best practices to support the implementation of effective health education as a critical component of any school system and to enhance communication among stakeholders involved in school-based health education.

**Contact:** Society of Health and Physical Educators, 1900 Association Drive, Reston, VA 20191-1598. Telephone: (800) 213-7193; fax: (703) 476-9527; website: http://www.shapeamerica.org. Available at http://www.shapeamerica.org/publications/products/upload/AppropriatePracticesSchoolBasedHealthEducation.pdf.

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**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 December 2014 issue includes news from the American Association for Community Dental Programs’ (AACDP’s) president; a legislative, regulatory, and policy update focusing on the Affordable Care Act, retail clinics, accountable care organizations, patient-centered medical homes, and innovations at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services; descriptions and links to useful oral-health-related materials; information about the AACDP awards call for nominations and the annual AACDP symposium; and AACDP executive committee member contact information.

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**Contact:** American Association for Community Dental Programs, 635 West Seventh Street, Suite 309, Cincinnati, OH 45203. Telephone: (513) 621-0248; fax: (513) 621-0288; e-mail: info@aacdp.org; website: http://www.aacdp.com. Available at http://aacdp.com/docs/Newsletter_Issue14.pdf.

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**BEST PRACTICES MANUAL FOR SAFETY NET DENTAL PROGRAMS**


This manual provides guidance in best practices for delivering oral health services to people who are unable to secure those services on their own (i.e., providing a safety net). Topics include data for tracking and monitoring and what data reveal, the profit-and-loss statement, scheduling, managing broken appointments and emergencies, billing and collections, developing a sliding fee discount schedule, documentation of sliding fee discount schedule eligibility, payer mix, quality management, treatment plan completion, medical-dental integration, staffing, leadership and team building, and program evaluation.

**Contact:** DentaQuest Institute, 2400 Computer Drive, Westborough, MA 01581. Telephone: (508) 329-2280; (508) 329-2250; e-mail: info@dentaquestinsitute.org; website: http://www.dentaquestinstitute.org. Available at https://www.dentaquestinstitute.org/sites/default/files/Best%20Practices%20Manual.pdf.

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**DEDICATED TO MINNESOTA DENTISTS**


This website describes a loan-repayment program to increase access to oral health care for underserved clients in rural and urban areas of Minnesota by
attracting dentists to practice general dentistry where there is a shortage of oral health professionals. Contents include criteria for eligibility for the program, qualifying area maps (metro and urban), and links to job opportunities.

**Contact:** Delta Dental of Minnesota, P.O. Box 9304, Minneapolis, MN 55440-9304. Telephone: (651) 406-5900; (800) 328-1188; fax: (651) 406-5975; website: http://www.deltadentalmn.org. Available at http://dedicatedmndentists.org.

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**FLUORIDE: CAVITY FIGHTER**


This poster describes ways to maintain good oral health in children. Topics include drinking water that has fluoride; brushing teeth twice a day with the right amount of fluoridated toothpaste; eating healthy foods; limiting sweet drinks, sticky candies, and snacks; and talking to a dentist or doctor about fluoride treatment. The poster is available in English and Spanish.

**Contact:** American Academy of Pediatrics, Campaign for Dental Health, 141 Northwest Point Boulevard, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007-1098. Telephone: (847) 434-4000; fax: (847) 434-8000; e-mail: fluoride@aap.org; website: http://www.ilikemyteeth.org. Available at http://www.ilikemyteeth.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/PosterFluorideCavityFighter.pdf (English) and http://www.ilikemyteeth.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/PosterFluorideCavityFighter-Spanish.pdf (Spanish).

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**FLUORIDE SAFETY: A GUIDE FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS**


This document provides guidance for health professionals on fluoride safety as well as information about what fluoride is and how it is consumed and used. Additional topics include fluoride additives, dietary reference intakes, infant formula preparation, bottled water, community water fluoridation, and addressing health concerns related to fluoride consumption. The document is available in English and Spanish. A companion handout for parents and other caregivers is also available.


