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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, and others with the goal of improving oral health services for infants, children, adolescents, and their families. OHRC collaborates with federal, state, and local agencies, national and state organizations and associations, and foundations 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. 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 a copy to the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center, Georgetown University, Box 571272, Washington, DC 20057-1272. E-mail: OHRCinfo@georgetown.edu
Materials

DATA AND SURVEILLANCE

DENTIST SUPPLY, DENTAL CARE UTILIZATION, AND ORAL HEALTH AMONG RURAL AND URBAN U.S. RESIDENTS


This report presents findings from a national study to examine whether adults in rural locations compared to those in urban locations reported lower oral health care use, higher prevalence of oral disease, or both after accounting for socioeconomic and other factors. The report also provides findings on the impact of dentist supply in rural and urban areas in the United States on adult oral health care use and prevalence of oral disease.

Contact: WWAMI Rural Health Research Center, University of Washington School of Medicine, Department of Family Medicine, Box 354982, Seattle, WA 98195-4982. Telephone: (206) 685-0402; fax: (206) 616-4768; e-mail: rhrc@fammed.washington.edu; website: http://depts.washington.edu/uwrhrc. Available at http://depts.washington.edu/uwrhrc/uploads/RHRC_FR135_Doescher.pdf.

GAP IN DENTAL CARE UTILIZATION BETWEEN MEDICAID AND PRIVATELY INSURED CHILDREN NARROWS, REMAINS LARGE FOR ADULTS


This brief analyzes trends in oral health care use in individual states and the District of Columbia. Topics include oral health care use among children and adults enrolled in Medicaid and those with private dental benefits. Data for children and adults are analyzed separately. Policy implications are included.

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_0915_1.ashx.

EMAERGENCY DEPARTMENT USE FOR DENTAL CONDITIONS CONTINUES TO INCREASE


This brief reports findings on trends in visits to emergency departments for oral health care for the period 2006 through 2012. Topics include visits and charges broken down by patient age and primary payer, and policy implications.

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THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN IN RURAL AREAS: A PORTRAIT OF THE NATION


This chartbook presents data from the National Survey of Children’s Health. Contents include indicators of the health and well-being of children, including oral health status; a discussion of supportive and risk factors in the family environment; and a discussion of aspects of neighborhoods that may support or threaten families and children on the national level within high-risk sub-populations for each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Supplemental data tables on child health status, health care, school and activities, a child’s family, and a child’s and family’s neighborhood are also available. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]
and untreated tooth decay in children; and the percent-
age of the population served by public water systems
who receive fluoridated water.

Contact: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
1600 Clifton Road, Atlanta, GA 30333. Telephone:
(800) 232-4636; (888) 232-6348; e-mail: cdc@cdcinfo.
www.cdc.gov/oralhealthdata/overview/nohss.html.

THE ORAL HEALTH OF 1–5 YEAR OLD AMERICAN
INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE CHILDREN: RESULTS
OF THE 2014 IHS ORAL HEALTH SURVEY

Phipps KR, Ricks TL. 2015. The Oral Health of 1–5 Year
Old American Indian and Alaska Native Children: Results
of the 2014 IHS Oral Health Survey. Rockville, MD:
Indian Health Service, Division of Oral Health. 9 pp.

This brief presents findings from a national survey to
assess the oral health status of American Indian and
Alaska Native (AI/AN) infants and children ages 1–5.
Contents include information on the prevalence of
tooth decay in the primary and permanent teeth of AI/
AN infants and children ages 1–5 in 2014 at both the
national and the Indian Health Service area level, as
well as trends in the oral health of this population since
2010. The brief also provides information about the
prevalence of dental sealants on a primary molar tooth
in this population.

Contact: Indian Health Service, Division of Oral
Health, 801 Thompson Avenue, Third Floor, Rockville,
MD 20852–1627. Telephone: (301) 443–1106; website:
www.ihs.gov/doh/documents/IHS_Data_Brief_1-5_Year-Old.pdf.

THE ORAL HEALTH OF 6–9 YEAR OLD AMERICAN
INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE CHILDREN COMPARED
TO THE GENERAL U.S. POPULATION AND HEALTHY
PEOPLE 2020 TARGETS

Phipps KR, Ricks TL, Blahut P. 2014. The Oral Health of 6–9 Year
Old American Indian and Alaska Native Children Compared to the General U.S. Population and Healthy
People 2020 Targets. Rockville, MD: Indian Health Service,
Division of Oral Health. 5 pp.

This brief presents findings from a national survey to
assess the oral health status of American Indian and
Alaska Native (AI/AN) students in kindergarten
through third grade. Contents include information about the prevalence of tooth decay in the primary and permanent teeth of AI/AN students in kindergarten through third grade compared to those in the general U.S. population and to Healthy People 2020 targets. The brief also provides information about the prevalence of dental sealants in this population.

**Contact:** Indian Health Service, Division of Oral Health, 801 Thompson Avenue, Third Floor, Rockville, MD 20852-1627. Telephone: (301) 443-1106; website: http://www.ihs.gov. Available at http://www.ihs.gov/DOH/documents/Data_Brief_IHS_6-9_Year_Olds.pdf.

