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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 associations and organizations; and foundations to gather, develop, and share high-quality information and materials.

The Oral Health Resource Bulletin is a periodic publication designed to stimulate thinking and creativity within the maternal and child health (MCH) community by providing information about selected materials of interest. Each successive volume is intended to supplement rather than replace previous volumes. The materials listed in the bulletin have been incorporated into the OHRC library. Copies of listed materials can be obtained directly from the contributing party or are available for loan from OHRC to those involved in MCH programs. When ordering materials from the HRSA Information Center, refer to the document code located within the contact information. Inclusion of items in the bulletin does not imply endorsement by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Georgetown University, or OHRC.

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

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Materials

CONSUMER EDUCATION

BABY YOUR ORAL HEALTH: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ORAL HEALTH AND PREGNANCY


This brochure discusses the importance of good oral health during pregnancy. Topics include the effects of poor oral health and periodontal disease on the risk for premature birth or low birthweight infants, visiting the dentist while pregnant, risks associated with having dental work performed during pregnancy, and oral health tips. Internet resources are provided along with brief facts about periodontal disease during pregnancy and risks to the fetus.

Contact: National Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition, 121 North Washington Street, Suite 300, Alexandria, VA 22314. Telephone: (703) 836-6110; fax: (703) 836-3470; e-mail: ldunne@hmhb.org; Web site: http://www.hmhb.org. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.hmhb.org/oralhealth_april03.pdf.

DONALD DENT


This book for preschool-age children tells the story of a boy who gets a toothache as a result of eating too many sweets. Using rhyme and easy-to-understand language, it describes his visit to the dentist and how he was able to improve his oral health by eating healthy snacks, brushing his teeth, and flossing. The text is illustrated with black and white drawings.

Contact: Authors and Artists Publishers of New York, 3 Kimberly Drive, Suite B, New York, NY 13053. Telephone: (607) 273-2780; e-mail: books@aapny.com; Web site: http://www.aapny.com. $10.00, plus $4.95 shipping and handling. ISBN 0-9724922-0-8.

HEALTHY TEETH FOR HAPPY SMILES (REV. ED.)


This brochure provides expecting and new parents with an overview of facts pertaining to the oral health of their infants and children. It includes information on primary teeth, early childhood caries, nutrition, fluoride, dental sealants, teething, and ways to care for teeth at various stages as the child matures.

Contact: Nancy McKenney. Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, One West Wilson Street, P.O. Box 7850, Madison, WI 53707-7850. Telephone: (608) 266-3201; e-mail: mckennr@dhfs.state.wi.us; Web site: http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/health/Oral_Health/pdf_files/pph4078.pdf.

ORAL HEALTH: SELF EXAM FOR ORAL CANCER


This illustrated brochure provides step-by-step instructions for conducting an oral cancer self-exam. Warning signs and risk factors are provided. The brochure is also available in Spanish.

Contact: Mary Kozak. Virginia Department of Health, Division of Dental Health, 109 Governor Street, Ninth Floor, Richmond, VA 23219. Telephone: (804) 864-7780; fax: (804) 864-7783; e-mail: mary.kozak@vdh.virginia.gov; Web site: http://www.vahealth.org/teeth/index.htm. Available at no charge. Also available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.vahealth.org/teeth/documents/oralhealthbrochure-English.bmp (English) and http://www.vahealth.org/teeth/documents/oralhealthbrochure-spanish.bmp (Spanish).
ORAL HEALTH TIDBITS


This fact sheet provides information about tooth decay and early childhood caries (ECC). Topics include ECC prevalence and etiology; foods, snacking, and oral health; oral health and infants, children, and pregnant women; breastfeeding and ECC; and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). The fact sheet also provides references and a chart illustrating the caries process.

Contact: National Agricultural Library, Food and Nutrition Information Center, 10301 Baltimore Avenue, Room 105, Beltsville, MD 20705-2351. Telephone: (301) 504-5719; fax: (301) 504-6409; e-mail: fnic@nal.usda.gov; Web site: http://www.nal.usda.gov/fnic. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.nal.usda.gov/wicworks/Topics/oralhealth.pdf.

ORAL PIERCING


This fact sheet discusses the negative health risks associated with piercing the lip or tongue, including bleeding, infection, and damage to teeth. Sections include an overview, frequently asked questions, and additional resources on mouth jewelry and oral piercing and health.

Contact: American Dental Association, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611-2678. Telephone: (312) 440-2500; fax: (312) 440-7494; e-mail: public info@ada.org; Web site: http://www.ada.org. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.ada.org/public/topics/piercing.asp.

SEAL OUT TOOTH DECAY: A BOOKLET FOR PARENTS


This brochure, for parents of children and adolescents ages 6 to 14, explains what dental sealants are and why they are important for protecting teeth from decay. The brochure includes a step-by-step description (with pictures) of how dental sealants are applied to teeth. This brochure is also available in Spanish.


SEALANTS PREVENT TOOTH DECAY!


This illustrated brochure describes the need for dental sealants and the importance of applying them to permanent molars as soon as the molars erupt. The brochure also explains how dental sealants are applied.

Contact: Nevada State Health Division, Bureau of Family Health Services, 3427 Goni Road, Suite 108, Carson City, NV 89706. Telephone: (775) 684-4285; fax: (775) 684-4245; Web site: http://health2k.state.nv.us/bfhs. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://health2k.state.nv.us/oral/sealant.pdf.

SMILE ... FOR GOOD HEALTH: A HEALTHY DIET = HEALTHY TEETH = HEALTHY ME!—A HEALTHY DIET IS SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT

Virginia Department of Health, Division of Dental Health. 2003. Smile ... for good health: A healthy diet = healthy teeth = healthy me!—A healthy diet is something to smile about. Richmond, VA: Virginia Department of Health, Division of Dental Health. 2 pp.

