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Introduction

The Oral Health Resource Bulletin is a periodic publication designed to stimulate thinking and creativity within the maternal and child health 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 National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center (OHRC) library.

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, policies, and reports are especially welcome. If you have any materials that you think might be of interest, please send a copy to

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One dental visit during the 2015 calendar year. It also describes factors that contribute to low levels of preventive oral health services use and guidelines and recommendations for the first dental visit.


**COLORADO ORAL HEALTH SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM PLAN 2016–2020**

This plan provides information about the Colorado Center for Health & Environmental Data’s (CDPHE’s) oral health unit programs and discusses issues related to health equity in the state and nationally. The plan also offers information on CDPHE’s purpose, goals, and objectives.


**CONNECTICUT’S PERINATAL AND INFANT ORAL HEALTH QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: PREGNANCY RISK ASSESSMENT MONITORING SYSTEM DATA FOR EVALUATION**

This report describes the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) and how PRAMS data can be used for evaluating the Perinatal and Infant Oral Health Quality Improvement project in Connecticut. Topics include births and maternal oral health and health care in Connecticut. Contents include PRAMS questions on maternal oral health, oral health care for mothers by health insurance status, and implications and alternatives for project evaluation. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

**DENTAL SERVICES: USE, EXPENSES, SOURCE OF PAYMENT, COVERAGE, AND PROCEDURE TYPE, 1996–2015**

This report presents data from the 1996 through 2015 Medical Expenditure Panel Surveys (MEPS) describing dental use, expenses, source of payments, coverage, and procedure type for the U.S. civilian non-institutionalized population. Estimates are presented for the total population as well as for specific population groups categorized in terms of sex, race/ethnicity, age, income, dental insurance coverage, employment, and education.


**INTERACTIVE COMPENDIUM OF MCH MEASURES**

This compendium provides measures related to maternal, child, adolescent, and family health, including oral health, from different measure sets. The compendium is organized to enable users to browse through measures by measure set, data source category, or topic category.


**KANSAS HEAD START SMILES FOR LIFE: THE ORAL HEALTH OF KANSAS HEAD START CHILDREN**

This report presents findings from a statewide oral health survey of children in Head Start in Kansas. Contents include information about the importance of good oral health, strategies to improve oral health and oral health literacy in families, and factors that impact the oral health of young children. It also includes key survey findings and a summary of strategies that can help improve oral health among young children in Kansas.


**MAKING ORAL HEALTH COUNT: TOWARD A COMPREHENSIVE ORAL HEALTH MEASUREMENT SYSTEM**

This issue brief outlines strategies for a comprehensive and well-aligned system of oral health measurement. Topics include aligning measurement priorities, improving quality and accessibility of data, supporting development and implementation of oral health outcome measures, and encouraging the development and deployment of health information technology that supports oral health integration and value-based care.


**NH ORAL HEALTH BASELINE SURVEY I: IDENTIFYING ORAL HEALTH RESOURCES AND PROMISING PRACTICES IN COMMUNITY-BASED, NON-TRADITIONAL SETTINGS**

This report provides an overview and summary of an oral health baseline survey, which was conducted during 2015–2016 throughout New Hampshire for the purpose of identifying community-based oral health programs that take place outside traditional dental offices. The report discusses models, including child-focused programs; voucher programs; and programs in dental operatories, medical offices, and senior centers and institutional facilities. The report also provides cross-model comparisons and discusses networks for follow-up care and referral, alignment of reimbursement and services, opportunities for increasing integration between oral health care and overall health care, and lessons learned.
SMILE SURVEY 2015–2016: A REPORT ON THE ORAL HEALTH OF WASHINGTON’S CHILDREN

This report presents results from an assessment of oral health among children in Head Start and early learning programs and children in kindergarten and second and third grade in public elementary schools in Washington. Results are compared with 2010 and 2005 Smile Survey results and with Healthy People 2020 objectives and national averages. Topics include oral disease prevalence, decay experience and untreated tooth decay, dental sealants, and oral health disparities.


TRENDS IN THE PROVISION OF ORAL HEALTH SERVICES BY FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS

This report summarizes trends in the direct provision of oral health services by federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) and factors that predict the likelihood of an FQHC offering direct general and/or specialty oral health services. The report provides background on the issue and presents methods, findings, and limitations of the study.


THE USE OF ORAL HEALTH METRICS IN PROMOTING ORAL HEALTH

The report discusses existing high-quality oral health metrics that are reported periodically. It provides background information about oral health and oral disease and presents a list of metrics that may be valuable as a basis for developing, implementing, and evaluating policies and programs to improve the oral health of Indiana residents. Data sources and data on these metrics are included.