**THE ORAL HEALTH OF 13–15 YEAR OLD AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE CHILDREN: COMPARED TO THE GENERAL U.S. POPULATION AND HEALTHY PEOPLE 2020 TARGETS**


This brief presents findings from a national survey to assess the oral health status of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) adolescents ages 13–15. Contents include information on the prevalence of tooth decay in the permanent teeth of AI/AN adolescents compared to the prevalence in the permanent teeth of their counterparts in the general U.S. population and to Healthy People 2020 targets. The brief also provides information about the prevalence of dental sealants in this population.


**ORAL HEALTH OF RHODE ISLAND CHILDREN**


This report presents findings on the oral health status of children in third grade in Rhode Island. Contents include school sampling, data management and analysis, screening methods, screening participation, demographic characteristics of children, and oral health outcomes. Topics include tooth decay, dental sealants, impact of race and ethnicity, and socioeconomic status. The report also provides a comparison of the results to Healthy People 2020 objectives and to earlier surveys. Recommendations are included.


**PRAMSTAT**


This data platform provides access to maternal and child health indicators from the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS). Data can be viewed for a single state or across states. Topics include delivery, demographics, infant health, maternal behavior/health, maternal experiences, prenatal care, and insurance. Preconception health indicators include nutrition; tobacco, alcohol, and substance use; chronic conditions; emotional and social support; health care; and mental health. Access to oral health care is included in the All Preconception Health Indicators chart.

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**RESULTS FROM THE SCHOOL HEALTH POLICIES AND PRACTICES STUDY 2014**

This report provides results from the School Health Policies and Practice Study. Contents include school- and classroom-level data on each of 10 components of the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child model including health education, physical education and physical activity, nutrition environment and services, health services (including oral health services), counseling, psychological and social services, healthy and safe school environment, physical environment, employee wellness, family engagement, and community involvement.

Contact: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road, Atlanta, GA 30333. Telephone: (800) 232-4636; (888) 232-6348; e-mail: cdc@cdc.gov; website: http://www.cdc.gov. Available at http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/data/shpps/pdf/shpps-508-final_101315.pdf.

SUMMARY REPORT: SYNOPSIS OF STATE DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS—DATA FOR FY 2013–2014


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

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TEN-YEAR TRENDS IN THE HEALTH OF YOUNG CHILDREN IN CALIFORNIA: 2003 TO 2011–2012


This brief presents 10-year trends in several key health and wellness indicators for infants and children from birth to age 5 in California. The indicators are health insurance coverage, source of medical care, dental visits, overweight-for-age, parents singing and reading to their child and going out with their child, and preschool attendance.

Contact: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, 10960 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1550, Los Angeles, CA 90024. Telephone: (310) 794-0909; fax: (310) 794-2686; e-mail: chpr@ucla.edu; website: http://www.healthpolicy.ucla.edu. Available at http://healthpolicy.ucla.edu/publications/Documents/PDF/2015/Child_Health_Trends_FINAL.pdf.

WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL READINESS PROFILE 2014


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. Contents include kindergarten-entry health data, including oral health data, and potential uses for the data.


POLICY

ADULT DENTAL BENEFITS IN MEDICAID: RECENT EXPERIENCES FROM SEVEN STATES

National Academy for State Health Policy. 2015. Adult Dental Benefits in Medicaid: Recent Experiences from Seven States. Portland, OR: National Academy for State Health Policy. 3 items.

This brief summarizes policy lessons from seven states (California, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Massachusetts, Virginia, and Washington) that added, reinstated, or enhanced their Medicaid adult dental benefits. Accompanying case studies provide in-depth looks at each
state’s choices on adult dental benefits. A companion webinar features a conversation with state officials from Colorado, Iowa, and Washington about their experiences with Medicaid adult dental benefits.

**Contact:** National Academy for State Health Policy, 10 Free Street, Second Floor, Portland, ME 04101. Telephone: (207) 874-6524; (202) 903-0101; fax: (207) 874-6527; e-mail: info@nashp.org; website: http://www.nashp.org. Available at http://www.nashp.org/adult-dental-benefits-in-medicaid-recent-experiences-from-seven-states.

**CHECK-UP ON ORAL HEALTH: A CALL TO ACTION**


This document provides information about the importance of oral health throughout the lifespan, the economic costs of oral disease and oral health disparities, and efforts to improve access to preventive oral health services in Michigan. Topics include gains made in increasing access statewide through the expansion of Healthy Kids Dental, a public-private partnership between the Michigan Department of Community Health and Delta Dental; maintenance of dental benefits for adults enrolled in Medicaid; community water fluoridation; and dental sealants.


**CHILDREN’S ORAL HEALTH**


This resource examines children’s oral health and the role that state legislators can play in improving it. Topics include the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program, access to services, work force issues, and prevention and awareness.


**COMMUNITY WATER FLUORIDATION**


This fact sheet provides information about the safety and benefits of community water fluoridation (CWF) in preventing tooth decay and its complications in children and adults. Topics include the effectiveness of CWF in reducing disparities and saving costs, and the use of fluoride nationally and internationally.

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**COMMUNITY WATER FLUORIDATION BRIEF: HIGHLIGHTS AND LESSONS LEARNED FROM 2014**


This brief highlights the experiences of a sample of five communities across the country that voted to retain community water fluoridation, and it summarizes the key factors that contributed to their successes. Contents include questions to ask and considerations related to understanding the local context, involving key players, establishing a strategy, obtaining necessary funding, and understanding the opposition.