This colorful laminated card is designed to help parents ensure that their children eat healthy foods that promote oral health. The card explains how eating nutritious foods can help prevent oral disease and maintain overall health. The card also offers suggestions about how to promote good oral health habits and healthy eating in children. The card is written in English on one side and in Spanish on the other.
**Contact:** Mary Kozak. Virginia Department of Health, Division of Dental Health, 109 Governor Street, Ninth Floor, Richmond, VA 23219. Telephone: (804) 864-7780; fax: (804) 864-7783; e-mail: mary.kozak@vdh.virginia.gov; Web site: http://www.vahealth.org/teeth/index.htm. Available at no charge. Also available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.vahealth.org/teeth/documents/HealthDietNutritioncard.bmp.

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**SMILE ... FOR GOOD HEALTH: HEALTHY TEETH = HEALTHY ME. HEALTHY ME = HEALTHY TEETH**


This brochure for parents describes the essentials of infant and child oral health. It explains how to get infants off to a good start with oral health, discusses the importance of beginning brushing and oral health care early; and describes strategies for ensuring that older children enjoy optimal oral health.

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**STOP THE SPREAD OF TOOTH DECAY**


This folder contains a brochure and a poster, each in English and in Spanish, for families with infants and children from birth to age 5. Topics include how germs cause tooth decay, taking care of your own teeth, the benefits of chewing gum with Xylitol, taking care of your children’s teeth, eating healthy foods to keep teeth strong, and simple steps to avoid the spread of tooth decay.


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**YOUR BABY’S TEETH**


This brochure for parents of young children describes how an infant’s oral health affects overall health. The brochure provides tips on infant oral health and includes information on teething, early childhood caries, the importance of fluoride, and when to begin seeing a dentist.

**Contact:** Peggy Bowman. Utah Department of Health, Oral Health Program, P.O. Box 142001, Salt Lake City, UT 84114–2001. Telephone: (801) 538–9177; fax: (801) 538–9440; e-mail: peggybowman@utah.gov; Web site: http://www.health.utah.gov/oralhealth. Single copies available at no charge.

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**EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

**BASIC SCREENING SURVEYS: AN APPROACH TO MONITORING COMMUNITY ORAL HEALTH (REV. ED.)**


This set of materials for training oral health screeners contains a manual, an appendix, a set of Epi Info files, a videotape, and three color reference guides (one for use in screening preschool-age children, one for school-age children, and one for adults). The materials
can be used by screeners with or without oral health backgrounds. The materials also include a technical assistance request form, a planning guide, and an order form for a CD-ROM containing PowerPoint presentations that may be adapted for use in training sessions. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

**Contact:** Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors, 322 Cannondale Road, Jefferson City, MO 65109. Telephone: (573) 636-0453; fax: (573) 636-0454; e-mail: astdd@earthlink.net; Web site: http://www.astdd.org. Manual, appendix, Epi Info files, and planning guide are available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.astdd.org/?template=basic_screening.html; instructions for downloading EPI Info files, videotape, and three color reference guides are available for $10 per set; the examiner training presentation on CD-ROM is available for $10.

**COMMUNITY DENTAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE [ONLINE]**


This brochure outlines courses required for the Community Dental Health Certificate, an online program designed for dental hygienists, dentists, and unlicensed individuals who currently work with a dental public health program. The brochure includes information on the program's four courses, each available for three credits: (1) public health basic principles, (2) public health dental programs, (3) public health communications, and (4) public health principles. The brochure also presents information on learner objectives, program enrollment, and class registration.

**Contact:** Midge Pfeffer, R.D.H., B.S., C.D.H.C., Community Dental Health Certificate Instructor. Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, P.O. Box 19042, 2740 West Mason Street, Green Bay, WI 54307–9402. Telephone: (800) 422–6982, (920) 458–1645; e-mail: moreinfo@nwtc.edu, midge.pfeffer@nwtc.edu; Web site: http://www.nwtc.edu. Preview available at no charge from the Web site at http://online.nwtc.edu/main_certs.htm.

**DENTAL CARD**


These two-sided cards may be used to encourage families to seek regular oral health care for children. One side is a form on which to record a child’s name and contact information and for a dentist to sign and return to school after the child has received an oral health examination and all necessary oral health care. The other side offers tips for school-age children and their parents on proper oral hygiene and oral health care. Topics include dental visits, brushing and flossing, dental sealants, fluoride, nutrition, and healthy snacks. The cards are printed three up on an 8 1/2” x 11” sheet of paper; the paper can be copied and cut apart to produce three cards.


**DENTAL CARIES [ONLINE]**

University of Michigan, School of Dentistry and Voices of Detroit Initiative. 2004. *Dental caries* [online]. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan, School of Dentistry.

These materials are designed to help primary care health professionals, including physicians, nurses, and allied health professionals, screen for tooth decay. Sections include an introduction to dental caries, tooth anatomy, the disease process, signs and symptoms, prevention, screening, and contacts for further resources. Topics include the primary and secondary teeth, early childhood caries, and the importance of screening infants and children. Screening demonstrations for infants and children under age 6 and for older children and adults are provided.

**Contact:** University of Michigan, School of Dentistry, 1011 North University Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1078. Web site: http://www.dent.umich.edu. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://oralhealth.dent.umich.edu/VODI/html/00/toc-dc.html.
DEMENTAL HEALTH SCREENING AND FLUORIDE VARNISH APPLICATION [ONLINE]


This online course provides training in oral screening and fluoride varnish application for primary care health professionals and other medical professionals. It consists of three printed modules on primary teeth care, advice for parents, and information for medical professionals; a book, An Atlas of Common Dental Pathology for Primary Care Medical Professionals; and a CD-ROM that includes the following sections: etiology and prevention of dental caries, strategies for prevention, oral health screening, “lift the lip” examination (video clip), fluoride varnish application procedure (video clip), and the billing process. Continuing medical education credits are available.