ORAL HEALTH IN OREGON’S CCOS: A METRICS REPORT

This report examines oral health care data in the context of Oregon’s health system transformation, including the launch of coordinated care organizations and expansion of the state Medicaid program, Oregon Health Plan, through the Affordable Care Act. Topics include provider distribution, utilization, patient experience, care coordination, and oral health integration. Information about stakeholder groups, technical specifications, and a measure dashboard are included.


PREVALENCE OF SELECTED MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH INDICATORS—UNITED STATES, ALL SITES, PREGNANCY RISK ASSESSMENT MONITORING SYSTEM (PRAMS), 2012 AND 2013

This document reports the prevalence of selected maternal and child health indicators. Topics include nutrition and physical activity, prepregnancy weight, substance use, intimate partner violence, depression, pregnancy intention and family planning, health care services, oral health, health insurance status, infant sleep practices, and breastfeeding practices.

Policy

ARE YOUR KIDS COVERED? MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR THE ESSENTIAL ORAL HEALTH BENEFITS

This paper evaluates Medicaid coverage for a group of selected Codes on Dental Procedures and Nomenclature (CDT codes) that address barriers to oral health and extend beyond traditional procedures most commonly covered by dental insurance plans for the management of dental caries in children. For each code, the paper includes a rationale for coverage, recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, and results that could be achieved by expanding coverage to include the code. Determining code coverage processes and criteria is also discussed, and a state-by-state list of codes covered by Medicaid is provided.


MEDICAID ADULT DENTAL BENEFITS: AN OVERVIEW [UPD ED.]

This fact sheet identifies key challenges related to oral health care access and utilization for adults with low incomes, including pregnant women, and outlines states’ coverage of dental benefits for adults who participate in Medicaid. It also suggests opportunities for states to increase oral health care coverage and access for this population. The fact sheet also includes an overview of Medicaid adult dental benefits.


MEDICAID FEE-FOR-SERVICE REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR CHILD AND ADULT DENTAL CARE SERVICES FOR ALL STATES, 2016

This brief presents findings from an analysis of Medicaid reimbursement rates for oral health care in all states and the District of Columbia. Topics include Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) reimbursement relative to dentists’ fees and private dental insurance reimbursement, Medicaid FFS reimbursement as a percentage of private dental insurance reimbursement for child services, and private dental insurance reimbursement as a percentage of dentists’ fees for child or adult services. Additional topics include Medicaid FFS reimbursement as a percentage of dentists’ fees for adult benefits within their Medicaid programs and Medicaid FFS reimbursement as a percentage of private dental insurance reimbursement for adult services in states with extensive adult benefits within their Medicaid programs.


THE REFORM THAT CAN INCREASE DENTAL ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY IN ARIZONA

This report discusses difficulties related to accessing oral health care in Arizona and how licensing mid-level oral health practitioners (dental therapists) to perform routine oral health procedures could make care more accessible and affordable. Topics include the importance of oral health, crossing the border for care, reimbursement rates, dental therapy, dental therapy supervision, and the safety of dental therapy.

UNLOCKING THE DOOR TO NEW THINKING: FRAMES FOR ADVANCING ORAL HEALTH REFORM

This document outlines findings of an investigation conducted by FrameWorks Institute and explains their implications for communications, outreach, and advocacy. The purpose of the study was to combine theory and methods from different social science disciplines to arrive at reliable, research-based recommendations for reframing effective ways to elevate and explain oral health as a matter of public concern. The document outlines Americans’ attitudes to oral health and related issues and pinpoints the implications of these attitudes for advancing an informed public conversation, outlines a series of communications tools and techniques for reframing oral health, and offers concluding thoughts and a call to action.


WHY DENTAL COVERAGE MATTERS: A TOOL-KIT

This toolkit is designed to help educate policymakers about the importance of oral health coverage. Topics include why oral health is important, consequences of poor oral health, the need for affordable oral health coverage, key messages about oral health coverage, and oral health for children in health reform discussions.


Professional Education and Practice

ANTIBIOTIC STEWARDSHIP TOOLKIT FOR DENTAL PROVIDERS

This toolkit provides dentists with resources to support judicious use of antibiotics in outpatient settings as part of the Illinois Precious Drugs & Scary Bugs Campaign. The toolkit is organized around four core elements set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: commitment, action for policy and practice, tracking and reporting, and education and expertise.


BRIGHT FUTURES: GUIDELINES FOR HEALTH SUPERVISION OF INFANTS, CHILDREN, AND ADOLESCENTS (4TH ED.)

