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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 MATERIALS

DENTAL HEALTH DURING PREGNANCY: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Washington State. 2004. *Dental health during pregnancy: What you need to know*. Seattle, WA: Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Washington State. 2 pp.

This brochure for pregnant women offers tips on oral health care during pregnancy. It discusses the importance of oral health, preventing gum diseases, prematurity risks, and when to visit the dentist. Additional information is provided on nutrition as it relates to oral health. The brochure is also available in Spanish.

Contact: Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Washington State, 11000 Lake City Way, N.E., Suite 301, Seattle, WA 98125. Telephone: (800) 322-2588 (in Washington State), (206) 284-2465; fax: (206) 270-8891; e-mail: info@hmhbwa.org; Web site: <http://www.hmhbwa.org>. Available at no charge to Washington residents, one sample copy available at no charge to out-of-state residents, may be ordered online at <http://www.hmhbwa.org/forprof/materials/requestform.php>, or print form and mail.

DENTAL SEALANTS: SEAL OUT TOOTH DECAY AND PREVENT CAVITIES

Delta Dental Plan of Minnesota. 2004. *Dental sealants: Seal out tooth decay and prevent cavities*. Minneapolis, MN: Delta Dental Plan of Minnesota. 2 pp.

This fact sheet discusses the importance of preventing childhood tooth decay through the use of dental sealants. It explains what dental sealants are, who can benefit from them, and how they are applied to the teeth.

Contact: Delta Dental Plan of Minnesota, P.O. Box 9304, Minneapolis, MN 55440-9304. Telephone: (651) 406-5900, (800) 328-1188; fax: (651) 406-5975; e-mail: dsenaratna@deltadentalmn.org; Web site: <http://www.deltadentalmn.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.deltadentalmn.org/cm_files/pdf/102504_DDPMN_HST_Sealants.pdf.

EATING DISORDERS: TELLTALE SIGNS ARE IN THE MOUTH

Delta Dental Plan of Minnesota. 2004. *Eating disorders: Telltale signs are in the mouth*. Minneapolis, MN: Delta Dental Plan of Minnesota. 2 pp.

This fact sheet describes the signs of eating disorders. Signs include enamel erosion; worn or translucent teeth; swelling or tenderness of the mouth, throat, or salivary glands; and bad breath. The fact sheet points out that oral health professionals may be the first to recognize an eating disorder and that they can encourage individuals that may be suffering from eating disorders to seek appropriate help. In addition to emphasizing the importance of obtaining treatment for eating disorders, the fact sheet provides information for individuals with eating disorders about what to expect at the dental office and how to keep teeth healthy.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT ORAL HEALTH

National Women's Health Information Center. 2004. *Frequently asked questions about oral health*. Fairfax, VA: National Women's Health Information Center. 9 pp.

This document provides answers to frequently asked questions about oral health, how oral health and general health are connected, special concerns during prenatal and postnatal periods, infant oral health care, and how to achieve a whiter and healthier smile. Resources for more information are included.

Contact: National Women's Health Information Center, 8500 Arlington Boulevard, Suite 300, Fairfax, VA 22031. Telephone: (800) 994-9662, TDD: (888) 220-5446; fax: (703) 560-6598; Web site: <http://www.4woman.gov>. Available at no charge. Also available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.4woman.gov/faq/oral_health.pdf.

HELPING YOU SMILE!

Oral Health America (Ed.). 2004. *Helping you smile!* Salt Lake City, UT: The Learning Concept. 1 CD-ROM.

This 30-minute interactive CD-ROM includes games, puzzles, and videotapes to teach children ages 5–10 about dental hygiene. The CD-ROM also contains a section geared toward helping parents teach children about the importance of dental hygiene. The section includes information on toothpastes, dental sealants, and correct toothbrushing and flossing techniques. Tips are provided for aiding educators and oral health professionals in using the CD-ROM in the classroom and in dental practice.

Contact: The Learning Concept, 2323 South 3600 West, Salt Lake City, UT 84119. Telephone: (801) 721-8116; fax: (801) 977-0120; Web site: <http://www.thelearningconcept.com>. \$9.95 each, plus shipping and handling. Additional pricing discounts for practitioners and educators.

HOW TO . . . BRUSH AND FLOSS

South Dakota Department of Health. 2005. *How to ... brush and floss*. Pierre, SD: South Dakota Department of Health. 1 poster (8.5 x 11 inches).

This poster for parents describes the importance of assisting young children with daily toothbrushing and flossing. Tips are also provided on how much toothpaste to use, how long and how often to brush, and how to care for toothbrushes.

Contact: Judy Ellingson. South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Promotion, Oral Health Program, 615 East Fourth Street, Pierre, SD 57501-1700. Telephone: (605) 773-3737; e-mail: DOH.INFO@state.sd.us; Judy.Ellingson@state.sd.us; Web site: <http://www.state.sd.us/doh/OralHealth>. Available at no charge. Also available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.state.sd.us/doh/OralHealth/PosterHealthyTeeth>.