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DENTI-CAL AND THE WISDOM TOOTH(LESS):
A DEEPER DRILL AT A COMPLEX PROBLEM


This brief describes issues that affect oral health outcomes in California. Topics include the health care landscape; expenditures in oral health care by payer; and coverage, access to care, and service use within the Medicaid oral health system. Conclusions and recommendations are also provided.


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FLUORIDATION TOOLKIT: RESOURCE FOR HEALTH ADVOCATES


This toolkit for advocates provides resources for educating communities about water fluoridation. Contents include sample blog posts, a memo for newspaper editors, letters to the editor, tips for talking to reporters, remarks to help parents and health professionals talk to city council or local board members, a resolution observing community water fluoridation’s 70th anniversary, and social media messages. A user’s guide is included.


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INCLUDING CHILD DENTAL BENEFITS IN MEDICAL PLANS IN CALIFORNIA HAD LIMITED IMPACT ON PREMIUMS


This brief examines the impact of embedding pediatric dental benefits within medical plans on medical plan and stand-alone dental plan (SADP) premiums. Topics include costs to consumers obtaining child dental benefits via medical plans in terms of monthly premiums compared to those obtaining dental benefits via SADPs. The brief also describes dental benefits offered through embedded medical plans compared to those offered through traditional SADPs with respect to services covered and cost-sharing arrangements for preventive services.

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INFORMATION ON ESSENTIAL HEALTH BENEFITS (EHB) BENCHMARK PLANS


This resource provides state summaries of health plans in the individual and small group markets that cover the essential health benefits required by the Affordable Care Act (EHB benchmark plans). Benefit categories include ambulatory patient services, emergency services, hospitalization, maternity and newborn care, mental health and substance use disorder services including behavioral health treatment, prescription drugs, rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices, laboratory services, preventive and wellness services and chronic-disease management, and pediatric services including oral and vision care. Information about state-required benefits is included.


KELLY REPORT 2015: HEALTH DISPARITIES IN AMERICA


This report frames the discourse on public health and efforts to advance the development of effective strategies to improve health outcomes in minority communities. Contents include commentaries and reports on improving access to care and diversity in care; medical innovation and digital health; and equity, outcomes, and health disparities. Topics include breast cancer, cardiovascular disease and stroke, childhood obesity, child nutrition and food scarcity, childhood asthma, colorectal cancer, diabetes, hepatitis, HIV/AIDS, lupus, mental health, oral health, and sleep disparities. Recommendations for achieving health equity are included.

Contact: Congresswoman Robin L. Kelly IL-02, 1239 Longworth HOB, Washington, DC 20515.

MEDICAID: CONSIDERATIONS WHEN WORKING WITH THE STATE TO DEVELOP AN EFFECTIVE RFP/DENTAL CONTRACT


This toolkit for state dental associations and Medicaid programs focuses on key diagnostic elements to consider when developing a dental program contract. Topics include ensuring an adequate network, enrollment and credentialing, securing the dentist-patient relationship, continuity of care, fee schedule and reimbursement, claims processing and appeals, the role of peers in resolving issues, monitoring education and outreach, coordination of care, contractor administrative performance monitoring, use and quality of care for enrolled populations, use management, member and provider manuals, and medical necessity and processing policies.

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MEDICAID ADULT DENTAL BENEFITS: AN OVERVIEW


This fact sheet describes opportunities to expand dental coverage for adults with low incomes in the United States and thereby to help ensure that oral disease is treated. Topics include the scope of the problem; challenges to accessing oral health care for adults with low incomes, including pregnant women; Medicaid coverage of adult dental benefits for base and expansion populations; and state strategies to increase dental coverage and access for adults.
REDUCING EARLY CHILDHOOD TOOTH DECAY: LEADING STEPS FOR STATE POLICYMAKERS


This issue brief for state policymakers describes the problem of early childhood caries (ECC) and the leadership needed to address the problem. Topics include the proportion of children with untreated ECC, the disproportionate impact of untreated ECC on children from families with low incomes, and the important role of state leaders (including Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program managers) in assessing policy and implementing next steps. Topics include emphasizing prevention, promoting risk assessments and individualized care plans for children at high risk for ECC, and educating and engaging parents.


THE ORAL HEALTH CRISIS AMONG NATIVE AMERICANS


This fact sheet provides information about untreated tooth decay among American Indian children and about untreated tooth decay and gum disease among American Indian adults. Topics include support for oral health in tribal communities and efforts to expand access to oral health care by adding dental health aide therapists to the oral health team.


POLICY STATEMENTS


These statements reflect the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors’ stance on dental public health issues. Topics include community water fluoridation, dental amalgam, dental sealants and bisphenol A, early childhood caries, first dental visit by age 1, fluoride supplements, fluoride varnish, health care reform, Healthy People 2020 and the oral health leading health indicator, integrating oral health education into health education curricula in schools, integrating oral health into the school health model, nutrition education and healthy eating in school settings, perinatal oral health, preventing tobacco use and eliminating exposure to secondhand smoke, school-based fluoride mouthrinse programs, school-based or school-linked mobile or portable services, school dental sealant programs, state-based oral-health-surveillance systems, and state oral health program infrastructure and capacity.

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REDUCING EARLY CHILDHOOD TOOTH DECAY: AN OVERVIEW FOR STATE POLICYMAKERS


This issue brief for state policymakers describes the problem of early childhood caries (ECC) in participants enrolled in Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The brief defines ECC, describes the disproportionate impact of ECC on children ages 2–5 from families...
with low incomes and from minority households, and outlines ways that states can promote ECC prevention and management within Medicaid and CHIP policies. Topics include emphasizing prevention, assessing and addressing risk, educating and engaging parents, and supporting providers.