These guidelines provide background information and recommendations for promoting the healthy development of infants, children, and adolescents from birth to age 21, as well as standards for health supervision visits. Topics include lifelong health for families and communities, family support, health for children and adolescents with special health care needs, development, mental health, weight, nutrition, physical activity, oral health, use of social media, and safety and injury prevention. A pocket guide is also available. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

DEAR COLLEAGUE [LETTER]

This letter for health professionals provides information on best practices for oral health care for pregnant women and their young children. Topics include the importance of oral health care during pregnancy, the impact of tooth decay during pregnancy and early childhood, and helping women with low incomes access oral health care during pregnancy and the postpartum period. Additional topics include delivering oral health messages during pregnancy, implementing oral health interventions as part of well-child care, and providing comprehensive oral health care during pregnancy and beginning at age 1.


DENTAL SEALANTS: A RESOURCE GUIDE (4TH ED.)

This resource guide provides information to health professionals about the use and application of dental sealants. The first section describes materials, such as brochures, fact sheets, guidelines, curricula, and reports. The second section lists federal agencies, national professional associations, and resource centers that may serve as resources. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


BRUSH! EARLY CHILDHOOD ORAL HEALTH CURRICULUM: AGES BIRTH TO 5

This curriculum for early-childhood-education (ECE) program professionals includes weekly classroom lessons that correspond to Head Start domains and HighScope developmental indicators. The lessons focus on toothbrushing, visiting the dentist, good nutrition for oral health, the importance of primary teeth, and how oral health relates to success in school. The curriculum is designed to help ECE professionals incorporate oral health education into literacy, science, mathematics, and creative arts.


BRUSH UP ON ORAL HEALTH

This tip sheet series 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. Topics include children with special health care needs, community water fluoridation, dental caries, dental home, fluoride varnish, health literacy, home visiting, injury, nutrition, pregnancy, school readiness, and tobacco.


CDC DENTALCHECK: INFECTION PREVENTION & CONTROL CHECKLIST APPLICATION

This mobile application is designed to help oral health professionals assess policies and practices in their facilities and ensure that they are meeting the minimum expectations for safe care. Contents reflect evidence-based guidelines in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Infection Prevention Checklist for Dental Settings and include a list of administrative policies or observed practices, a summary of basic infection-prevention principles and recommendations for oral health care settings, and links to guidelines and source documents. Users can export results for records management.


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DIVERSIFYING THE HEALTH PROFESSION TO ADDRESS ORAL HEALTH INEQUITIES

This special issue addresses oral health disparities in the United States. The articles focus on inequities, vulnerable populations, and professional diversification and address topics such as dental therapists as a strategy for reducing oral health disparities, the integration of oral health and medicine, dental homes for older adults, and the oral health needs of incarcerated populations.


FEEDING INFANTS AND YOUNG TODDLERS: USING THE LATEST EVIDENCE IN CHILD-CARE SETTINGS

This brief summarizes evidence for promoting healthy nutrition in the early care and education setting. Topics include breastfeeding, shaping food preferences among infants and toddlers, the role of the feeding environment and responsive feeding, introducing infants to complementary foods, and recognizing infants’ and toddlers’ hunger and fullness cues. Feeding strategies to reduce the likelihood that children will develop tooth decay are provided. Policy and practice implications are included.


FEEDING INFANTS AND YOUNG TODDLERS USING THE LATEST EVIDENCE IN WIC SETTINGS

This brief summarizes feeding guidelines for pregnant women and children from birth to age 2 that are directly relevant to the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). Topics include core WIC program services; an overview of the feeding guidelines; and applications of the feeding guidelines in the WIC setting, including staff training on the guidelines, participant education, and breastfeeding support.


HEALTH DISPARITIES IN THE MEDI-CAL POPULATION: DENTAL VISITS DURING PREGNANCY

This fact sheet focuses on oral health during pregnancy among women in California. It discusses the importance of good oral health during pregnancy and provides statistics on rates of oral health visits during pregnancy for women ages 15 and older as well as for those who have private health insurance and those who participate in Medi-Cal.


HEALTHY FUTURES: ENGAGING THE ORAL HEALTH COMMUNITY IN CHILDHOOD OBESITY PREVENTION NATIONAL CONFERENCE—EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This executive summary provides an overview of the Healthy Futures: Engaging the Oral Health Community in Childhood Obesity Prevention National Conference and key findings. It also presents a list of proposed strategies for preventing childhood obesity in the following areas: research, dental students’ education and training, oral health professionals’ continuing education and training, advocacy/policy, consumer-based education interventions, interprofessional collaboration, and reimbursement.

HOW TO IMPROVE WITH THE MODEL FOR IMPROVEMENT

This course provides oral health professionals with information on how to use qualitative and quantitative feedback to evaluate and monitor the quality of clinical and operational service in their practices, identify key areas for improvement, and move toward meaningful change. Through a series of lessons, users learn to use Model for Improvement techniques and plan-do-study-act cycles to effect improvements.