Contact: Amos Deinard. University of Minnesota, Department of Pediatrics, 420 Delaware Street, S.E., Mail Code 85, Minneapolis, MN 55455. Telephone: (612) 638-0700; fax: (612) 627-4205; e-mail: deina001@umn.edu. Modules available at no charge from the Web site at http://meded1.ahc.umn.edu/fluoridevarnish. Book and CD-ROM available for $28.50, plus shipping and handling.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES RESOURCE GUIDE (2ND ED.)


This resource guide is designed to assist health professionals, caregivers, and others in the prevention of early childhood caries. The guide is divided into three sections. The first section lists journal articles appearing in the literature between 2002 and 2004. The second section describes the following types of materials: books, curricula, manuals, modules, guidelines, pamphlets, brochures, and videotapes published between 1999 and January 2004. The third section lists federal agencies and national organizations that may serve as resources. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


INCREASING ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE THROUGH PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS: CONTRACTING BETWEEN PRIVATE DENTISTS AND FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS—A HANDBOOK


This handbook explains the contracting opportunities available to private dentists and federally qualified health center (FQHC) administrators as well as the process for engaging these opportunities. It also provides dentists and FQHC administrators with a step-by-step decision chart for establishing and implementing contractual arrangements that meet current federal rules and policy. Section topics include sources of funding for oral health care; service locations and applicable policies and procedures; payment mechanisms and scope of contracted services; billing patients, Medicaid, and other third parties; risk; accountability; roles for federal and state agencies; alternative dental arrangements; and technical assistance. A model contract, endnotes, and a model dental services agreement are also included.


MULTI-LANGUAGE HEALTH HISTORY FORMS FOR DENTAL PRACTICE

This set of health history forms in 21 languages provides oral health professionals with a tool to collect health histories from non-English speaking patients. Each history form is formatted and numbered in the same way, and the history questions require primarily only yes or no answers, so the professional can use one language version to understand answers in another language version. There is also an introduction that describes the use of the forms and two additional forms in English for oral health professionals: a health history interview form for recording expanded information about a patient’s health history, and a medical consultation request form. The set of forms is available in Arabic, Chinese, Creole, English, Farsi, French, German, Hebrew, Hmong, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swedish, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese.

Contact: Peter Jacobsen. University of the Pacific School of Dentistry, Department of Dental Practice, 2155 Weber Street, San Francisco, CA 94115. Telephone: (415) 929-6428; fax: (415) 929-6654; e-mail: pjacobs@uop.edu; Web site: http://www.dental.uop.edu. Single copies available at no charge. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.dental.uop.edu/DentalPro/Health_History_Forms/default.htm.

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ORAL HEALTH WEB-BASED CURRICULUM


This Web-based curriculum is intended for use by primary care physicians, residents, and medical students to improve their effectiveness in providing oral health services for infants and children in Connecticut. The curriculum includes lectures (in videotape or PowerPoint formats) and a case-study browser on topics such as infant oral health, tooth decay and its sequelae, understanding the etiology of tooth decay, screening children for tooth decay, and when to refer children to the dentist. Also provided are a faculty contact list, a directory of which towns in the state have fluoridated water, materials available for downloading to handheld computers, external Web links to relevant organizational sites, and a follow-up test. Continuing medical education credit is available.


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PROTECTING CHILDREN’S TEETH [ONLINE]

Medical University of South Carolina, College of Dental Medicine. 2004. Protecting children’s teeth [online]. Charleston, SC: Medical University of South Carolina, College of Dental Medicine. 1 v.

This packet of materials, printed from the Web site, includes information and resources for parents and the general public, teachers and students, and oral health professionals on protecting children’s teeth with dental sealants. Topics include the importance of dental sealants, who should get them, how they are applied, costs involved, and additional tips on preventing tooth decay in children. Materials include an online videotape; frequently asked questions; a list of online resources; lesson plans for preschool, second-grade, and seventh-grade teachers; and resources for oral health professionals such as information about current practices, a viewpoint videotape, a sample insurance form, and other online resources.

[Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: Medical University of South Carolina, College of Dental Medicine, 173 Ashley Avenue, BSB 447, Charleston, SC 29425. Telephone: (843) 792-3811; fax: (843) 792-1376; Web site: http://www2.musc.edu/dentistry/dental.html. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://etl2.library.musc.edu/sealants.

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PSAs ON ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE, MENTAL HEALTH, AND ORAL HEALTH

Association of Clinicians for the Underserved. 2003. PSAs on access to health care, mental health, and oral health. Tysons Corner, VA: Association of Clinicians for the Underserved. 1 CD-ROM.

This CD-ROM includes nine public service announcements (PSAs), each with an introduction by the Association of Clinicians for the Underserved (ACU). Each PSA focuses on one of the following areas: access to health care, mental health, or oral health. The PSAs aim to increase awareness of the access to quality health care problem and to publicize ACU’s definition of quality health care. Each PSA is between 1 and 2 minutes long and is offered with and without music. There are Spanish versions of the access to health care and the oral health PSAs.
Contact: Association of Clinicians for the Underserved, 1420 Spring Hill Road, Suite 600, Tysons Corner, VA 22102. Telephone: (703) 442-5318; fax: (703) 749-5348; e-mail: acu@clinicians.org; Web site: http://www.clinicians.org. $6.00 member, $8.00 nonmember.

SPANISH TERMINOLOGY FOR THE DENTAL TEAM = TERMINOLOGÍA EN ESPAÑOL PARA EL EQUIPO DENTAL


This book, which is organized into three parts, describes a sequence of Spanish-language interactions between oral health professionals and patients, beginning with the initial greeting and concluding with language appropriate for specialty appointments. Part 1 provides Spanish-language phrases for general communication and administration. Part 2 focuses on patient evaluation and planning care. Part 3 covers delivery of care and postoperative care. Concluding sections include a glossary, a vocabulary list, and a list of informal expressions. An index is provided. A CD-ROM containing phrases used in the book pronounced in both English and Spanish is included with the print publication.