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**REDUCING EARLY CHILDHOOD TOOTH DECAY: STRATEGIES FOR STATE MEDICAID AND CHIP DENTAL PROGRAM MANAGERS**


This issue brief for state oral health program managers presents strategies for preventing and managing early childhood caries in children enrolled in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The brief also provides examples of state efforts to implement prevention, risk-assessment, care-plan, and quality-improvement strategies in Medicaid and CHIP.


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**REPORT TO THE CONGRESS ON MEDICAID AND CHIP**


This report focuses on aspects of Medicaid’s mission to ensure access to high-quality health services and the program’s future as a major health care payer driving health system change toward value. Topics include using Medicaid supplemental payments to drive delivery-system reform, Medicaid coverage of dental benefits for adults, the intersection of Medicaid and child welfare, behavioral health in the Medicaid program, and the use of psychotropic medications among Medicaid beneficiaries.


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**STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP IN ADDRESSING CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS IN SCHOOLS: CASE STUDIES FROM MASSACHUSETTS AND MISSOURI**


These case studies highlight the work and accomplishments of state health agencies in Massachusetts and Missouri in addressing chronic health conditions in the school environment. Topics include collaborating with health and education partners; strengthening school nursing infrastructure and health services, including oral health services; identifying and tracking students with chronic health conditions; and meeting management and care needs of students with chronic health conditions.

STATEMENT ON THE EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THE SAFETY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF COMMUNITY WATER FLUORIDATION


This statement focuses on the safety and benefits of community water fluoridation (CWF). Contents include evidence showing that CWF programs are an effective, cost-saving, and safe intervention for preventing tooth decay and promoting oral health across the lifespan. The effectiveness of CWF compared with other methods of fluoride delivery is discussed, along with the return on investment of CWF, both for families and for the health care system as a whole. Risks that may accompany CWF are addressed.

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STATES STALLED ON DENTAL SEALANT PROGRAMS


This report presents findings from a survey of dental directors and state dental boards to assess progress on four benchmarks reflecting the reach, efficiency, and effectiveness of state dental sealant programs. Topics include the extent to which sealant programs are serving high-need schools, whether dental hygienists are allowed to place sealants in school programs without a dentist’s prior exam, whether states collect data and participate in a national database, and the proportion of students receiving sealants across the state. State fact sheets are also available.


U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE RECOMMENDATION FOR FLUORIDE CONCENTRATION IN DRINKING WATER FOR THE PREVENTION OF DENTAL CARIES


This recommendation updates and replaces the U.S. Public Health Service 1962 Drinking Water Standards related to community water fluoridation. Topics include the rationale, the process, an overview of public comments, monitoring implementation of the new recommendation, and conclusions.

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WATER FLUORIDATION: ISSUE BRIEF


This brief describes the water fluoridation process, the public health impact of water fluoridation, and the legal framework governing water fluoridation. Topics include the complementary roles that federal, state, and local governments play in water fluoridation.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND PRACTICE

ASTDD BASIC SCREENING SURVEY FOR CHILDREN PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION TOOL

Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 2015 (upd. ed.). ASTDD Basic Screening Survey for Children Planning and Implementation Tool. Sparks, NV: Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. Multiple items.

This toolkit provides information and resources for planning and conducting an oral health screening of preschool- and school-age children. Contents include a manual, examiner training slides and videos, a guide for screeners, and reference documents. The manual and examiner training videos are available in English and Spanish.

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BRIDGING MEDICAL AND ORAL HEALTH CARE: CASE STUDIES


These resources comprise two case studies of initiatives to train health professionals to assess oral health conditions, implement an integrated medical and dental electronic record system, and incorporate oral health into system reforms. Links to resources that describe technological, financial, and educational approaches to bridging oral health and the health care system are included.

Contact: National Academy for State Health Policy, 10 Free Street, Second Floor, Portland, ME 04101. Telephone: (207) 874-6524; (202) 903-0101; fax: (207) 874-6527; e-mail: info@nashp.org; website: http://www.nashp.org. Available at http://nashp.org/bridging-medical-oral-health-care-case-studies.

CLINICAL PREVENTION AND POPULATION HEALTH CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK


This framework provides a common core of knowledge for clinical health professions about individual and population-oriented prevention and health-promotion efforts. The framework provides a content outline that is compatible with a range of learning outcomes or competencies as determined by each health profession, a structure for organizing and monitoring curricula, and a structure for communicating with and among health professions. The appendices contain models of how the framework content has been integrated into interprofessional education settings, as well as into profession-specific curricula such as oral-health-education curricula.

Contact: Association for Prevention Teaching and Research, 1001 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 610, Washington, DC 20036. Telephone: (202) 463-0550; (866) 474-APTR (474-2787); fax: (202) 463-0555; e-mail: info@aptrweb.org; website: http://www.aptrweb.org. Available at http://www.teachpopulationhealth.org.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES (ECC) RESOURCE CENTER


This resource center for health professionals provides resources for advancing knowledge, treatment, and guidelines related to early childhood caries (ECC). Contents include journal article citations with links to the articles or abstracts cataloged in PubMed. Additionally, the features section shares programs or community lessons that have contributed to advancing the understanding of ECC and approaches to preventing and treating it.