MICHC ORAL HEALTH MANUAL AND TOOLKIT

This manual and toolkit is geared toward Maternal and Infant Community Health Collaborative (MICHC) partners, prenatal health professionals, and oral health professionals in New York. It provides recommendations and tools to promote women’s oral health during pregnancy and children’s oral health. The document also provides background information about MICHC and discusses its purpose. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


ORAL HEALTH 101

These learning modules provide an overview of dentistry and oral health for health department staff and others who do not have formal dental education or dental hygiene education and who would like to have a better understanding of oral health. Topics include oral health terminology, common oral diseases, conditions, and treatments; the interface of oral health and general health; and the oral health workforce, oral health care settings, and financing.


ORAL HEALTH CARE DURING PREGNANCY: A RESOURCE GUIDE (2ND ED.)

This resource guide includes information for health professionals to help them provide pregnant women with appropriate and timely oral health care. The guide describes materials, such as brochures and handouts, curricula, guidelines, reports, and tools. It also lists federal agencies, national professional associations, and resource centers that may serve as resources. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


ORAL HEALTH CARE DURING PREGNANCY: PRACTICE GUIDANCE FOR MARYLAND’S PRENATAL AND DENTAL PROVIDERS

This document provides guidance on oral health care during pregnancy for prenatal health professionals and oral health professionals in Maryland. The document also discusses myths and facts about oral health during pregnancy and oral conditions that can affect pregnant women. A table listing dental pharmacological considerations for pregnant women, a referral form, tips for good oral health during infancy (available in English and Spanish), and an infographic are also included and are available in stand-alone format. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


ORAL HEALTH CARE FOR PREGNANT WOMEN

This document presents clinical practice guidelines for the oral health care of pregnant women in South Carolina. The document contains data on infant mortality and preterm birth, oral health care and counseling utilization, and key findings from the SC Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring Systems.
ORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS: A RESOURCE GUIDE (3RD ED.)

This resource guide provides information for health professionals to assist them in planning, developing, and implementing efforts to ensure that children and adolescents with special health care needs receive optimal oral health care. The guide describes materials, including brochures, fact sheets, guides, manuals, and reports. It also lists federal agencies, resource centers, and national professional associations that may serve as resources. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


PEDIATRIC DENTIST TOOLKIT FOR SEEING PATIENTS WITH MEDICAID: CHANGING CHILDREN'S LIVES ONE SMILE AT A TIME

This toolkit for pediatric dentists offers guidance on providing care to children enrolled in Medicaid within a practice setting. Topics include understanding Medicaid, Medicaid coverage for dental services, why dentists should consider participating in Medicaid, and how to become a Medicaid provider. Additional topics include how to prepare a pediatric dental team to work with the Medicaid system, how to schedule clients, how to find training opportunities for team members, how to administer Medicaid, and how to locate resources.


PREVENTION ACROSS THE LIFESPAN: A REVIEW OF EVIDENCE-BASED INTERVENTIONS FOR COMMON ORAL CONDITIONS

This textbook provides information on interventions for preventing oral disease from occurring, recurring, or progressing, with special emphasis on age-related considerations. Topics include adopting an evidence-based philosophy of practice, behavioral science, risk assessment, dental caries, gingival diseases, preventing damage to oral hard and soft tissues, and head and neck cancers. Additional topics include oral malodor, dentin hypersensitivity, dry mouth, orofacial injuries, prevention in the context of oral-systemic health, preventive considerations in special care dentistry, fluorides, nonfluoride remineralization therapies, and chemotherapeutic agents.


PUBLIC HEALTH INTERVENTION: USE OF SILVER DIAMINE FLUORIDE FOR ARRESTING DENTAL CARIES

This document provides information about silver diamine fluoride (SDF) and how it can be used in Illinois. Topics include background information, indications for use of SDF in children and adults, information about clinical applications and safety, and clinical protocol.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PREVENTIVE PEDIATRIC HEALTH CARE [UPD. ED.]

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


RESOURCE HIGHLIGHTS

These resources for professionals highlight key facts, materials, and websites on oral health topics. Topics include children and adolescents with special health care needs, dental caries, dental home, dental sealants, fluoridated water, fluoride varnish, Head Start, health literacy, home visiting, injury, K–12 education, mobile and portable services, nutrition, pregnancy, primary care, quality improvement, school health services, school readiness, and tobacco. Some of the materials and websites are available in English and Spanish. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


SAFETY NET DENTAL CLINIC MANUAL (2ND ED.)

This manual is designed to help dental clinic staff with all aspects of clinic development and ongoing operations. Chapter topics include essential elements, facilities and staffing, finances, administrative operations, quality management, and clinical operations. Links to sample policies, efficiency tips, professional standards, supply lists, floor plans, design tips, equipment photographs, customizable budget worksheets, funding strategies, quality-improvement plans, fact sheets, and websites are included. [Partially funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


SCREENING AND EVALUATING SAFER DENTAL DEVICES

This form is designed to assist oral health professionals in screening and evaluating devices for clinical acceptability and to increase safety for both oral health professionals and their clients. Contents include information about developing programs to prevent injuries, identifying safer dental devices, developing evaluation criteria, screening devices, and evaluating devices. Instructions for using the sample screening and device evaluation forms are included.