GENERAL INFORMATION

DENTAL SERVICES: USE, EXPENSES, AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT, 1996–2000


This report characterizes how the civilian non-institutionalized population used and paid for oral health care from 1996 through 2000, using the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS). Information is presented on the percentage of people with any use of oral health services each year and the average number of visits per year. Estimates are presented for annual expenses and sources of payment (including out-of-pocket amounts) for specific population groups categorized in terms of insurance coverage, income, employment, and Census region. Also included are a review of the MEPS components; references; and several technical appendices describing survey design, definitions, sample design and accuracy of estimates, rounding, and standard error tables.


HEALTHY PEOPLE 2010: ORAL HEALTH TOOLKIT


This toolkit reviews the Healthy People 2010 (HP 2010) oral health objectives and provides practical advice, methods, resources, and examples to help in planning, implementing, and evaluating oral health objectives at the state, territorial, tribal, or community levels. Chapters include an overview of the toolkit and a history of the Healthy People initiatives and HP 2010 objectives; building the foundation: leadership and structure; setting health priorities, establishing oral health objectives, and obtaining baselines; identifying and leveraging resources; promoting HP 2010 oral health plans and activities; and implementing strategies, managing and sustaining the process, and measuring progress. Each chapter contains a resources section providing Web sites and other sources of information in both electronic and print formats, as well as organization contacts.

ISSUE BRIEF: ORAL HEALTH 2004


This brief summarizes the state of oral health in New Hampshire. Topics include factors that influence oral health among residents such as lifestyle, socioeconomic conditions, work force and geographic factors, fluoridated public drinking water, and the integration of medical and dental care.

Contact: Endowment for Health, 14 South Street, Concord, NH 03301. Telephone: (603) 228-2448; fax: (603) 228-1304; e-mail: info@endowmentforhealth.org; Web site: http://www.endowmentforhealth.org. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.endowmentforhealth.org/theme_oral_health/resources_view.asp?K=3&T=P&R=M.

ORAL HEALTH AND HEALTH IN WOMEN: A TWO-WAY RELATIONSHIP


This fact sheet provides general information and national data on women's oral health. Topics include women's oral health status, the relationship between oral health and general health in women, oral health care, and strategies for improving women's oral health. A list of references and resources is also provided.

[Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


QUALITY OF HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS: A CHARTBOOK


This chartbook is intended to raise public awareness of the state of health care quality for children and adolescents by providing practical guidance (based on scientific evidence and expert recommendations) to help policymakers, health professionals, and advocates consider what actions might be taken to better meet the unique health care needs of children and adolescents. The chartbook includes three main sections: (1) introduction and overview, (2) methods and organization of the chartbook, and (3) charts. Data topics include the effectiveness of staying healthy, getting better when sick or injured, and living with illness; patient safety; access to and timeliness of care, including oral health care; patient and family centeredness; gender and racial disparities; and capacity to improve. As a compendium of data and interpretation, the chartbook illustrates both successes achieved to date and gaps warranting improvement. The chartbook also includes acknowledgements, a summary of charts and findings, a technical appendix, and reference list.

Contact: Commonwealth Fund, One East 75th Street, New York, NY 10021-2692. Telephone: (888) 777-2744, (212) 606-3800; fax: (212) 606-3500; e-mail: cmwf@cmwf.org; Web site: http://www.cmwf.org. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.cmwf.org/programs/child/leatherman_pedchartbook_700.pdf.

SAVING SMILES: 50 YEARS OF FLUORIDATION 1952–2002


This packet includes materials pertaining to the role of fluoride in oral health. The packet contains a brochure explaining the benefits of water fluoridation; a card with the recommended fluoride dosages for infants, children, and adolescents from birth through age 16; a map illustrating the percentage of cities and counties in Virginia that have access to fluoridated water; a booklet on fluoridation facts; and four fact sheets on determining fluoride concentrations and water testing.
school fluoride mouthrinse programs, preventing fluorosis, and fluoridation facts in Virginia.

Contact: Mary Kozak. Virginia Department of Health, Division of Dental Health, 109 Governor Street, Ninth Floor, Richmond, VA 23219. Telephone: (804) 864-7780; fax: (804) 864-7783; e-mail: mary.kozak@vdh.virginia.gov; Web site: http://www.vahealth.org/teeth/index.htm. Available at no charge.

STATE PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACHES TO THE ORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE SHORTAGE


This access brief provides an overview of oral health professional work force issues, including the upcoming shortage of both dentists providing care and leaders at the public health agency level. The brief provides an overview of why the oral health work force is declining; a look at the geographical distribution of dentists, the number of minorities entering dental school, and how they fit into U.S. demographics; and a brief review of national and state strategies that address the shortage. Selected state strategies from Arizona, Arkansas, and Missouri are outlined. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


WISCONSIN MEDICAID DENTAL FACTS FY 2003


This fact sheet provides an overview of Medicaid oral health services received and provided in fiscal year 2003 in Wisconsin. Also included in table formats is information on fee-for-service data, the ratio of percentage paid to percentage billed, rate history, oral health service measures, and the volume of Medicaid claims submitted.


MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

AMERICAN DENTAL HYGIENISTS’ ASSOCIATION (ADHA) AND HRSA/MCHB: FORUM ON ENHANCING PARTNERSHIPS FOR HEAD START AND ORAL HEALTH


This report summarizes the proceedings of the oral health forum held on October 9, 2003, in Chicago, Illinois. The purpose of the forum was to discuss ways that the American Dental Hygienists’ Association can collaborate with the Maternal and Child Health Bureau and the Head Start Bureau to address oral health issues and implement strategies to enhance education, prevention, and access to oral health care. Report sections include promising practices, challenges and issues, opportunities, and recommendations for how professional organizations and agencies can work together to improve the oral health of children enrolled in Head Start. The conference agenda and participant list are included. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

EARLY HEAD START ORAL HEALTH INITIATIVE:
HEALTHY SMILES RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING


This participant folder includes materials for the oral health forum held on November 5, 2003, in Wichita, Kansas. Program topics included early intervention for quality oral health; early intervention services for pregnant women, infants, and toddlers; and project protocols. Folder contents include a flip chart, a seminar agenda, a description of seminar outcomes and speakers, a copy of a PowerPoint slide presentation, a participant directory, a feedback form, a draft copy of the Early Head Start Oral Health Initiative agreement, handouts from presentations, and several brochures and fact sheets.

Contact: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center, Georgetown University, Box 571272, Washington, DC 20057-1272. Telephone: (202) 784-9771; fax: (202) 784-9777; e-mail: info@mchoralhealth.org; Web site: http://www.mchoralhealth.org. Available for loan.

ENHANCING THE DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE: CREATING AN ACTION PLAN—WASHINGTON, DC, FEBRUARY 26–27, 2004


This participant folder includes materials for the conference held on February 26–27, 2004, in Washington, DC. It includes the agenda; lists of participants, presenters, facilitators, and partner organization staff; acknowledgments; a conference evaluation form; and information about the Public Health Foundation. Also included are a variety of articles, brochures, and other printed materials from conference attendees and participating organizations.

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ENHANCING PARTNERSHIPS FOR HEAD START AND ORAL HEALTH: REGIONAL FORUMS SYNTHESIS REPORT


This report summarizes the findings from the oral health forums conducted with the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry in 2002 and the American Dental Hygienists’ Association in 2003. Issues and strategies discussed in the report include (1) data and surveillance of the oral health status of children and families enrolled in Early Head Start and Head Start; (2) workforce issues related to the training of oral health professionals and the geographic distribution of their practices; (3) additional education in child oral health needed for oral health and health professionals as well as Head Start staff, parents, and caregivers; (4) increasing access to preventive care through the use of better reimbursement and streamlined paperwork and through efforts to reduce other barriers to access such as transportation and health insurance; and (5) building partnerships and coalitions to support promising practices and model programs for oral health. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

development; insurance and access to oral health care; coordination, collaboration, and leadership; and funding. Strategies are offered for each of the issues identified. The report concludes with a map of regions designated for the Head Start Bureau. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


ENHANCING PARTNERSHIPS FOR HEAD START AND ORAL HEALTH—REGION X ORAL HEALTH FORUM: SEATTLE, WA, JANUARY 22–23, 2004


This participant folder includes materials for the Region X oral health forum held on January 22–23, 2004, in Seattle, Washington. Items include handouts on the forum goals and agenda; instructions for small group discussions; the small group discussion list; five fact sheets from the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center; information about Head Start, including a bulletin from May 2001 and a schematic model of Head Start from the national to the local level; and informational sheets about the conference venue and activity. Also provided is the participant list, a Head Start program information report for Region X states for the 2002–2003 program year, and a meeting evaluation form. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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ENHANCING PARTNERSHIPS FOR HEAD START AND ORAL HEALTH: REPORT FOR REGION X FORUM


This report summarizes the proceedings of the Region X oral health forum held on January 22–23, 2004, in Seattle, Washington. The conference brought together agencies and organizations to improve the oral health of Head Start children and families. Agenda items include a history and vision for Head Start, opportunities and challenges in enhancing oral health in the region, a road map to goals and process for the forum, a review of group discussions and the plenary session, and next steps. The appendices of the report include a map of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services regions in the United States, the forum agenda, the participant list, outlines of actions steps and issues from the small group discussions, a chart of promising approaches and strategies, and a list of resources and partners identified as critical to strategies. An executive summary is also included. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


GIVE KIDS A SMILE: FINAL REPORT


This report describes the oral health forum held on February 7, 2003, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The purpose of the forum was to convene oral health professionals, other health professionals, legislators, Head Start program administrators, educators, tribal health care and service providers, and others to address the issue of children's access to oral health care. Forum topics included access to services, work force and provider participation, community resources, legisla-
tion, and work force education. The report contains background information and information on the planning process, participants, methods used to develop an action plan, the action plan, conference follow-up, and budgets. The report also includes the forum announcement, a participant list, an agenda, letters of support, an evaluation summary, and handouts. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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#### HEAD START ORAL HEALTH SURVEY


This preconference survey requests information from participants in planning the agenda and content of Head Start oral health roundtables focusing on learning about local strategies used in communities to meet the oral health needs of families. Questions include describing unmet program needs, oral health performance standards, program models, and barriers and successful strategies.

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#### INNOVATIONS IN DENTAL MEDICAID [PRESS CONFERENCE FOLDER]


This folder contains materials presented to attendees at a press conference on the crisis in children's oral health care held on March 24, 2004, in Washington, DC. Topics include the prevalence of untreated oral disease in children from families with low incomes; the adverse effects of dental caries on oral health and overall health; the lack of access to oral health providers; the lack of health care financing for oral health screening, prevention, or treatment; and what states are doing to improve Medicaid access to oral health services. Folder contents include the press statement by American Dental Association president Eugene Sekiguchi, D.D.S., and three briefs outlining Medicaid program administration changes to increase access and enhance outreach and care coordination. Nine additional briefs outline regional marketplace principles to increase access to dental services.


#### MOBILIZING COMMUNITY ACTION FOR ORAL HEALTH CONFERENCE: MARCH 16–17, 2004, CAMP HILL, PA


This participant folder contains materials for the conference held on March 16–17, 2004, in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania. Contents include facts sheets; briefs; reports on the need to improve the oral health of children and families, prevent early childhood caries, and increase access to oral health services; and resources for use by those with an interest in improving oral health. Additional topics include challenges and barriers specific to Pennsylvania, promising practices, and identifying strategies and action steps on issues of access, education, and prevention. The conference agenda and an evaluation form are also included.