EARLY INSIGHTS ON DENTAL CARE SERVICES IN ACCOUNTABLE CARE ORGANIZATIONS


This brief presents findings from a national survey of accountable care organizations (ACOs) and highlights the extent of oral health care integration within ACOs. Topics include organizational and contractual characteristics, the scope of services provided, and the geographic distribution of ACOs responsible for oral health services.

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ENHANCING ORAL HEALTH ACCESS THROUGH SAFETY NET PARTNERSHIPS: A PRIMER AND RESOURCE GUIDE FOR MEDICAID AGENCIES


This resource focuses on the role that Health Resources and Services Administration–supported safety net providers play in providing oral health care to individuals enrolled in Medicaid and to other populations. The primer describes the types of services provided and the funding mechanisms that support health centers, school-based health centers, and Ryan White HIV/AIDS program grantees. Opportunities for synergies between Medicaid and safety net providers to improve access to oral health care are also discussed.


THE ETHICS OF TEMPORARY CHARITABLE EVENTS


This paper provides guidance for health professionals and patients on ethical challenges that may be presented by short-term charitable events, such as Mission of Mercy and Give Kids a Smile, so that these challenges can be addressed and/or avoided. The paper includes questions that health professionals and patients can consider to minimize potential ethical risks of such events while maximizing the events’ benefits. The concluding checklists are intended to be a starting point that organizations hosting events can tailor to accommodate specific issues that may arise at their events.

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EXPANDING DENTAL ACCESS IN MASSACHUSETTS: CLOSING PERSISTENT GAPS IN CARE


This fact sheet describes the burden of oral disease and opportunities to expand access to oral health care in Massachusetts. Topics include challenges in accessing oral health care, persistent disparities in oral health, and the role of midlevel oral health professionals in providing preventive and basic restorative care in a variety of settings. Policy implications are included.

This report summarizes the proceedings and outcomes of a symposium held on November 6, 2014, in Long Beach, CA, to engage health professionals in discussions about integrating oral health care and primary care. Topics include integrating care through school-based comprehensive oral health care models and traditional health-care-delivery models, aligning health care financing with evidence, global perspectives on integrated care models, and opportunities and challenges for integrating oral health education and practices into primary care.


MARYLAND MIGHTY TOOTH: SCHOOL-BASED DENTAL SEALANT TRAINING PROGRAM


This training program for school-based dental sealant program staff in Maryland provides information about the history, operations, and underlying principles of school-based dental sealant programs. Topics include guidelines for infection control in school-based programs, tooth selection and assessment for dental sealants, the sealant-application process, and program operations. Self-assessment quizzes are included.

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://mightytoothcurriculum.com.
NIDCR STRATEGIC PLAN 2014–2019


This resource presents the mission of and strategic plan for the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research. The document discusses four strategic plan goals: (1) support the best science to improve dental, oral, and craniofacial health; (2) enable precise and personalized oral health care through research; (3) apply rigorous multidisciplinary research approaches to overcome disparities and inequalities in dental, oral, and craniofacial health; and (4) ensure that a strong research work force is dedicated to improving dental, oral, and craniofacial health.


ORAL HEALTH: AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT OF PRIMARY CARE


This paper presents an organizing framework for integrating oral health services into primary care. Topics include a call to action, why focusing on oral health is important, complementary roles for primary care and oral health care, lessons from behavioral-health-integration efforts, the oral-health-delivery framework, primary care transformation, overcoming barriers to integration, tips for primary care practices, and actions to spur implementation. An introductory video and case examples are also available.

Contact: Safety Net Medical Home Initiative, P.O. Box 33400, Seattle, WA 98133-9700. Telephone: (800) 949-7536; (800) 833-6384; (206) 288-2462; fax: (206) 368-2419; kathrynp@qualishealth.org; website: http://www.safetynetmedicalhome.org. Available at http://www.safetynetmedicalhome.org/sites/default/files/White-Paper-Oral-Health-Primary-Care.pdf.

PROMOTING ORAL HEALTH CARE DURING PREGNANCY: AN UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES—JUNE 2015


This document highlights national, state, and local activities to promote oral health during pregnancy. Topics include the Perinatal and Infant Oral Health Quality Improvement (PIOHQI) national initiative pilot grant program (2013–2017) in Connecticut, New York, and West Virginia and the PIOHQI expansion grant program (2015–2019). Additional contents include information about state-coordinated activities to promote oral health for pregnant women in California, Missouri, and North Carolina. Resource descriptions are also included. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PREVENTIVE PEDIATRIC HEALTH CARE


These guidelines for pediatricians represent a consensus by the American Academy of Pediatrics and Bright Futures about the periodicity of health care services for all children. The guidelines emphasize the importance of continuity of care in comprehensive health supervision, including oral health supervision, and the need to avoid fragmentation of care.

TRANSFORMING DENTAL HYGIENE EDUCATION AND THE PROFESSION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY


This paper describes how changes in dental hygiene education and the profession will prepare graduates to serve health and wellness needs. Topics include the future needs of dental hygiene practice; strategies that will contribute to the expansion of oral health services to underserved populations, including mothers and children; and potential curriculum revisions and enhancements to better prepare dental hygienists for future practice.

**Contact:** American Dental Hygienists’ Association, 444 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 3400, Chicago, IL 60611. Telephone: (312) 440-8900; fax: (312) 440-1806; website: http://www.adha.org. Available at https://www.eiseverywhere.com/file_upload/ecd mechanically/1fdd finely2ecec2722e6f6c17e8d4995d1_FINALwhitepaper WithUpdatedLinks.pdf.