SILVER DIAMINE FLUORIDE PROTOCOL

This document provides information about silver diamine fluoride (SDF) and how to use it. The document offers background information and discusses the efficacy and safety of SDF, requirements for applying SDF in Iowa, indications and contraindications for application of SDF in children and adults, how to apply SDF, and frequency of application for best results.


SILVER DIAMINE FLUORIDE (SDF) FACT SHEET

This fact sheet defines silver diamine fluoride (SDF) and describes the evidence base for using it to control dental caries. Topics include indications, contraindications, and other considerations; recommended protocols; using SDF in addition to fluoride varnish, other professionally applied fluorides, or dental sealants; Medicaid reimbursement; and who can apply SDF.
UNLOCKING THE DOOR TO NEW THINKING: FRAMES FOR ADVANCING ORAL HEALTH REFORM

This document outlines findings from research on how Americans think about oral health and explains these findings’ implications for communication, outreach, and advocacy. Topics include how the public thinks about oral health and related issues, implications of attitudes toward oral health for advancing an informed public conversation, and communications tools and techniques.


Professional-Client Tools

COOK’S CORNER: RECIPES FOR HEALTHY SNACKS—COMPILED FROM BRUSH UP ON ORAL HEALTH (2ND ED.)

This cookbook includes recipes for healthy snacks that Head Start staff and children can make in a Head Start classroom or at home with their families. The cookbook is divided into recipes for dairy, fruit, vegetables, and more. Each recipe includes a list of ingredients, directions, a picture of the prepared recipe, and, where needed, safety tips.


DENTAL CARE DURING PREGNANCY IS SAFE AND IMPORTANT

This infographic and related resources are designed to help health professionals share the message that oral health care is safe and important during pregnancy. Sample images and messages for social media are also available.

**DENTAL FIRST AID**

This flip chart provides instructions to help early care and education program staff, school personnel, and parents manage dental emergencies. Topics include toothbrushing, flossing, teething, dental first aid supplies, toothaches and swelling, and oral piercing complications.


**FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL CHILDREN’S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH**

These materials are designed to help oral health professionals, other health professionals, and educators raise awareness about the importance of oral health during National Children’s Dental Health Month (February). The 2018 campaign slogan is “Choose Tap Water for a Sparkling Smile.” Contents include a program-planning guide, press releases, broadcasting tips, sample newspaper articles, posters, and activity sheets in English and Spanish for children and adolescents.


**PEDIATRICIANS LOVE BABIES AND THEY LOVE BABY TEETH!**

These resources provide information to help parents of infants ask their pediatrician about how they can partner to ensure that the infant’s mouth is healthy. The resources discuss how to care for an infant’s teeth before they erupt. The resources are available in English and Spanish.


**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 and ask their pediatric health professional to check their infant’s mouth starting at age 6 months. The tip sheet is available in Arabic, Chinese, Chuukese, English, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Samoan, Spanish, and Vietnamese. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


**Program Development**

**AN ASSESSMENT OF MOBILE AND PORTABLE DENTISTRY PROGRAMS TO IMPROVE POPULATION ORAL HEALTH**

This report describes a qualitative study conducted to examine peer-reviewed literature on mobile and portable oral-health-service-delivery programs and to inventory state-specific regulations governing these programs. The report describes structural configurations of mobile programs, including emerging models and applications, and the populations targeted for services by these programs. It also details regulatory variation by state for the programs and examines outcomes of preventive interventions through the programs in underserved communities. Case studies of seven programs are included.
ASTDD ANNUAL REPORT

This report summarizes activities of the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. It addresses the association's efforts to increase organizational effectiveness and sustainability and cultivate continuous quality improvement. It also discusses building work force and capacity of state oral health programs and providing guidance and resources; expanding and strengthening strategic partnerships and promoting oral health across the lifespan; and fostering oral health literacy at the individual, provider, community, and health-systems levels.


BEST PRACTICE APPROACHES: PROVEN AND PROMISING BEST PRACTICES FOR STATE AND COMMUNITY ORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

This resource provides information to help state, territorial, and community oral health programs develop public health best practices. Contents include reports on public health strategies that have been shown to be effective. Topics include coordinated school health programs; prevention and control of early childhood caries; perinatal oral health; school fluoride and dental sealant programs; children with special health care needs; state coalitions, plans, and mandates; surveillance systems; water fluoridation; and work force development. The resource also provides access to state and community practice examples that illustrate successful implementation of best practice approaches.