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MONTANA HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START ORAL HEALTH ACTION PLAN


This action plan, created at the oral health forum held on January 23, 2004, in Helena, Montana, describes topical areas, recommendations, and resources needed to improve access to oral health services and enhance prevention and education for Montana’s Head Start children. Report contents include an overview of previous oral health meetings and priorities, planning for the current meeting, forum proceedings, workgroup discussion topics, and an outline of outcomes and priorities. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


NATIONAL ORAL HEALTH CONFERENCE AND FOURTH ANNUAL JOINT MEETING OF AAPHD AND ASTDD


This CD-ROM contains media elements from the 2003 National Oral Health Conference, including videotape clips from six conference sessions and PowerPoint conference presentations, abstracts, and programs (in Adobe Acrobat Reader format). Conference photographs are also included.

Contact: American Association of Public Health Dentistry, 1224 Centre West, Suite 400B, Springfield, IL 62704. Telephone: (217) 391-0218; fax: (217) 793-0041; e-mail: natoff@aaphd.org; Web site: http://www.aaphd.org. $25.00 (includes shipping and handling).

NEW HAMPSHIRE ORAL HEALTH PLAN: A FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION


This report describes the work of the Coalition for New Hampshire Oral Health Action, a group of key stakeholders convened periodically beginning in July 2002 to develop a statewide plan to mobilize resources to combat the epidemic of oral disease and, specifically, dental caries in children. Report sections include overviews of the oral health plan development process; findings of the coalition on topics including prevention, health promotion, education, work force issues, financing, safety net provisions, integrating functions, advocacy, policy, and politics; national and regional perspectives; and visions and recommendations. The appendices include the coalition members' letter of commitment; the executive summary from Oral Health in America: A Report of the Surgeon General; data on New Hampshire oral and primary care work force and education, utilization and insurance, and Medicaid and the State Children’s Health Insurance Program; state demographics; and distribution of oral health resources in the state.


ORAL HEALTH FORUM: NOVEMBER 21, 2003


This participant folder includes materials for the oral health forum held on November 21, 2003, in Tempe, Arizona. Forum topics include an overview of children's oral health in Arizona and strategies that work in preventing oral diseases. Folder contents include the forum agenda, a participant list, presentation printouts, draft goals to improve oral health, a card on Xylitol, a fact sheet on products containing Xylitol, brochures in English and Spanish titled “A Healthy Mouth for Your Baby,” eight fact sheets on oral health, and a copy of

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ORAL HEALTH FORUM: SUMMARY REPORT


This report summarizes the proceedings of the oral health forum held on November 21, 2003, in Tempe, Arizona. The purpose of the forum was to address the oral health crisis among Arizona's most vulnerable children. Topics include an overview of the current oral health environment, focusing in particular on tooth decay; causes of tooth decay; the lack of health insurance and access to oral health providers; Medicaid; reimbursement rates; availability of pediatric dentists; and the Head Start response in Arizona. Four charts in the summary identify goals, key partners, and a timeline for implementing the goals. Recommendations are provided. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


ORAL HEALTH ROUND TABLE: OCTOBER 29, 2003—FRESNO, CA


This participant folder includes materials for the oral health roundtable held on October 29, 2003, in Fresno, California. Items provided include the meeting agenda, presentation and meeting handouts, a newsletter from the California Head Start Association, a Head Start oral health survey, and five publications from the National Maternal and Oral Health Resource Center. Roundtable topics included an overview of oral health initiatives in Head Start at the national, regional, and state levels; a review and discussion of the 2003 oral health survey including oral health performance standards; partnership and program models; and barriers. Two discussions covered local strategies and recommendations.

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OREGON HEAD START ACTION PLAN FOR ORAL HEALTH


This report outlines an oral health action plan developed at the Director’s and Specialist’s Meeting held in April 2003 in Eagle Crest, Oregon. Contents include the formation of the Oregon Head Start Oral Health Coalition and plan elements including access to prevention, prevention strategies, access to treatment, and education strategies.


SPRING MEETING AND FORUM: MARCH 18–19, 2003, BEST WESTERN, COLUMBIA, MISSOURI


This participant folder includes materials for the oral health forum held on March 18–19, 2003, in Jefferson City, Missouri. The folder contains the meeting and forum agenda, forum evaluation summary, action plan charts and comments from three Missouri regions, and a participant list. Agenda topics include an outline of the Missouri Oral Health Vista program, successful community collaboration and grass roots lessons learned, a legislative update, a panel discussion on oral health education in Missouri, and task force development.


STATE DENTAL SUMMITS: AN EVALUATION—EXECUTIVE SUMMARY


This executive summary describes the findings and recommendations of an evaluation of 17 state dental (oral health) summits held between April 2001 and December 2002 and funded through cooperative agreements with the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. Evaluation topics include (1) whether these oral health summits were successful in moving forward oral health agendas, (2) how the federal agencies supporting these summits can better understand how funds were used and how the funding eventually affected the oral health activity in the states, and (3) how assistance to oral health stakeholders in the states can be provided as they plan future oral health summits. Summary sections include discussions of evaluation design and methods, survey results, and recommendations for future oral health summit planners and the funding agencies. [ Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


VIRGINIA STATEWIDE DENTAL SUMMIT PROCEEDINGS: SEPTEMBER 29–30, 2003


This report summarizes the proceedings of the Virginia Statewide Dental Summit held on September 29–30, 2003, in Richmond, Virginia. The report includes final presentations and recommendations from the breakout sessions as well as the 2004–2010 Oral Health Plan for Virginia. The report is intended to complement the materials included in the participant folder. Report content includes a commitment form for participation in recommendations set out in the state oral health plan, an order form for proceedings on
POLICY

ADA POLICY BRIEFS


This series of policy briefs highlights innovations to help state legislators understand the necessity of establishing market-based reimbursement for Medicaid oral health services. Other topics covered include ways to improve the administration of the Medicaid program, expand efforts to encourage patient compliance with appointments, and improve public awareness about the importance of oral health. The first three briefs focus on (1) increasing access to Medicaid oral health services for children through collaborative partnerships, (2) Medicaid program administration, and (3) enhancing Medicaid oral health outreach and care coordination. Nine additional briefs discuss using marketplace principles to increase access to oral health services in the following regions: New England, Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, East North Central, East South Central, West North Central, West South Central, Mountain, and Pacific. Each brief provides an overview of state Medicaid reimbursement rates and compares state statistics within the region.