CAVITY FREE KIDS: HEAD START AND CHILD CARE CURRICULUM


This curriculum includes lessons, play-based activities, and complementary parent resources that Early Head Start, Head Start, child care, and preschool programs can use to teach children and their families about what causes tooth decay and how to prevent it. Topics include the importance of primary teeth; water and tooth-healthy foods; toothbrushing, flossing, and swishing; and visiting the dentist. Contents include circle time lessons, learning center activities, parent handouts, and family-engagement tools. A list of supplies, instructions, and Head Start learning domains and elements is included.

**Contact:** Washington Dental Service Foundation, P.O. Box 75983, Seattle, WA 98175-0983. Telephone: (206) 528-2372; (206) 528-7339; e-mail: info@deltadentalwa.com; kamundson@deltadentalwa.com; website: http://www.kidsoralhealth.org. Available at http://cavityfreekids.org/resources/head-start-and-child-care-curriculum.

PROFESSIONAL-CLIENT TOOLS

BRUSH UP ON ORAL HEALTH


This newsletter provides Head Start staff with information on current practice, practical tips for promoting oral health to share with parents, 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.


FAMILY WELL-BEING: ORAL HEALTH TIP SHEET


This tip sheet for early care and education professionals describes how to support families with young children in developing good oral health practices. Contents include conversation starters and cultural considerations. Topics include preventing tooth decay, bottle feeding, nutrition, and toothbrushing. Applicable Head Start program performance standards and resources are included. The tip sheet is available in Arabic, English, and Spanish.

FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL CHILDREN’S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH


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; website: http://www.ada.org. Available at http://www.ada.org/5578.aspx.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

2013 NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EPIDEMIOLOGY CAPACITY: FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHRONIC DISEASE, MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH, AND ORAL HEALTH


This report presents findings on chronic disease, maternal and child health, and oral health program-specific epidemiology capacity from the 2013 core epidemiology capacity assessment and supplemental modules. Contents include methods, key results and conclusions, overall recommendations, and next steps for enhancing epidemiology capacity. Topics include the epidemiology work force, factors associated with substantial capacity, outcomes and individual factors associated with substantial capacity, and work force competency.


BETTER TOGETHER: CO-LOCATION OF DENTAL AND PRIMARY CARE PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE ORAL HEALTH


This brief presents findings from a study to assess oral health care capacity in community health centers (CHCs) in California. Topics include the geographic distribution of CHCs with co-located oral health care and primary care; size, productivity, and revenues of co-located sites compared to those without on-site oral health care capacity; and opportunities to improve access to oral health care in CHCs.


CHILDREN’S DENTAL HEALTH BOOKS

University of Maryland Health Sciences and Human Services Library Interprofessional Review Team. 2015. Children’s Dental Health Books. Baltimore, MD: University of Maryland, Health Sciences and Human Services Library. 1 v.

This resource lists books about oral health for children under age 7. Topics include self-care, general information about teeth, and visiting the dentist. Spanish-language books and information about the book review process, interprofessional review team, and evaluation tool are also available.

DOCUMENTING THE LINK BETWEEN SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS & ACADEMIC SUCCESS: A GUIDE FOR THE FIELD


This guide is designed to help school-based health center (SBHC) partners document the link between SBHC services, including oral health services, and academic indicators. The guide includes a review of the literature on the connection between health and academic achievement and strategies for demonstrating this link, ranging from simple, low-cost strategies to more in-depth methodologies. The advantages and disadvantages of each approach are discussed.


DURING PREGNANCY, THE MOUTH MATTERS: A GUIDE TO MICHIGAN PERINATAL ORAL HEALTH


This guide provides information on infant mortality and perinatal oral health in Michigan, guidance for medical and oral health professionals, a visual guide for common oral health conditions, and referral resources to assist in facilitating oral health care for pregnant women.


EDUCATE AND ADVOCATE: ORAL HEALTH DURING PREGNANCY FOR LOW-INCOME WOMEN IN CALIFORNIA


This brief provides information about the Oral Health Advocacy for Pregnant Women and Children project, a collaboration between Maternal and Child Health Access (MCHA) and the Community Clinics Association of Los Angeles County (CCALAC). Topics include the importance of and need for oral health care during pregnancy, changing dental coverage for women with pregnancy-only Medi-Cal, issues pregnant women face related to obtaining oral health care, issues health professionals face related to providing oral health care to pregnant women, the MCHA and CCALAC partnership, and policy recommendations.

Contact: Maternal and Child Health Access, 1111 West Sixth Street, Fourth Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017-1800. Telephone: (213) 749-4261; fax: (213) 745-1040; e-mail: info@mchaccess.org; website: http://www.mchaccess.org/index.php. Available at http://www.mchaccess.org/pdfs/alerts/Oral%20Health%20During%20Pregnancy%20Brief%20Final.pdf.

FLUORIDE IN OUR WATER: FACTS YOU NEED TO MAKE A HEALTHY CHOICE


This video provides information about the benefits of community water fluoridation (CWF) for preventing tooth decay in children and adults. Topics include information about the number of people on public water systems in the United States who live in a place where their community has decided to adjust fluoride in the water to the optimal level to prevent dental caries, and federal, professional, and international support for CWF.