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**HEALTH MANAGER’S ORIENTATION GUIDE**


This guide for Head Start health managers provides information about the role of Head Start in fostering a culture of health and wellness for children, families, and staff. Topics include partnering with parents to determine the oral health status of children and pregnant women, developing policies and procedures around oral health, working with oral health professionals, and putting together an oral-health-education plan. Timelines, resources, and strategies are included.

INTERPROFESSIONAL ORAL HEALTH FACULTY TOOLKIT FOR PRIMARY CARE, NURSE PRACTITIONER, AND MIDWIFERY PROGRAMS


This toolkit is intended to facilitate the integration of oral-systemic health content and clinical competencies into nurse practitioner and midwifery curricula. The content is organized by program and describes how to incorporate evidence-based oral-systemic health content, teaching-learning strategies, and clinical experiences into pediatric, family, adult-gerontology, women’s health, psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner, and midwifery programs. Contents include an overview, a user guide, curricular templates, oral health documents and links, and related publications.

Contact: New York University College of Nursing, Oral Health Nursing Education & Practice Initiative, 433 First Avenue, Sixth Floor, New York, NY 10003. Telephone: (212) 992-7023; e-mail: OHNEP@nyu.edu; website: http://www.ohnep.org. Available at http://www.ohnep.org/faculty-toolkit.

NUTRITIONAL STRATEGIES FOR CARIES REDUCTION


This course for oral health professionals focuses on the role of food-consumption choices in preventing tooth decay and promoting oral health. Topics include how the consumption of fermentable carbohydrates affects dental biofilm, how changes in modern eating habits have affected dental caries risk, and food choices that can inhibit caries incidence.


NUTRITION EDUCATION AND HEALTHY EATING IN SCHOOL SETTINGS


This statement supports the inclusion and expansion of oral health in school curricula to reduce the risk of dental caries and to promote children’s health and well-being. The statement also recommends the promotion of healthy foods served on campus following evidence-based practices.

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; website: http://www.astdd.org. Available at http://www.astdd.org/docs/policy-statement-nutrition-education-and-healthy-eating-in-school-settings-march-2015.pdf.

ORAL HEALTH MATTERS


The winter 2015 newsletter provides information on national, state, and local oral health activities as well as on educational materials and other resources. Contents include a message from the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors’ (ASTDD’s) president, executive director, and cooperative agreement manager; a partner, member, associate member, and state program snapshot; and summaries of ASTDD surveys and projects. The issue also summarizes a regional dental public health conference hosted by the University of Iowa’s Department of Preventive and Community Dentistry and priorities of the Children’s Dental Health Project.

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PROMOTING ORAL HEALTH CARE DURING PREGNANCY:
AN UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES


This document provides an overview of activities to promote oral health during pregnancy. Topics include the efforts of federal agencies and national, state, and local organizations to produce publications, advance policy, launch programs, and provide training to ensure that both health professionals and pregnant women are aware of the importance and safety of receiving oral health care during pregnancy. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


SAY THIS, NOT THAT: TIPS FOR TALKING ABOUT COMMUNITY WATER FLUORIDATION


This document for pediatric health professionals provides information about the benefits of community water fluoridation and tips for addressing concerns related to fluoride and bottled water, fluorosis, and infant formula preparation. The document is available in English and Spanish.

Contact: American Academy of Pediatrics, Campaign for Dental Health, 141 Northwest Point Boulevard, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007-1098. Telephone: (847) 434-4000; fax: (847) 434-8000; e-mail: fluoride@aap.org; website: http://www.likemyteeth.org. Available at http://www.likemyteeth.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/SayThisNotThat.pdf (English) and http://www.likemyteeth.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/SayThisNotThat-Spanish.pdf (Spanish).