MOUTHGUARDS: SPORTS CAN BE HARD ON TEETH

Delta Dental Plan of Minnesota. 2004. *Mouthguards: Sports can be hard on teeth*. Minneapolis, MN: Delta Dental Plan of Minnesota. 2 pp.

This fact sheet explains how important it is for children to wear protective mouthguards while participat-

ing in sports. It provides tips on choosing and caring for a mouthguard.

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PREVENT CAVITIES: INFANT AND TODDLER TOOTH DECAY OR “EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES” (ECC)

South Dakota Department of Health. 2005. *Prevent cavities: Infant and toddler tooth decay or “early childhood caries” (ECC)*. Pierre, SD: South Dakota Department of Health. 2 pp.

This brochure for parents describes early childhood caries and how to prevent tooth decay in infants and young children. Topics include the importance of healthy primary teeth and gums, oral hygiene, avoiding putting an infant or young child to bed with a bottle or “sippy” cup, avoiding drinks high in sugar, when to teach an infant or young child to drink from a cup, and when to schedule the first dental visit.

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THE TOOTH BOOK: A GUIDE TO CARING FOR YOUR CHILD’S TEETH

Dorn, E. M. 2004. *The tooth book: A guide to caring for your child’s teeth*. Minneapolis, MN: Delta Dental Plan of Minnesota, Minnesota Head Start Association, and Parents in Community Action. 22 pp.

This booklet for parents emphasizes the importance of good oral health care for infants, children, and adolescents. The booklet provides age-appropriate information for the the following developmental periods: birth to 18 months, 18 months to 3 years, 3–5 years, and

5–18 years. Topics include appropriate oral hygiene for each period, when to schedule the first dental visit, establishing good eating habits, teaching toothbrushing techniques, pacifier use, and accidental tooth loss. The publication is available in English/Spanish, English/Somali, and English/Hmong versions.

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TOOTH TRUTH FROM GILLY THE 'GATOR

Wyoming Institute for Disabilities, and Wyoming Oral Health Coalition. 2005. *Tooth truth from Gilly the 'gator*. Laramie, WY: Wyoming Institute for Disabilities, University of Wyoming and Wyoming Oral Health Coalition. 3 items.

This packet for young children contains illustrated materials about the importance of good oral health. The booklet discusses dental checkups, fluoride, toothbrushing, flossing, checking teeth, and eating healthy snacks. A sticker for the mirror reminds children to brush and floss. Also included is a dental appointment reminder card. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: Pam Frisby. Wyoming Institute for Disabilities, University of Wyoming, College of Health Sciences, 1000 East University Avenue, Department 4298, Laramie, WY 82071. Telephone: (307) 766-2454, TDD: (307) 766-2720; fax: (307) 766-2763; e-mail: wind.uw@uwyo.edu, frisby@uwyo.edu; Web site: <http://wind.uwyo.edu>. Sample copy available at no charge. Items also available for purchase individually (booklet: \$1.50, mirror sticker \$0.35, postcard \$0.25). Also available for purchase with personalized labels on the booklet. ISBN 0-9415-7027-4.

WANT CAVITIES?

Northland Healthcare Alliance, and Dakota Medical Foundation. 2004. *Want cavities?* Bismark, ND: Northland Healthcare Alliance. 2 pp.

This illustrated brochure for children describes how tooth decay happens when drinks high in sugar are

consumed. The brochure provides statistics on the sugar content of soft drinks and other drinks and offers information on toothbrushing, flossing, rinsing, and using fluoride toothpaste.

Contact: Barbara Wickel. Northland Healthcare Alliance, 400 East Broadway, Suite 300, Bismark, ND 58501. Telephone: (701) 250-0709; fax: (701) 250-0739; e-mail: info@northlandhealth.com; Web site: <http://www.northlandhealth.com>. \$0.25 each.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT: ORAL CANCER (REV. ED.)

National Cancer Institute. 2003. *What you need to know about: Oral cancer* (rev. ed.). Bethesda, MD: National Cancer Institute. 48 pp.

This booklet provides information on oral cancer. Topics include possible causes, symptoms, diagnosis, treatment methods, and possible side effects of treatment. The booklet also provides information about rehabilitation and sources of support to help individuals cope with oral cancer. Also included is a dictionary and organizational and print resources for additional information.

Contact: National Cancer Institute, 6116 Executive Boulevard, MSC 8322, Room 3036A, Bethesda, MD 20892-8322. Telephone: (301) 435-3848, (800) 422-6237, TDD: (800) 332-8615; fax: (301) 402-0555; e-mail: cancergovstaff@mail.nih.gov; Web site: <http://www.cancer.gov>. Available at no charge. Document code: 03-1574. Also available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.nci.nih.gov/cancertopics/wyntk/oral>.

MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION AND HEAD START: ENVISIONING FUTURE COLLABORATIONS TO IMPROVE ORAL HEALTH—CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, OCTOBER 29, 2004

Hopewell, A. 2004. *The American Dental Association and Head Start: Envisioning Future Collaborations to Improve Oral Health—Chicago, Illinois, October 29, 2004*. Washington, DC: Health Systems Research. 24 pp.