Contact: Pew Charitable Trusts, One Commerce Square, 2005 Market Street, Suite 1700, Philadelphia, PA 19103-7077. Telephone: (215) 575-9050; fax: (215) 575-4939; e-mail: info@pewtrusts.org; website: http://www.pewtrusts.org. Available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ui3lewPY1pw.
FUTURE SMILES PROGRAM EVALUATION: TEACHER INTERVIEW SUMMARY


This report describes a study to evaluate a preventive oral health care program for children in the Clark County School District (Nevada). Contents include an executive summary, background information, study methods and results, and a conclusion. Topics include the value of the school-based program as perceived by teachers and recommendations for improving oral health services and delivery of services in schools.


GET THE FACTS ABOUT ORAL HEALTH


This visual image presents information about the oral health of pregnant women, infants, and young children. Topics include the safety of oral health care and treatment during pregnancy, visiting the dentist, taking care of infant teeth, toothbrushing with fluoridated toothpaste, preventing tooth decay and gum disease, and drinking fluoridated water. The visual image is available in English and Spanish.


IMPROVING THE ORAL HEALTH OF FARMWORKER CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES: FOCUS GROUP AT WESTERN FORUM FOR MIGRANT AND COMMUNITY HEALTH


This report summarizes findings from facilitated focus group discussions about improving the oral health of farmworker children and their families. Topics include integration models in community settings; key components of and barriers to integrated primary care and oral health care models; strategies to address key barriers; resources available to support integration of primary care and oral health care; measuring success; and conclusions.

Contact: National Association of Community Health Centers, 7501 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 1100W, Bethesda, MD 20814. Telephone: (301) 347-0400; fax: (301) 347-0459; e-mail: contact@nachc.com; website: http://www.nachc.com. Available at http://www.nachc.com/client//NACHC%20Focus%20Group%20Summary%2003162015.pdf.

KAISER PERMANENTE NORTHWEST ORAL HEALTH INITIATIVE: FINAL EVALUATION


This fact sheet presents results from an initiative to improve oral health in Oregon and southwest Washington. Contents include information about activities and achievements, return on investment, building a network of services and advocates, and the likely impact of the network. Topics include increasing access to oral health care; implementing policy improvements that support oral health; enhancing oral health education for consumers, public health professionals, and health professionals; creating innovative partnerships for providing oral health care; and reaching diverse populations and communities of color.

Contact: Kaiser Permanente, One Kaiser Plaza, 19th Floor, Oakland, CA 94612. Telephone: (415) 987-2223; (800) 556-7677; website: http://www.kaiserpermanente.
MEETING SUMMARY: DELAWARE ORAL HEALTH 2015 FORUM


This document summarizes a meeting of representatives from health organizations and community agencies held on May 8, 2015, in Dover, DE, that focused on oral health equity, systems of care, and oral health literacy. Topics include innovative initiatives under way across the country and how the activities can be applied locally. Information about individual and organizational strategies for advancing oral health is included.


SAN FRANCISCO CHILDREN’S ORAL HEALTH STRATEGIC PLAN 2014–2017


This document presents a plan to guide the work of the San Francisco Department of Public Health and community efforts to identify and systematically eliminate the causes of oral disease. Contents include the vision, guiding principles, and indicators; an overview of strategies; and individual strategies and tactics. Topics include access, integration, promotion, evaluation, and coordination.

Contact: San Francisco Department of Public Health, 101 Grove Street, Room 311, San Francisco, CA 94102. Telephone: (415) 554-2666; fax: (415) 554-2665; e-mail: health.commission.dph@sfdph.org; website: http://www.sfdph.org/dph/default.asp. Available at http://assets.thehcn.net/content/sites/sanfrancisco/Final_document_Nov_2014_20141126111021.pdf.

REDUCING THE BURDEN OF CHILDHOOD DENTAL DISEASE IN MICHIGAN


This fact sheet describes a program to optimize children’s oral health care in Michigan by increasing the number of children receiving preventive care and advancing care practices in both the health community and the oral health community. Topics include targeting preventive services to children at high risk for dental caries, improving processes and tools for health professionals, implementing a statewide quality-monitoring program, and integrating health-information technology.

Contact: Altarum Institute, 3520 Green Court, Suite 300, Ann Arbor, MI 48105. Telephone: (734) 302-4600; (800) 879-6505; fax: (734) 302-4991; e-mail: http://www.altarum.org/contact; website: http://www.altarum.org/sites/default/files/uploaded-publication-files/DentalDisease_Michigan_011915.pdf.

SEAL RI! SCHOOL BASED DENTAL SEALANT PROGRAM 2013–14


This web map provides data from SEAL RI!, a partnership between the Rhode Island Department of Health and community organizations to provide free oral health services, such as dental sealants, to children while they are in school. Contents of the site are presented by school district. Topics include the percentage of schools served by SEAL RI!, the percentage of schools with 50 percent or more students eligible for the Free and Reduced Price School Meals (FRPSM) program, the percentage of schools with 50 percent or more students eligible for FRPSM and served by SEAL RI!, and the percentage of students in first through third grades screened by
SEAL RI!, and the percentage of students in first through third grades who received at least one first molar sealant. Additional topics include the number of students in first through third grades who received at least one first molar sealant and the number of first molar teeth with sealants placed.

**Contact:** Rhode Island Department of Health, Oral Health Program, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Telephone: (401) 222-5960; fax: (401) 222-4415; website: http://www.health.ri.gov/programs/oralhealth/index.php. Available at http://rihealth.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapTour/?appid=e45438a3d6d431e9cdef37c295832a.