TOSH (TEACHING ORAL-SYSTEMIC HEALTH)


This website describes a program to engage future primary care health professionals in interprofessional, oral-systemic health clinical experiences. Contents include resources for implementing interprofessional education (IPE) programs and facilitating team-based learning. It includes an IPE faculty toolkit, evaluation tools, icebreakers, and continuing-education resources.


TRAINING HEALTH PROFESSIONALS IN COMMUNITY SETTINGS DURING A TIME OF TRANSFORMATION:
BUILDING AND LEARNING IN INTEGRATED SYSTEMS OF CARE—ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND TO CONGRESS


This report discusses principles of interprofessional education with the building of community-based collaborations and partnerships in primary care practice. Topics include integrating behavioral health care and other services into primary care, collaborative training in community settings, linking oral health care and primary care, and investing in the future of primary care and dentistry.

Contact: Health Resources and Services Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Parklawn Building, 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; website: http://www.hrsa.gov. Available at http://www.hrsa.gov/advisorycommittees/bhpradvisory/actpcmd/Reports/eleventhreport.pdf.


This guide for health centers describes a set of interprofessional oral health core clinical competencies to increase the integration of oral health care into primary health care and the experiences of three pilot projects to implement the competencies. Contents include recommendations to inform planning, training systems, health information systems, clinical care systems, and evaluation systems. Challenges and resources are also discussed.


Why Do Children Need Fluoride?


This poster explains how tooth decay develops in children and the role of fluoride in protecting their teeth from decay. Additional topics include the importance of drinking fluoridated water, toothbrushing with the right amount of fluoridated toothpaste, and talking to a dentist or doctor about fluoride treatments. The poster is available in English and Spanish.


Web-Based Manual of Operations for Public Health Dental Clinics in Virginia (upd.)


This reference manual provides information for Virginia dental public health program operations. Contents include an overview of the history of Virginia's dental public health program and goals and objectives. The manual also addresses topics such as administration, community clinical program operations, sealant program operations, continuing education and professional development, and products.


WISHES: Wisconsin Improving School Health Services Project


This manual is designed to help school districts improve the health services they provide to students. Contents include a school-health-services assessment tool; protocols for dental braces (ligature problems or pain), bleeding gums, or toothache; and protocols for chipped, broken, or displaced teeth. The manual includes sample policies and procedures for emergency nursing services, as well as training for unlicensed assistive personnel on oral care for students who need such care while at school.

**Contact:** Wisconsin Public Health Association, 563 Carter Court, Suite B, Kimberly, WI 54136. Telephone: (920) 882-3650; (414) 875-7257; e-mail: WPHA@badgerbay.co; website: http://www.wpha.org. Available at http://www.wishesproject.org.
PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

THE ABC’S OF ORAL HEALTH AT SCHOOL: ASSESSMENT, BEST RESOURCES & COMMUNITY BASED INITIATIVES


This archived webinar, held on October 15, 2014, describes oral health issues among children and adolescents and how school nurses can identify and use evidence-based resources to promote oral health and improve access to oral health care. Topics include conducting risk assessments, planning and implementing prevention programs, and mobilizing community partners to leverage resources and advocate for oral health in school-age children and adolescents.

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BEST PRACTICE APPROACH: SCHOOL-BASED DENTAL SEALANT PROGRAMS

Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 2015. Best Practice Approach: School-Based Dental Sealant Programs (upd.). Reno, NV: Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 16 pp.

This report describes dental sealants and school-based, school-linked, and hybrid sealant programs. The report also provides an assessment of the effectiveness of sealant programs and examples of program implementation.

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HEALTH NOW (HEALTH EQUITY, ACCESS, LITERACY, TECHNOLOGY AND HOPE. NATIONAL OUTREACH ON WHEELS)


This document describes a national initiative to provide health resources and services to underserved communities. Topics include efforts to promote interprofessional health teams (including dentists, physicians, optometrists, nurses, dental assistants, and physician assistants); partnerships with community organizations, academic institutions, and faith-based entities; and affiliations with community health centers, Federally Qualified Health Centers, schools, and communities of older adults.