CALIFORNIA ORAL HEALTH PLAN 2018–2028

This plan provides background about oral health and oral disease in California, the need for action, the state’s commitment to improving oral health, and the process of developing the plan. It discusses strategic frameworks and public health concepts that shaped the plan; state and local oral health programs and services; next steps; and goals, objectives, and strategies. A conceptual model of the plan process is included.


COMPENDIUM OF RURAL ORAL HEALTH BEST PRACTICES

This compendium shares best practices, models, research, and policies from across the country to enhance access to high-quality oral health care in rural America. For each item, the following information is provided: contact information; a description of the program’s purpose; a detailed summary of the program; an overview of the program’s effectiveness, with specific examples; and the program’s funding source.


EARLIER IS BETTER: ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM FOR EARLY HEAD START—FINAL PROJECT REPORT 2012–2016

This report describes a partnership to improve oral health in pregnant women and children enrolled in Early Head Start in Wisconsin and, specifically, those enrolled in the home visiting program.
Contents include information about data collection and statistical analysis, partnership overview and processes, training for home visitors and parent educators on using the Parent Oral Health Education Toolkit (POHET), changes in oral health knowledge and behaviors for parents and other caregivers after implementation of the POHET, increases in the number of children with a dental home, and reductions in children's dental caries experience at age 3.


A FRAMEWORK FOR ADDRESSING SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF ORAL HEALTH IN THE COMMUNITY

This brief describes a framework for assessing social determinants related to oral health and creating partnerships to improve oral health among children from families with low incomes. Topics include identifying the social determinants of oral health in a community, mapping and mobilizing community resources through partnership, selecting approaches to take action, and evaluating implementation and impact. Contents include example indicators potentially related to oral health, intervention metrics, and how the framework was applied to select an intervention.


HEALTH BARRIERS TO LEARNING: THE PREVALENCE AND EDUCATIONAL CONSEQUENCES IN DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN—A REVIEW OF THE LITERATURE

This report offers recommendations to strengthen the safety net for children. It describes health barriers to learning, including oral pain and untreated dental caries, and the evidence base for the impact of these barriers on academic success. For each barrier, the report describes the prevalence; the extent of unmet need for services to identify, manage, and treat the barrier; the impact of the barrier on learning; and key points.


IMPROVING RURAL ORAL HEALTH: SIX STATES’ RESPONSE TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ORAL HEALTH STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

This brief explores how six states from different regions of the country (Colorado, Iowa, New Mexico, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and South Carolina) have responded to the Department of Health and Human Services’ Oral Health Strategic Framework. For each state, background information is provided, along with a summary of how the state is improving access to oral health care and advancing oral health interprofessional practice.


INSIDE I-SMILE

This report provides information about I-Smile, Iowa’s oral health program initiative for children. The report offers background and includes information on I-Smile results, the number of children from birth through age 12 who are Medicaid recipients and who received oral health services in 2005, 2011, and 2016; and additional statistical information related to Medicaid and children’s receipt of oral health services in Iowa.

INTRODUCING QUALITY IMPROVEMENT METHODOLOGY: LEARNING FOR ACTION

This document presents findings of the Perinatal and Infant Oral Health Quality Improvement National Learning Network to enhance the evidence base for improving access to and quality of oral health care for pregnant women and infants. The document discusses project activities, the rationale for the quality-improvement processes, and preliminary results of the collaborative. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


IOWA COMMUNITY WATER FLUORIDATION PLAN 2017–2021

This community water fluoridation plan outlines strategies for ensuring that all Iowans have access to optimally fluoridated water. Objectives and activities are discussed. A logic model setting forth long-term outcomes, short-term outcomes, activities, and inputs is included.


I-SMILE™ @ SCHOOL: SCHOOL-BASED ORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS. (REV. ED.)

This manual outlines expectations of agencies receiving grant funds for school-based dental sealant programs in Iowa to help them achieve their program goals. The manual provides an introduction to school-based dental sealant programs and discusses regulatory guidelines; program requirements; forms, reporting, and recording; and budget and funding information. Sample forms and letters are included.


MARYLAND ORAL HEALTH PLAN 2018–2023

This plan is a guide for improving the oral health of all Marylanders. The plan focuses on access to oral health care, oral disease and injury prevention, and oral health literacy and education. A discussion of the implementation of the plan, oral health status in Maryland, and accomplishments in 2011–2017 are included. An overview of the Maryland Dental Action Committee is provided.


MISSISSIPPI STATE ORAL HEALTH PLAN 2016–2021

This plan discusses the burden of oral disease in Mississippi and plans for addressing oral health issues in the state in three core areas: improving the oral health infrastructure, reducing the prevalence of oral disease, and addressing shortages in the oral health workforce. For each core area, goals, objectives, and strategies are provided. Key findings related to demographics, educational attainment, poverty, access to care, sexual health, birth outcomes, and chronic disease factors are presented.