This report describes a meeting between the American Dental Association (ADA), the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), and Head Start to discuss how to address oral health issues and implement strategies to enhance education, prevention, and access to oral health care. The meeting was held on October 29, 2004, in Chicago, Illinois. Topics include a national update on oral health and Head Start; challenges in improving oral health status in Early Head Start and Head Start; promising practices to enhance oral health education, prevention, and direct clinical services; and maximizing opportunities for collaboration between ADA, MCHB, and Head Start. Also included are the meeting agenda, the participant list, and intra-agency agreement activity charts. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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DENTAL EDUCATION SUMMIT

New Mexico Dental Association. 2004. *Dental education summit*. Albuquerque, NM: New Mexico Dental Association. 24 pp.

This compilation of notes describes the multi-agency summit held on August 21–23, 2004, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to assess the present and future needs of New Mexico's oral health professionals. Topics include the professional oral health work force in New Mexico, dental expenditures, dental caries in children, population changes and oral health needs, legal and legislative issues, dental education accreditation, schools of dentistry, and student qualifications.

Contact: New Mexico Dental Association, 9201 Montgomery Boulevard, N.E., Suite 601, Albuquerque, NM 87111. Telephone: (505) 294-1368, (888) 589-6632; fax: (505) 294-9958; Web site: <http://www.newmexicodental.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.newmexicodental.org/dentedsummit/Summitminutes.pdf>.

ENHANCING PARTNERSHIPS: A REGION II FORUM ON HEAD START AND ORAL HEALTH

Maternal and Child Health Bureau. 2004. *Enhancing Partnerships: A Region II Forum on Head Start and Oral Health*. Rockville, MD: Maternal and Child Health Bureau. 16 items.

This participant folder includes materials for the Region II oral health forum held on October 18–19, 2004, in New York, New York. Topics include the history and vision for Head Start oral health; best practices in oral health partnerships; a review of regional data; collaboration; goals and process issues; challenges and promising approaches; and discussions of strategies, actions steps, resources, collaboration, and leadership. The materials include handouts on the forum goals, an agenda, a participant list, presentations, and group discussions. Also included are two fact sheets, a chart of projects by region, worksheets, a forum evaluation form, a list of oral health forums, and the Head Start Bulletin. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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ENHANCING PARTNERSHIPS: A REGIONAL FORUM ON HEAD START AND ORAL HEALTH—REPORT FOR REGION II FORUM

Hopewell, A., and Steffensen, J. 2004. *Enhancing partnerships: A Regional Forum on Head Start and Oral Health—Report for Region II Forum*. Washington, DC: Health Systems Research. 75 pp.

This report describes a regional forum held in New York, New York, on October 18–19, 2004, to share experiences with and perspectives on Head Start and oral health in three areas: prevention, oral health education, and access to oral health care. Additional topics include national perspectives on the history of and vision for Head Start oral health, best practices in partnerships, community-based approaches, and a national and corporate approach to collaboration. The report includes an executive summary, a summary of presentations and small group discussions from the forum, and closing remarks and next steps. Also included are five appendices: a U.S. Department of Health and Human

Services region map, an agenda, a participant list, a list of intra-agency agreement activities, and a summary of group discussions presented in tabular form. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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LOUISIANA'S ORAL HEALTH SUMMIT: SUMMARY OF THE PROCEEDINGS—ANOTHER BITE OF THE APPLE

Louisiana Department of Health, Office of Public Health, Maternal and Child Health Program. 2004. *Louisiana's oral health summit: Summary of the proceedings—Another bite of the apple*. New Orleans, LA: Louisiana Department of Health, Office of Public Health, Maternal and Child Health Program. 8 pp.

This brief report summarizes the second oral health summit held on December 3, 2004, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Brief overviews of the sessions are included, along with a summary of responses to the summit evaluation. Results of facilitated group discussions on the following topics are provided: (1) ways to increase the number of dentists currently providing services to Medicaid patients, (2) ways to increase access to services for special needs populations, and (3) challenges in providing oral health care in rural areas. The summary concludes with a “wish list” of other ideas presented during group discussions. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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NEW MEXICO EARLY HEAD START/HEAD START AND ORAL HEALTH FORUM

New Mexico Department of Health, Office of Dental Health. 2003. *New Mexico Early Head Start/Head Start and Oral Health Forum*. Albuquerque, NM: New

Mexico Department of Health, Office of Dental Health. 8 pp.

This report describes a forum held on May 8–9, 2003, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to address oral health issues and provide input for the development of an action plan aimed at improving the oral health status of the state's Early Head Start/Head Start populations. The report includes lists of sponsors, partners, and participants; a description of the background and justification for the forum; an overview of the planning process and the planning group; methods used to develop an action plan; a summary of the forum budget, and an evaluation of the forum. Action plan goals and steps include (1) change perceptions of oral health, (2) build infrastructure, and (3) remove barriers to care. [Funded in part by the National Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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SMART MOUTHS, HEALTHY BODIES: AN ORAL HEALTH ACTION SUMMIT

Oral Health Awareness Colorado! 2004. *Smart Mouths, Healthy Bodies: An Oral Health Action Summit*. Denver, CO: Oral Health Awareness Colorado! 18 items.