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**SMART MOUTHS, SMART KIDS: IMPROVING DENTAL HEALTH FOR COLORADO STUDENTS**


This toolkit provides information and resources on assessing the feasibility of initiating school-linked oral health services and designing and building a sustainable school oral health program. Contents include resources for generating ideas, assessing community needs, creating a budget, developing a business plan, providing a rationale for activities, framing an idea, building a program, and maintaining and sustaining a successful school oral health program. The toolkit also includes a data application (a targeted and focused electronic health record) that can be used to monitor children's oral health status over time.

**Contact:** Oral Health Colorado, P.O. Box 1335, Nederland, CO 80466. Telephone: (303) 258-3339; e-mail: deborah@oralhealthcolorado.org; website: http://www.oralhealthcolorado.org. Available at http://smartmouthsSMARTKIDS.org.

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**WATER FLUORIDATION AND YOUR HEALTH**

Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 2015. *Water Fluoridation and Your Health.* Reno, NV: Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 1 video (7 min.).

This video provides information about the value and safety of community water fluoridation (CWF). Topics include research on fluoridation, what fluoride is, locating reputable sources of information about CWF, the relationship between oral health and overall health, the impact of oral health on learning, fluoride and tooth decay in children, brushing with fluoridated toothpaste, the cost-effectiveness of CWF, and recommendations for CWF.

**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 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QwqXi3a4GdY.
WHOLE SCHOOL, WHOLE COMMUNITY, WHOLE CHILD: ORAL HEALTH INTEGRATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This document describes components of the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child and how oral health can be integrated into those components. Topics include oral health as an integral part of school health education; physical education and physical activity; nutrition environment and services; health services; counseling, psychological, and social services; social and emotional climate; physical environment; employee wellness; family engagement; and community involvement. Recommendations are 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; website: http://www.astdd.org. Available at http://www.astdd.org/docs/wscc-recommendations-for-integrating-oral-health-into-whole-school-whole-community-whole-child-model.pdf.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

DENTAL QUALITY ALLIANCE: STARTER SET MEASURE ANNUAL REVIEW—FINAL REPORT FROM THE MEASURE MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

This report summarizes the outcomes of a review of the Dental Quality Alliance’s Pediatric Dental Quality Measures Set with the goal of addressing prevention and disease management for dental caries in children. Topics include the review process, the feasibility of identifying children at elevated risk using claims data, data-quality concerns, continuous enrollment, dental sealants among children ages 6–9, issues related to miscoding, and coding updates.

**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/Files/Measure_Review_Final_Report_.ashx.

ENGAGING SCHOOLS TO SUPPORT BETTER ORAL HEALTH FOR LOW-INCOME CHILDREN

This brief describes the role that school-based oral health programs can play in addressing access to oral health care for children and adolescents from families with low incomes. It also highlights opportunities for state Medicaid agencies and public health programs to support school-based efforts to improve oral health among students. Contents include an overview of school-based oral health programs, how to engage school decision-makers and other key stakeholders in advancing school-based oral health, and challenges and considerations related to working to engage schools, students, and their families in oral health.


MEDICAID ORAL HEALTH PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS: A HOW-TO-MANUAL FOR HEALTH PLANS

This manual for health plan staff provides guidance on developing and implementing Medicaid oral-health-performance-improvement projects (PIPs). Topics include selecting the PIP topic, identifying the population, defining the PIP aim, selecting performance measures, establishing the data-collection plan, planning...
the intervention, implementing the intervention and improvement strategies, analyzing data to interpret PIP results, and planning for sustained improvement. A customizable template and a manual for state Medicaid agency staff are also available.


**MEDICAID ORAL HEALTH PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS: A HOW-TO-MANUAL FOR STATES**


This manual for state Medicaid agency staff provides guidance on developing and implementing oral-health-performance-improvement projects (PIPs). Topics include selecting the PIP topic, identifying the population, defining the PIP aim, selecting performance measures, establishing the data-collection plan, planning the intervention, implementing the intervention and improvement strategies, analyzing data to interpret PIP results, and planning for sustained improvement. A customizable template and a manual for health plans are also available.


**MEDICAID ORAL HEALTH PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS: A TEMPLATE**


This document for state Medicaid agency staff describes an approach for developing and implementing oral-health-performance-improvement projects (PIPs). Contents include a template that can be customized for the planning, implementation, and evaluation phases of an oral health PIP. The appendices contain tools for health plans and a glossary of terms. Accompanying manuals for states and health plans provide guidance on completing the template and pursuing activities in each phase.


**MOVING FROM GOAL TO IMPACT: A QUALITY IMPROVEMENT APPROACH TO ADVANCING CHILDREN’S ORAL HEALTH IN MEDICAID**


This brief for states describes a stepwise approach to meeting goals for improving use of oral health services for children enrolled in Medicaid. It describes critical elements of the strategic-planning process, drawing from state experiences. A template that Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs can use to create a state oral health action plan is included.

ORAL HEALTH AND THE TRIPLE AIM: EVIDENCE AND STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE CARE AND REDUCE COSTS


This brief describes research on oral-systemic linkages, state-level experiences with incorporating oral health into reform strategies, and promising local examples. In addition, the brief describes next steps for states wishing to incorporate an oral health strategy into their reform efforts. A companion toolkit is also available.