Contact: American Dental Association, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611-2678. Telephone: (312) 440-2500; fax: (312) 440-7494; e-mail: public info@ada.org; Web site: http://www.ada.org. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.ada.org/prof/resources/topics/medicaid_reports.asp.

PREGNANCY AND PERIODONTAL DISEASE


This position paper discusses periodontal disease in pregnant women and its connection to negative pregnancy outcomes, namely, preterm birth. Section topics include oral infections and health, oral infections and pregnancy, premature and low-birthweight infants, periodontal disease, the tooth and the periodontium, 10 warning signs of periodontal disease, facts on periodontal disease, and women and periodontal disease. A directory of related links and references is provided.

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PREVENTION OF DENTAL CARIES IN PRESCHOOL CHILDREN: RECOMMENDATIONS AND RATIONALE


This statement summarizes recommendations on the primary care clinician's role in the prevention of oral disease in young children based on an examination of evidence specific to oral disease in young children. It updates the 1996 recommendations in the Guide to Clinical Preventive Services, second edition. Sections include clinical considerations, discussion, recommendations of other groups, references, a list of task force members and contact information, available products, and a statement on copyright and electronic dissemination.

Contact: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 540 Gaither Road, Rockville, MD 20850. Telephone: (800) 358-9295; e-mail: info@ahrq.gov; Web site: http://www.ahrq.gov. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/3rduspstf/dentalchild/dentchild.htm.
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ORAL HEALTH: TOOTHBRUSHING PROTOCOL FOR PRESCHOOL AND CHILD CARE SETTINGS SERVING CHILDREN 3–5 YEARS OF AGE

University of Iowa, Department of Pediatric Dentistry. 2004. Recommendations for oral health: Toothbrushing protocol for preschool and child care settings serving children 3–5 years of age. Iowa City, IA: University of Iowa, Department of Pediatric Dentistry. 4 pp.

This brochure discusses the importance of including a toothbrushing protocol for Head Start programs and other programs serving children ages 3 to 5 at high risk for tooth decay. Topics include when to schedule brushing and frequency of brushing; where to brush; adult supervision of children while brushing; selection, hygiene, storage, and replacement of toothbrushes; importance of using fluoride toothpaste; selecting and dispensing toothpaste; brushing techniques; and rinsing after brushing. Related references are provided for more information.

Contact: Michael Kanellis. University of Iowa School of Dentistry, Department of Pediatric Dentistry, 201 Dental Science South, Iowa City, IA 52242. Telephone: (319) 335-7486; fax: (319) 353-5508; e-mail: michael-kanellis@uiowa.edu; Web site: http://iowapediatricdentistry.com. Available at no charge from the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center Web site at http://www.mchoralhealth.org/PDFs/ToothbrushingProtocol.pdf.

WHO’S ENROLLED IN SCHIP?


This issue brief summarizes survey findings from Child Health Insurance Research Initiative (CHIRI) projects in five states with separate State Children’s Health Insurance Programs (SCHIPs) that accounted for 30 percent of SCHIP enrollment in 2001. Topics include enrollee demographic characteristics; enrollees’ health care experiences before enrollment; what was learned from the survey of participants in Alaska, Florida (adolescents only), Indiana, Kansas, and New York; and the percentage of children with special health care needs enrolled in SCHIP. Conclusions and policy implications are also discussed. Additional information is provided on the study methodology, sources and related studies of interest, and CHIRI.


This report outlines the current oral health situation at the global level and the strategies and approaches for better oral health in the 21st century. Report sections include a review of the policy basis for the World Health Organization Oral Health Programme; the policy framework, strategies, and approaches in oral disease prevention and health promotion; and priority action areas for global oral health. Topics include why oral health is important to general health and quality of life; oral disease burdens and common risk factors; oral health and fluorides; diet, nutrition, and oral health; tobacco and oral health; improving oral health for the young and the elderly; HIV/AIDS and oral health; oral health information systems; evidence for oral health policy and formulation of goals; and research for oral health. Statistical information is provided in figures and tables throughout the report. Conclusions are also provided.

PROGRAMS

DENTAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS: TREATMENT GUIDELINES AND MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT OPTIONS


This report addresses unique aspects of the District of Columbia Oral Health Initiative, a program that provides comprehensive oral health services for children with special health care needs (CSHCN) in two public schools. Topics include treatment guidelines for oral health services for CSHCN, Medicaid coverage for services and school-based health centers, managed care and examples of different reimbursement systems for CSHCN, and Medicaid coverage of special services. Three appendices provide case study information on comparative programs in New Mexico and New York.


INTO THE MOUTHS OF BABES: NC DENTAL SCREENING AND VARNISH PROJECT


These materials describe a North Carolina oral health program that trains medical providers to deliver preventive oral health services (including oral screening, parent or caregiver education, and fluoride varnish application) to children at high risk for tooth decay from the time teeth begin to erupt until age 3. Topics include preventive procedures, reimbursement, training and evaluation, and an overview of the Medicaid Oral Health Screening program in North Carolina. Also included are a sample brochure about training available to health professionals, helpful hints, a product and procedures list for fluoride varnish application, a sample encounter form, and a fact sheet (in English and Spanish) providing information about fluoride varnish and the care of primary teeth.