This participant kit is from a summit held on November 19, 2004, in Denver, Colorado. The kit includes an agenda, an evaluation form, a summary of *Healthy People 2010* oral health-related objectives, a fact sheet addressing the crisis of oral health access for Colorado's children, a fact sheet describing the “Be a Smart Mouth” campaign in Colorado, a list of Oral Health Coalition Framework members, contact information for states with oral health plans, information about Oral Health Awareness Colorado!, a brochure, Post-it notes, and illustrated cards with consumer awareness messages from the “Be a Smart Mouth” campaign.

Contact: Valerie Orlando. Oral Health Awareness Colorado!, 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South, Denver, CO 80246. Telephone: (303) 692-2569; fax: (303) 758-3448; Web site: <http://www.beasmartmouth.com>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.mchoralhealth.org/PDFs/COSummit.pdf> (selected items).

POLICY

A FOR EFFORT: MAKING THE GRADE IN ORAL HEALTH

Oral Health America. 2005. *A for effort: Making the grade in oral health*. Chicago, IL: Oral Health America. 12 pp.

This report focuses on individual state efforts to advance one or more of the five action steps outlined in the *Surgeon General's National Call to Action to Promote Oral Health*. The five action steps used as categories in the report include (1) change perceptions of oral health; (2) overcome barriers by replicating effective programs and proven efforts; (3) build the science base and accelerate science transfer; (4) increase oral health work force diversity, capacity, and flexibility; and (5) increase collaboration. Each category includes summaries of individual state efforts.

Contact: Liz Rogers. Oral Health America, 410 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 352, Chicago, IL 60611-4211. Telephone: (312) 836-9900; fax: (312) 836-9986; e-mail: liz@oralhealthamerica.org; Web site: <http://www.oralhealthamerica.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.oralhealthamerica.org/pdf/A_for_effort_low.pdf.

ASSESSMENT OF THE DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE UNITED STATES

Tomar, S. L. 2004. *Assessment of the dental public health infrastructure in the United States*. Gainesville, FL: University of Florida College of Dentistry, Division of Public Health Services and Research. 71 pp.

The study described in this report assesses the adequacy of the dental public health infrastructure in the United States. The report covers a number of topics, including the dental work force, administrative presence within health departments, financial resources to implement programs, and legal authority. The report provides baseline data for new initiatives to address these topics, with an emphasis on state-level infrastructure. Report sections include government, education, work force, regulatory issues, and discussion. Recommendations and conclusions are included.

Contact: National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, 31 Center Drive, MSC2290, Building 31, Room 2C39, Bethesda, MD 20892. Telephone: (301) 496-3571; fax: (301) 402-2185; e-mail: nidcrinfo@mail.nih.gov; Web site: <http://www.nidcr.nih.gov>. Available

at no charge from the Web site at http://www.nidcr.nih.gov/NR/rdonlyres/E7AEAF78-667F-43D8-BA48-A981A01CD437/0/US_Dental_Public_Health_Infrastructure_8_2004.pdf.

COST EFFECTIVENESS OF PREVENTIVE DENTAL SERVICES

Sinclair, S., and Edelstein, B. 2005. *Cost effectiveness of preventive dental services*. Washington, DC: Children's Dental Health Project. 2 pp.

This fact sheet outlines the ways in which preventive oral health care can reduce disease burdens and associated expenditures. Topics include preventive oral health interventions such as early preventive care, fluoridation, and dental sealants; how lack of oral health care leads to costly emergency department visits and temporary solutions; the connection between access and preventive care, including socioeconomic and health insurance status; and the consequences of untreated oral disease and its effect on general health.

Contact: Mike Ambrose. Children's Dental Health Project, 1990 M Street, N.W., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036. Telephone: (202) 833-8288; fax: (202) 318-0667; e-mail: mambrose@cdhp.org; Web site: <http://www.cdhp.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.cdhp.org/downloads/costeffect.pdf>.

THE ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF UNSUPERVISED PRIVATE HYGIENE PRACTICE AND ITS IMPACT ON ACCESS TO CARE

Brown, L. J., House, D. R., and Nash, K. D. 2005. *The economic aspects of unsupervised private hygiene practice and its impact on access to care*. Chicago, IL: American Dental Association, Health Policy Resources Center. 13 pp.

This report addresses the economic viability and the characteristics of unsupervised private practice of dental hygiene by dental hygienists in Colorado. The report, which includes an abstract, discusses the study's conceptual framework, methods and subjects, and results and provides a discussion. Statistical information is presented in tables and figures throughout the report.

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/reports.asp#hygiene>.

THE FUTURE OF ORAL HEALTH: TRENDS AND ISSUES

American Dental Hygienists' Association. 2003. *The future of oral health: Trends and issues*. Chicago, IL: American Dental Hygienists' Association. 8 pp.