MISSOURI ORAL HEALTH PLAN 2015–2020

This plan provides background information about the Missouri Oral Health Program, presents the program’s guiding principles, and offers information about the oral health status of Missouri residents. The plan also discusses program goals for improving oral health in the state during the 2015–2020 period.
MORE CARE: NARROWING THE RURAL INTERPROFESSIONAL ORAL HEALTH CARE GAP

This paper provides information about initiating interprofessional networks that integrate and coordinate person-centered oral health care in rural communities. Topics include oral health as a national issue with rural implications, interprofessional practice and the oral-systemic health connection, creating networks and a learning collaborative, state offices of rural health and medical-oral expanded care initiation, and challenges and opportunities for innovation. Examples from Colorado, Pennsylvania, and South Carolina are included.


ORAL HEALTH CARE IN RURAL AMERICA

This document offers information about the oral health status of individuals living in rural areas. It provides an overview of the topic, information about action that states and the federal government have taken to improve the oral health of this group, and key facts.


ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM GUIDE BOOK

This document provides guidance on creating school- or community-based oral health projects. Contents include descriptions of activities in the following three areas of the public health model: changing beliefs, changing behavior, and changing the environment. Topics include starting a conversation about oral health, making positive choices easier, and getting involved in local and national public awareness initiatives.


ORAL HEALTH: PREVENTING DENTAL CARIES, SCHOOL-BASED DENTAL SEALANT DELIVERY PROGRAMS

This document provides findings on the effectiveness of school-based dental sealant programs for preventing dental caries and offers task force findings on the strength of available evidence to support such programs. Information is presented on the rationale for the task force finding, including the basis for the finding, applicability and generalizability issues, data-quality issues, other benefits and harms, economic evidence, considerations for implementation, and evidence gaps.


PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT TOOLKIT FOR STATE ORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

This toolkit provides state oral health programs with an orientation to performance management as well as resources to further learning and competency related to performance management. The toolkit includes the following sections: Background, Prerequisites to Creating a Performance Management System, Performance Management Models, Performance Management Elements, and Creating and Supporting a Performance Management System. Each section provides an overview of the topic with definitions, guides, questions for reflection, and additional resources. The toolkit provides examples from state public health agencies, including state oral health programs.
REPORT OF THE SEALANT WORK GROUP: RECOMMENDATIONS & PRODUCTS

This report provides work group recommendations for states to strengthen the ability of school-based dental sealant programs to reach more children, especially those at highest risk for dental caries. Contents include recommendations in the following priority areas: promoting evidence-based and promising practices; communicating with families, the community, and school staff; collecting, analyzing, and reporting data; addressing Medicaid and regulatory hurdles. A summary of the recommendations, an infographic, a questions-and-answers document, and a communications plan worksheet are also available.


RESULTS OF THE WDA MEMBER PERINATAL ORAL HEALTH SURVEY

This article describes a project to increase the use of oral health care for pregnant women and infants in Wisconsin by integrating oral health care into the state’s health-care-delivery system. The article also presents findings from a survey of dentists about their current practice, knowledge, and interest in continuing education related to oral health care during pregnancy. Topics include dentists’ opinions about the barriers that pregnant women face and strategies to increase their use of oral health services. Information about how findings will be implemented is included. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


PREVENTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM: A REPORT FROM THE 2015–2016 SCHOOL YEAR

This report presents accomplishments of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Office of Dental Health, Missouri Oral Health Preventive Services Program, during the 2015–2016 school year. It also offers findings from the oral health screening component of the program. The report provides an overview of the program and offers information about program participants, including their oral hygiene, dental sealant status, treated tooth decay, untreated tooth decay, treatment urgency, and dental caries status.


SCHOOL DENTAL SEALANT PROGRAMS: AT A GLANCE

This infographic provides information about school-based dental sealant programs. It includes statistical information, recommendations for action, and information about the Louisiana Seals Smiles program.


This report provides information about dental service organization (DSO) models, trends in their development, and implications of these trends. The report describes DSOs and discusses their policy relevance. It also presents the hypotheses, design, and analysis elements of a study to further explore DSOs.


Public Awareness and Education

ARIZONA SCHOOL-BASED SEALANT PROGRAM (REV. ED.)

This brochure presents information about the Arizona School-Based Sealant Program, which provides dental sealants to students in grades 2 and 6 who qualify. The brochure explains what school-based dental sealant programs do and why they are important, provides guidelines for who qualifies for the program, and offers statistical information about the oral health of children in Arizona.