OHIO’S SCHOOL NURSE TOOLKIT: A GUIDE TO HELP MAKE GOOD DECISIONS FOR YOUR SCHOOL’S ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM


This toolkit is designed to assist school nurses in planning and implementing an oral health program at their school or in their district. Topics include needs assessments; oral health care education for school nurses, for teachers, for students, and for families; prevention; screenings; and referrals.

Contact: Children’s Oral Health Action Team, Voices for Ohio’s Children, 3311 Perkins Avenue, Suite 200, Cleveland, OH 44114. Telephone: (216) 881-7860; (216) 881-7860; fax: (216) 881-7863; website: http://info@raiseyourvoiceforkids.org/COHAT. Available at http://www.raiseyourvoiceforkids.org/Media/COHAT/COHAT_SchoolNurseToolkit_WEBv2.pdf.
THE VIRTUAL DENTAL HOME

Children's Partnership and the Pacific Center for Special Care. 2015. The Virtual Dental Home. Santa Monica, CA: Children's Partnership. 2 pp.

This document describes the Virtual Dental Home, a system that combines technological advances with workforce innovations to bring oral health care to children where they already spend time, such as at schools and Head Start sites. Topics include barriers to accessing oral health care among children in California, how the system works, client satisfaction and quality of care, and economic benefits. The document also provides information about efforts to advance state policy changes and educate stakeholders about how they can implement the Virtual Dental Home in their communities.

Contact: Children's Partnership, 1351 Third Street Promenade, Suite 206, Santa Monica, CA 90401-1321. Telephone: (310) 260-1220; fax: (310) 260-1921; e-mail: frontdoor@childrenspartnership.org; website: http://www.childrenspartnership.org. Available at http://childrenspartnership.org/storage/documents/OurWork/Dental/VDH_FactSheet_Formatted_Updated_02.26.15.pdf.

PUBLIC AWARENESS AND EDUCATION

BRUSH, BOOK, BED: HOW TO STRUCTURE YOUR CHILD’S NIGHTTIME ROUTINE


This resource describes a program that encourages parents to have a predictable nighttime routine that includes helping their young child brush his or her teeth, reading a favorite book or two, and getting the child to bed at a regular time. Additional information and resources on oral health, early literacy, and healthy sleep for infants, toddlers, and school-age children are included.


COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT FLUORIDE: A RESOURCE FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS


This document for parents and other caregivers provides answers to common questions about the benefits and safety of fluoride. Topics include fluoride in community water systems, fluoridated toothpaste, and infant formula preparation. Questions about fluoride and bottled water, cancer, and fluorosis are also addressed. The document is available in English and Spanish. A companion guide for health professionals is also available.


DENTAL CARE FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS


This fact sheet for parents provides information about finding a dentist who can provide oral health care while accommodating a child’s unique situation. Topics include supports for special needs at the dentist (such as pre-appointments), accessibility, experience, specialized clinical training, and sedation. Steps to finding a dentist are also included. The fact sheet is available in English and Spanish.

Contact: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244. Telephone: (877) 267-2323 (toll-free); (410) 786-3000 (local); (866) 226-1819 (TTY toll-free); (410) 786-0272 (TTY local); website: http://cms.gov. Available at http://www.insurekidsnow.gov/professionals/dental/11895-think-teeth-special-needs_flyer.pdf (English)

HEALTHY HABITS FOR HAPPY SMILES


This series of six handouts for parents of infants and young children provides simple tips on oral health issues. Topics include managing teething pain, brushing children's teeth, choosing healthy drinks, getting fluoride, preventing oral injuries, and visiting the dental clinic. The series is available in English and Spanish.


A HEALTHY SMILE FOR YOUR YOUNG CHILD: TIPS TO KEEP YOUR CHILD HEALTHY (REV.)