This brief discusses the importance of preventive oral health services to overall systemic health and how dental hygienists can play a role in bringing these services to a wider population. Topics include the cost-effectiveness of preventive measures, the use of dental sealants and fluorides, barriers to receiving oral health care, issues in self-regulation of oral health personnel, a review of staffing shortages and on-the-job training, and issues in access to care. Additional information is provided on dental hygiene statistics and the systemic disease connection.

Contact: American Dental Hygienists' Association, 444 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 3400, Chicago, IL 60611. Telephone: (312) 440-8900; fax: (312) 467-1806; e-mail: mail@adha.net; Web site: <http://www.adha.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.adha.org/downloads/future_of_oral_health.pdf.

GREATER CINCINNATI'S REGIONAL ORAL HEALTH CRISIS: A REPORT ON NEEDS, RESOURCES, PROBLEMS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO ORAL HEALTH CARE FOR THE UNDERSERVED IN GREATER CINCINNATI, NORTHERN KENTUCKY, AND SOUTHEASTERN INDIANA (DRAFT)

Campbell, J., Hill, L. J., Isman, R., and Kuthy, R. 2003. *Greater Cincinnati's regional oral health crisis: A report on needs, resources, problems, and recommendations to improve access to oral health care for the underserved in Greater Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky, and Southeastern Indiana* (draft). Cincinnati, OH: Greater Cincinnati Oral Health Council, Regional Assessment and Planning Project. 178 pp.

This report provides information on needs, recommendations, and solutions to improve oral health care for underserved populations in Greater Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky, and Southeastern Indiana. The report indicates where solutions should be targeted,

examines how existing facilities and programs could be expanded, discusses project costs, and suggests mechanisms for financing. Topics include (1) what the data indicate, (2) what the community says, (3) what the experts say, (4) recommendations, (5) financing options, and (6) evaluation. Three appendices include references, an advisory committee list, and a list of participating agencies and individuals.

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HEALTH CARE ACCESS FOR LOW-INCOME PEOPLE: SIGNIFICANT SAFETY NET GAPS REMAIN

Felland, L. E., Felt-Lisk, S., and McHugh, M. 2004. *Health care access for low-income people: Significant safety net gaps remain*. Washington, DC: Center for Studying Health System Change. 4 pp.

This issue brief presents findings from 2002–2003 site visits to 12 nationally representative metropolitan communities to track changes in local health care markets. The brief identifies reasons that gaps in access to specialty, mental health, and oral health care persist; highlights state- and local-level efforts to improve access to services; and explores lessons learned. Study sites include Boston, Massachusetts; Cleveland, Ohio; Greenville, South Carolina; Indianapolis, Indiana; Lansing, Michigan; Little Rock, Arkansas; Miami, Florida; northern New Jersey; Orange County, California; Phoenix, Arizona; Seattle, Washington; and Syracuse, New York.

Contact: Center for Studying Health System Change, 600 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Suite 550, Washington, DC 20024-2512. Telephone: (202) 484-5261; fax: (202) 484-9258; e-mail: hscinfo@hschange.org; Web site: <http://www.hschange.com>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.hschange.com/CONTENT/682>.

MISSING PERSONS: MINORITIES IN THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Sullivan Commission on Diversity in the Healthcare Workforce. 2004. *Missing persons: Minorities in the health professions*. Durham, NC: Duke University School of Medicine, Sullivan Commission. 201 pp.

This report provides a national blueprint for achieving diversity in the health professions. The report integrates findings from expert testimony, the health sciences literature, and two commissioned studies and puts forth recommendations for actions to address the causes of underrepresentation of minorities in the health professions. Report sections discuss the rationale for increasing diversity in the work force, the history of disparities, the status of diversity in the health professions schools and work force, the health professions pipeline, financing, and accountability. Appendices include reports on the two commissioned studies, the charge to the commission, information on the W. K. Kellogg grant program that supported the work, field hearing agendas, and a list of diversity resources. An executive summary and a glossary are also included.

Contact: Sullivan Commission, Duke University School of Medicine, 3100 Tower Boulevard, Suite 1317, Durham, NC 27707. Telephone: (919) 419-2121; fax: (919) 419-2122; e-mail: docke003@mc.duke.edu; Web site: <http://www.sullivancommission.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://admissions.duhs.duke.edu/sullivancommission/documents/Sullivan_Final_Report_000.pdf.

THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE ENVIRONMENT OF DENTAL HYGIENISTS IN THE FIFTY STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 2001

University of Albany School of Public Health, Center for Health Workforce Studies. 2004. *The professional practice environment of dental hygienists in the fifty states and the District of Columbia, 2001*. Albany, NY: University of Albany School of Public Health, Center for Health Workforce Studies. 202 pp.

This report describes a study that documents the professional practice of dental hygienists in the United States in 2001; assesses the extent to which the professional practice environment is related to numbers of practitioners, oral health outcomes, and utilization of oral health services; and assesses the impact of dental hygienists on access to care for underserved populations. Data are included for statutes and regulations

from the 50 states, estimated numbers of practitioners, oral health status indicators, oral health utilization statistics, and numbers of oral health education programs and graduates. The report is organized into the following sections: executive summary, study overview, background and context, the dental hygiene professional practice index (DHPPI), factors related to the DHPPI, fieldwork, and access to care.