SMILE ALABAMA!: CELEBRATE HEALTHY TEETH, HEALTHY MOUTH, HEALTHY YOU!


This promotional pediatric oral health resource kit is intended to help oral health professionals and other health professionals encourage parents and caregivers to obtain early oral health checkups for children eligible for Medicaid. Kit contents include red-cote tablets, small handheld mirrors, stickers and temporary tattoos for children, five program posters, a VHS videotape cassette, a notebook, four pamphlet packets, three certificate packets, a box of one-minute timers, a binder of lesson plans, and a videotape. The binder contains oral health awareness lesson plans for preschool and elementary students focusing on the functions of the mouth, how to brush and why it is important to do so, proper nutrition and healthy diets, and what dentists do. Additional activity handouts and fact sheets are also provided. The videotape covers three concepts: (1) taking charge to fight tooth decay, (2) taking children to the dentist for checkups, and (3) getting the most from dental visits.

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A REPORT OF STATE IDENTIFIED BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATION IN THE WATER FLUORIDATION REPORTING SYSTEM (WFRS)


This study identifies state-reported barriers to the Water Fluoridation Reporting System (WFRS), a multi-state Web-based system for monitoring the quality of water fluoridation that was developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Division of Oral Health and the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. Report sections include background and introduction; a review of the study methodology; results, including an outline of respondents, WFRS utilization, and barriers to using WFRS; a discussion and summary of the findings, limitations, and strengths; recommendations; and conclusions. The appendices include the assessment tool provided to state dental directors and a table of responses to the assessments returned by state dental directors.

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RESEARCH

ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE FOR CHILDREN


This brief summarizes states’ responses to a 2001 survey by the National Association of State Medicaid Directors on access to oral health care for children enrolled in Medicaid. Topics include oral health provider shortages, particularly in rural areas; reimbursement rates; provider attitudes and incentives to increase acceptance of patients enrolled in Medicaid; and family awareness of appropriate utilization of oral health care. Measuring progress and outlook are also discussed.

EVALUATION OF TARGETED CASE MANAGEMENT AS A TOOL TO INCREASE UTILIZATION OF MEDICAID-COVERED DENTAL SERVICES


This packet contains information about an Alabama project designed to evaluate the use of targeted case management as a tool to increase the utilization of Medicaid-covered oral health services. The packet includes a project report, a printout of a PowerPoint presentation about the project, a parent survey, and several other survey-related documents.

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HEALTHY SMILES FOR A HEALTHY HEAD START: AN ORAL HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT OF WISCONSIN’S HEAD START CHILDREN 2003


This report describes a survey to assess the oral health of Head Start children in Wisconsin. Information is provided on caries experience, the prevalence of early childhood caries, and the need for urgent treatment. Information on the survey sampling and methods is provided along with key findings categorized by state, region, age, and race and ethnicity. Extensive statistical data is provided in tables throughout the report and in the appendices. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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OKLAHOMA ORAL HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2003: THIRD GRADE CHILDREN


This report describes the results of oral health screenings of third-grade children throughout the state of Oklahoma to determine baseline estimates of oral health status indicators, such as prevalence of protective dental sealants, untreated tooth decay, other caries experience, missing teeth, and the need for treatment. Report sections include background and purpose, research design, overall results, results by region, discussion, and recommendations to improve oral health for Oklahoma children and adolescents. The appendices include sample letters for schools, the school return form, parental consent and student assent forms, the oral health screening form, the results form, and a summary chart of unweighted prevalence rates.


PROMOTING THE ORAL HEALTH OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR INCREASED COLLABORATION BETWEEN STATE ORAL HEALTH AND CSHCN PROGRAMS


This paper discusses a survey undertaken to explore the amount of collaboration taking place between state programs for oral health and those for children with special health care needs (CSHCN) and to gain insights about how more effective collaborative relationships can be established. Contents include an introduction to the problem, the survey methodology, highlights of the results, a discussion of issues relating to the limits of program collaboration and strategies for increasing collaboration, and recommendations.
Additional topics include types of collaboration and examples of state and community-based models of care for CSHCN. The appendices provide a roster of advisory committee members, letters requesting participation in the assessment survey, and the survey instrument.

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**SCHIP PROGRAMS MORE LIKELY TO INCREASE CHILDREN'S COST SHARING THAN REDUCE THEIR ELIGIBILITY OR BENEFITS TO CONTROL COSTS**

Fox, H. B., and Limb, S. J. 2004. *SCHIP programs more likely to increase children's cost sharing than reduce their eligibility or benefits to control costs.* Washington, DC: Maternal and Child Health Policy Center. 6 pp.

This report describes a study about the impact of current state budget problems on the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). SCHIP directors in the 50 jurisdictions operating SCHIPs in March 2004 were asked about policy changes made in 2003 or the first quarter of 2004 in the areas of eligibility, enrollment, benefits, and cost sharing. Contents include the following sections: controls on SCHIP eligibility and enrollment, changes in benefits, increases in cost-sharing requirements, future of the program, and conclusions. Statistical information is presented in tables throughout the report. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


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**STATE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN: SPECIAL REPORT ON THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DENTIST AND DENTAL HYGIENIST POPULATION IN PENNSYLVANIA—DATA FROM THE SURVEY OF DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS RENEWING LICENSES IN MARCH 2003**


This report examines a variety of attributes of the dentist and dental hygienist population in Pennsylvania, beginning with a basic inventory of those dentists and dental hygienists who renewed their Pennsylvania licenses in 2003. Data requested via the survey include age, race, residence, board certifications, employment
category, practice or employment sector, practice location, office personnel, and practice plans. Statistics and survey replies are presented throughout the report. The appendices include the survey instruments used for dentists and dental hygienists, a map of federally designated dentist shortage areas for Pennsylvania, and analysis of non-license-renewing dentists and dental hygienists.

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