BRUSH AND FLOSS CARD

This card is designed to assist women with brushing and flossing their teeth before, during, and after pregnancy. The card is available in English and Spanish. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]
A HEALTHY DIET IS SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT

This bookmark for parents provides tips on choosing healthy drinks and foods and promoting oral health. Topics include the importance of reading nutrition labels, offering water between meals, limiting servings of calorie-containing beverages to mealtimes, offering fresh fruits and vegetables as snacks, and encouraging toothbrushing. The bookmark is available in English and Spanish. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Healthy MOUTHS FOR YOU AND YOUR BABY

This video provides information about what mothers can do to promote good oral health in their infant or young child and why it is important to do so. The video shows an oral health professional explaining to a new mother how to take care of an infant’s mouth, demonstrating how to clean the infant’s mouth, and observing while the mother cleans the infant’s mouth. The video is available in English and in English with Spanish subtitles.

KEEPING YOUR MOUTH HEALTHY IS IMPORTANT FOR YOUR BABY TO HAVE A HEALTHY MOUTH

These resources for pregnant women focus on the importance of a healthy mouth both before and during pregnancy. Contents include a sharable image, an infographic, and a video. The resources are available in English and Spanish.
ORAL HEALTH DURING PREGNANCY/ BABY’S FIRST DENTAL VISIT

This bookmark for pregnant women provides information about oral health and oral health care during pregnancy and infancy. The bookmark offers tips on oral hygiene, nutrition, and dental visits during pregnancy on one side and tips on oral health during infancy on the other. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


PROTECT YOUR BABY’S SMILE & HEALTH BEFORE AND AFTER BIRTH

This brochure for pregnant women provides information about oral health care during and after pregnancy and throughout life. It also offers information about tooth decay and steps that women can take to protect their infant’s oral health. Topics include the safety and importance of oral health care during pregnancy, obtaining oral examinations early, and taking care of oral health at home. Information about accessing oral health care is also included.


SMILE FOR GOOD HEALTH

This tip sheet provides information about the importance of oral health for overall health for infants and children. Contents include tips on preventing tooth decay, such as cleaning an infant’s gums and teeth after feeding; the age 1 dental visit; toothbrushing and flossing; fluoride; and dental sealants. Tips on offering water to children, wearing mouth guards, and avoiding tobacco are also included. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


SMILE SAVERS ACTIVITY BOOKS

These activity books provide information about oral health and promote oral health to children. One book is for children from kindergarten to grade 4, and the other is for children in grade 5 and up. Activities include coloring sheets, crossword puzzles, and word games.


STARTING POINT GUIDE: RESOURCES FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS

This directory provides an overview of resources for families who have children with health conditions or special health care needs in Washington. Topics include tips from parents, legal help, child care and respite care, child growth and development, community health, oral health, family support, financial information, health insurance information, hearing and vision services, information and referral, medical supplies and equipment, mental health, nutrition, recreation programs, school, and transportation. A form for use in case of an emergency is included.


YOUR TEENS MAY THINK THAT THEY DON’T NEED YOU ANYMORE, BUT THEY’LL ALWAYS NEED THEIR TEETH!

These resources for parents provide guidance on helping adolescents make decisions that affect their oral health and overall health. Topics include toothbrushing, flossing, visiting the dentist, eating a healthy diet, avoiding tobacco, and drinking water with fluoride. The resources are available in English and Spanish.

American Academy of Pediatrics, Campaign for Dental Health. 2017. Your Teens May Think That They Don’t Need You Anymore, But They’ll Always Need Their
Systems Integration

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE REPORT

This report presents recommendations for transforming the behavioral health system in Oregon into a coordinated-care model that will integrate behavioral health care with physical care and oral health care. Topics include governance and finance, standards of care and competencies, work force, and information exchange and coordination of care.


HEALTHY SMILES FOR MOM AND BABY “PROMISING PRACTICE”: JEFFERSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE COMMUNITY DENTAL CLINIC

This resource describes a promising practice for integrating oral health into the primary-health-care-delivery system by creating a formal referral process between local public health departments and oral health professionals. Topics include inputs, activities, aims and measures, impact, collaboration and integration, sustainability, and lessons learned. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


INTEGRATION OF ORAL HEALTH INTO PEDIATRIC MEDICAL PRIMARY CARE IN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

This report provides information about an investigation into and analysis of conditions and contexts, attitudes, beliefs, resources, and policies associated with integrating oral health care into care provided at federally qualified health centers. The report presents the rationale for promoting oral health at well-child visits, implementation science (a tool to identify best practices) and study methods, results, and discussion.


WHO MONOGRAPH ON TOBACCO CESSATION AND ORAL HEALTH INTEGRATION

This monograph provides information about systematic reviews of the association between tobacco use and oral diseases and potential benefits of tobacco-use cessation on oral health outcomes. For each systematic review, the methodology, results, and a discussion are presented. The monograph also includes policy recommendations related to integrating brief tobacco interventions into oral health programs in primary care.