Contact: Bureau of Health Professions, 5600 Fishers Lane, Parklawn Building, Room 8-05, Rockville, MD 20857. Telephone: (301) 443-5794; fax: (301) 443-2111; Web site: <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <ftp://ftp.hrsa.gov/bhpr/workforce/dentalhygen.pdf>.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

BRIGHT FUTURES IN PRACTICE: ORAL HEALTH—POCKET GUIDE

Casamassimo, P., and Holt, K. (Eds.). 2004. *Bright Futures in practice: Oral health—Pocket guide*. Washington, DC: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center. 89 pp.

This guide is designed to help health professionals implement specific oral health supervision guidelines during pregnancy and the postpartum period, infancy, early childhood, middle childhood, and adolescence. It addresses risk assessment for dental caries, periodontal disease, malocclusion, and injury. Appendices include a tooth eruption chart, a caries-risk assessment tool, and recommended dosages for systemic fluoride supplements. The guide concludes with a glossary and resources. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: Bright Futures Distribution Center, c/o Rockville Mailing Service, Department B, 751 East Gude Drive, Rockville, MD 20850-1356. Telephone: (301) 279-8890; fax: (301) 559-5167. 1–19 copies, \$10.00 each; 20–49 copies, \$7.50 each; 50+ copies, \$5.00 each; plus 7% shipping and handling. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.mchoralhealth.org/PDFs/BFOHPocketGuide.pdf>.

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT ORAL HEALTH ISSUES

National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center. 2004. *Child and adolescent oral health issues*. Washington, DC: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center. 2 pp.

This fact sheet provides information on current issues in child and adolescent oral health. Topics include access to care, children and adolescents with special health care needs, dental caries, fluoride, dental sealants, injury and violence, and tobacco. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: HRSA Information Center, 22815 Glenn Drive, Suite 103, Sterling, VA 20164. Telephone: (888) ASK-HRSA (275-4772), TDD: (877) 474-4772; fax: (703) 821-2098; e-mail: ask@hrsa.gov; Web site: <http://www.ask.hrsa.gov>. Available at no charge. Document code: MCH00144. Also available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.mchoralhealth.org/PDFs/Issues.pdf>.

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CURRICULUM RESOURCES: ORAL HEALTH

Society of Teachers of Family Medicine. 2004. *Curriculum resources: Oral health*. Leawood, KS: Society of Teachers of Family Medicine. 8 pp.

This curriculum resource describes competencies for oral health for the four-year medical school continuum. The curriculum resource provides an overview of educational methods and resources and assessment strategies for oral health to help physicians understand the relationships between oral and systemic disease. The suggested goals and objectives for teaching are aligned within the following six competencies for residency training (which have been defined by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education): patient care, medical knowledge, practice-based learning and improvement, interpersonal and communication skills, professionalism, and systems-based practice. Goals range from enhancing physicians' understanding of the anatomy and function of the oral cavity to developing physicians' interview, examination, counseling, and screening skills.

Contact: Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, 11400 Tomahawk Creek Parkway, Leawood, KS 66211. Telephone: (913) 906-6000, (800) 274-2237; fax: (913) 906-6096; e-mail: admstaff@stfm.org; Web site: <http://www.stfm.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://fammed.musc.edu/fmc/data/Oral_Health.htm.

THE DENTAL HYGIENIST'S GUIDE TO NUTRITIONAL CARE (2ND ED.)

Stegeman, C. A., and Davis, J. R. 2005. *The dental hygienist's guide to nutritional care* (2nd ed.). St. Louis, MO: Elsevier. 540 pp.

This book is designed to teach dental hygiene students how to apply nutrition principles when assessing, planning, implementing, and evaluating their clients' nutritional care. The book is divided into three main sections. Section 1 covers orientation to basic nutrition. Section 2 discusses considerations of clinical nutrition. Section 3 addresses nutritional aspects of oral health. The appendices contain a glossary of key terms, growth charts for children and adolescents, sources for reliable nutrition information, recommended journals and newsletters, and comparisons of popular diets.

Contact: Elsevier, Health Sciences Division, Order Fulfillment, 11830 Westline Industrial Drive, St. Louis, MO 63146. Telephone: (800) 545-2522; fax: (800) 535-9935; e-mail: usbkinfo@elsevier.com; Web site: <http://www.us.elsevierhealth.com>. \$44.95, free shipping and handling to individuals. ISBN 0-7216-0372-6.

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DENTISTRY, DENTAL PRACTICE, AND THE COMMUNITY (6TH ED.)

Burt, B. A., and Eklund, S. A. (2005). *Dentistry, dental practice, and the community* (6th ed.). St. Louis, MO: Elsevier Saunders. 425 pp.