This brochure is designed to educate parents and other caregivers of young children about oral hygiene and oral care during early childhood. Topics include toothbrushing, flossing, eating healthy foods, and getting dental checkups and treatment. Additional topics include the importance of primary teeth, tips to help parents keep their own mouths healthy, and resources for finding a dentist. The brochure is available in English and Spanish. [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/childbrochure.pdf (English) and http://www.mchoralhealth.org/PDFs/childbrochure_sp.pdf (Spanish).

MAKING A DIFFERENCE: CHILDREN’S ORAL HEALTH


This document describes a public service advertising campaign to educate parents and other caregivers about good oral health habits and motivate them to get their children to brush their teeth for 2 minutes, twice a day. Topics include strategic and creative development, campaign launch and public relations, evaluating campaign impact, and key findings.


ORAL HEALTH MATTERS: ORAL HEALTH DURING PREGNANCY


This fact sheet for pregnant women provides information about oral health during pregnancy, including the importance of eating healthy foods and practicing good health behaviors. The fact sheet also discusses the importance of primary teeth in infants and young children, tips on oral hygiene, and when to schedule dental visits. The fact sheet is available in English and Spanish.

Contact: Virginia Oral Health Coalition, 4200 Innslake Drive, Suite 103, Glen Allen, VA 23060. Telephone: (804) 269-8720; e-mail: info@vaoralhealth.org; website: http://www.vaoralhealth.org. Available at http://www.vaoralhealth.org/Portals/0/Documents/Find%20a%20Provider%20-%20For%20Web.pdf.

PUT SOME BRUSH AND FLOSS IN YOUR LIFE TODAY


These resources are designed to help educate people in Alabama about the benefits of healthy teeth and gums. Contents include a video and four posters. Topics
include the costs of untreated oral disease; the relationship between oral health and overall health; tooth decay in children; and the importance of toothbrushing, flossing, and regular dental checkups to maintaining good oral health.


TEXT2FLOSS


This mobile application is designed to help adults improve their oral health by sending text message reminders encouraging healthy oral health habits. Interactive features include notifications about oral health, a flossing timer, videos on how to brush and floss, and a GPS-enabled clinic locator.


YOUR CHILD HAS DENTAL COVERAGE!


This series of three fact sheets is designed to help families navigate their child’s dental coverage in Covered California and Medi-Cal. Topics include differences in Medi-Cal dental coverage in Los Angeles County, Sacramento County, and the rest of the state. The fact sheets are available in English and Spanish.


QUALITY ASSURANCE

2014 ANNUAL REPORT ON THE QUALITY OF CARE FOR CHILDREN IN MEDICAID AND CHIP


This report shows the progress made by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and states to systematically measure and report on the quality of care that children enrolled in Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) receive. Contents include information about state-specific findings on quality and access in Medicaid and CHIP and monitoring and improving care for children enrolled in managed care. Topics include primary care access and preventive care, management of acute and chronic conditions, childhood obesity, oral health care, prenatal and postpartum care, and adolescent well care.


2014 ANNUAL REPORT ON THE QUALITY OF HEALTH CARE FOR ADULTS IN MEDICAID


This report summarizes information on the quality of health care provided to adults covered by Medicaid. The report discusses the status of quality measurement and reporting efforts using the Medicaid Adult Core Set and summarizes information on managed care performance measures and performance-improvement projects reported in external quality-review technical reports that states submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Topics include diabetes care, hospital readmissions, emergency department visits, and substance use disorders.
A template to assist state programs in developing action plans is also available.


STATE STANDARDS FOR COMMUNITY WATER FLUORIDATION: WHAT STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS REQUIRE


This policy brief discusses federal guidance on the optimal fluoride level that public water systems should use to fluoridate drinking water and state statutes or regulations requiring community water systems to fluoridate drinking water to a specific concentration or range. Contents include information about state-designated fluoride levels and states likely to change existing statutes or regulatory codes to reflect the federal recommendation.