This book provides a comprehensive analysis of dentistry's social and professional roles. The book is divided into five sections. Section 1 focuses on dentistry and the community and includes chapters on the dental professions, the public served by dentists, ethics and responsibility in oral health care, dental public health, and the promotion of oral health. Section 2 focuses on dental practice and includes chapters on financing oral health care, the oral health work force, access to oral health care, infection control and mercury safety, reading dental literature, and evidence-based dentistry. Section 3 deals with methods of oral epidemiology and begins with a chapter on research designs. It also includes separate chapters on measuring oral disease, dental caries, periodontal diseases, dental fluorosis, and other oral conditions. Section 4 covers the distribution of oral diseases and conditions with chapters about tooth loss, dental caries, periodontal diseases, dental fluorosis, and oral cancer and other oral conditions. Section 5 focuses on the prevention of oral diseases in

public health. It includes chapters on fluoride, fluoridation of drinking water, other uses of fluoride, fissure sealants, diet and plaque control, prevention of periodontal diseases, and restricting the use of tobacco. Each chapter contains a list of key concepts at the beginning and references at the end. The book concludes with an index.

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EDUCATING GEORGIA'S DENTAL PROFESSIONALS ABOUT CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS

Medical College of Georgia, Division of Continuing Education. 2004. *Educating Georgia's dental professionals about children with special health care needs*. Augusta, GA: Medical College of Georgia, Division of Continuing Education. 1 v.

This notebook of materials is from the training course held on November 17–18, 2004, in Augusta, Georgia, for oral health professionals providing services to children with special health care needs. The notebook includes a course schedule and objectives; an agenda; slides from presentations; a copy of a guide titled *Planning Guide for Dental Professionals Serving Children with Special Health Care Needs*; tools, brochures, and policy statements pertaining to oral health for children with special health care needs; lists of course participants; and an evaluation form. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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FAMILY VIOLENCE: AN INTERVENTION MODEL FOR DENTAL PROFESSIONALS

Littel, K. 2004. *Family violence: An intervention model for dental professionals*. Washington, DC: Office for Victims of Crime. 11 pp.

This bulletin describes a training session to teach oral health professionals about their unique role in recognizing symptoms and patterns of family violence and abuse. The bulletin discusses how to create a safe environment for disclosure, intervene appropriately, refer individuals to appropriate services, and file mandatory reports. Resources for further information are provided.

Contact: National Criminal Justice Reference Service, P.O. Box 6000, Rockville, MD 20849-6000. Telephone: (301) 519-5500, (800) 851-3420, TDD: (877) 712-9279, local TDD: (301) 947-8394; fax: (301) 519-5212; e-mail: askncjrs@ncjrs.org; Web site: <http://www.ncjrs.org>. Available at no charge. Document code: NCJ 204004. Also available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.ovc.gov/publications/bulletins/dental_providers/ncj204004.pdf.

INTEGRATING PREVENTIVE ORAL HEALTH MEASURES INTO HEALTHCARE PRACTICE: TRAINING PROGRAM FOR HEALTHCARE SETTINGS

Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Oral Health Program. 2004. *Integrating preventive oral health measures into healthcare practice: Training program for healthcare settings*. Madison, WI: Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Oral Health Program. 1 v.

This manual provides non-dental health professionals with information on oral health needs during the prenatal period to promote maternal oral health and early childhood caries prevention. Section 1 includes information on conducting an oral screening, risk assessment checklists for determining maternal periodontal disease and caries risk, training pretest and posttest materials, printed presentation slides, and instructions about providing anticipatory guidance. The section also includes reproducible handouts. Section 2 contains resources and information for providing services, such as early childhood caries screenings, to infants and young children. Information includes risk assessment checklists for identifying children at high risk for developing tooth decay, and testing and presentation materials. Information is also provided on fluoride varnish application instructions and protocols. Additional forms, materials, and resources are included, as well.

Contact: Nancy McKenney, Wisconsin Division of Public Health, P.O. Box 2659, Madison, WI 53701-2659. Telephone: (608) 266-3201; fax: (608) 267-3824; e-mail: mckennr@dhfs.state.wi.us; Web site: http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/health/Oral_Health. Available at

no charge from the Web site at http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/health/oral_Health/oralhealthmanual.htm.

JONG'S COMMUNITY DENTAL HEALTH (5TH ED.)

Gluck, G. M., and Morganstein, W. M. (Eds.). 2003. *Jong's community dental health* (5th ed.). St. Louis, MO: Mosby. 514 pp.

This revised textbook is written for dental and allied health students and others interested in the nature of oral health care delivery in the United States. The book begins with a discussion of the organizational evolution of public health during the last century and discusses the future through the first Surgeon General's report devoted to dentistry. Part 1 provides an overview of oral health care delivery in public health, the role of oral health care in managed care and Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program. Part 2 focuses on demographic shifts and oral health and discusses diversity, sociocultural issues, communication, oral health and the aging population, and new insights into early childhood caries and strategies for prevention. Part 3 contains information on the distribution of oral disease and prevention, including epidemiology, the impact of transmissible disease on the practice of dentistry, effective community prevention programs for oral diseases, oral health education and health promotion, planning for community dental programs, and program evaluation in health care. Part 4 focuses on research in oral public health, an overview of biostatistics, and accessing and reading oral public health research. Part 5 discusses ethics and the law in community oral health. The appendix contains an article on the organization of oral-health-related activities at the federal level. An index concludes the text.

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KIDS SMILE: ORAL HEALTH TRAINING PROGRAM

Cecil, J. C., and Ferretti, G. A. 2004. *Kids Smile: Oral health training program*. Frankfort, KY: Kentucky Department for Public Health; Lexington, KY: University of Kentucky, Division of Dental Public Health. 92 pp.

This publication provides training and information for health professionals on oral health screening, fluoride varnish and its application, oral health education, and referral to local health professionals as part of Kentucky's expanded Early Childhood Development Initiative. Also included are learning objectives, a list of competencies for health professionals, endorsements for the program, and an illustrated review of pediatric oral health.

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KNOWLEDGE PATH: ORAL HEALTH AND ADOLESCENTS

Lorenzo, S. B., and Holt, K. A. 2005. *Knowledge path: Oral health and children and adolescents*. In National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center [Web site]. <http://www.mchoralhealth.org/knwpathoralhealth.html>.

This knowledge path provides a guide to resources about oral health, including publications and databases on the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center's Web site, select electronic resources available through the Web, and select recent print publications and journal articles. It is aimed at policymakers, health professionals, and researchers. This electronic document is updated periodically. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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MAINE SMILES MATTER: AN EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION PROGRAM FOR NON-DENTAL PROVIDERS

Maine Dental Access Coalition, Education Committee. 2003. *Maine smiles matter: An early childhood caries prevention and intervention program for non-dental providers*. Augusta, ME: Maine Dental Access Coalition. 1 v.

This kit, designed for health professionals, provides information about prevention of and interventions for early childhood caries for physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, nutritionists, and others working with young children and their primary caregivers. Topics covered include prenatal care, tooth decay, early childhood caries, risk factors for tooth decay, prevention, what to do and how to do it, and children with special health care needs. A quick reference guide and a videotape are also included, along with a brochure titled *How to Keep My Baby's Mouth Healthy* and a tooth identification chart. The information contained in the kit is also provided on two CD-ROMs.

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OPEN WIDE: ORAL HEALTH TRAINING FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

Holt, K., and Barzel, R. 2004. *Open wide: Oral health training for health professionals*. In National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center [Web site]. <http://www.mchoralhealth.org/OpenWide/index.htm>.

This series of four self-contained online modules is designed to help health and early childhood professionals working in community settings (e.g., Head Start and WIC staff) promote oral health in the course of promoting general health for infants, children, and their families. Topics include tooth decay, risk factors, and prevention; oral health risk assessment and oral health screening; and anticipatory guidance for parents. Each module includes an overview, learning objectives, key points, a self-assessment quiz, online resources, and an evaluation form. A glossary and a list of presentations, print materials, and videotapes are also presented.

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ORAL HEALTH EDUCATIONAL POSTERS

Missouri Primary Care Association, Oral Health Network of Missouri. 2005. *Oral health educational posters*. Missouri Primary Care Association, Oral Health Network of Missouri. 3 posters (36 x 24 inches).

This set of three color posters is designed to help health professionals inform parents and caregivers about oral hygiene. "Take Care of Kids' Teeth" provides tips on taking care of infant's, children's, and adolescents' teeth, including cleaning the infant's gums and newly emerged teeth with a soft cloth, visiting the dentist before age 1, advising children and adolescents to drink only water between meals, and watching for tooth decay. "What Causes Cavities" provides tips on preventing tooth decay. It explains how bacteria can cause tooth decay and advises individuals to drink plain water between snacks and meals, brush the teeth for at least 2 minutes twice a day, floss every day, and visit the dentist every 6 months. "What Causes Gum Disease" provides information on bleeding gums, gum disease, and toothbrushing and flossing.

Contact: Chris Stewart. Missouri Primary Care Association, 3325 Emerald Lane, Jefferson City, MO 65109-6879. Telephone: (573) 636-4222, ext. 231; fax: (573) 696-4585; e-mail: info@mo-pca.org, cstewart@mo-pca.org; Web site: <http://www.mo-pca.org>. \$4.00 each, \$10.00 for set of three; plus shipping and handling.

ORAL HEALTH FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center. 2005. *Oral health for children and adolescents with special health care needs: Challenges and opportunities*. Washington, DC: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center. 2 pp.

This fact sheet focuses on the challenges and opportunities of providing oral health care services to children with special health care needs. Topics include unmet oral health care needs, oral health and general health and well-being, barriers to oral health care such as lack of insurance or qualified health professionals, and how Medicaid and other publicly financed reimbursement methods offer opportunities for care. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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ORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. 2003. *Oral health services for individuals with special needs*. Columbia, SC: South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. 1 p.

This fact sheet about oral health services for individuals with special health care needs defines the population, lists examples of medical conditions that may affect oral health, and discusses oral health status and access to care for this population. The fact sheet also discusses factors that may affect the oral health status of individuals with special health care needs.

Contact: South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201. Telephone: (803) 898-3432; fax: (803) 898-3323; Web site: <http://www.scdhec.gov>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.scdhec.gov/news/releases/pdf_files/nrfsspecial.pdf.

PARTNERS IN PREVENTION: GETTING A HEAD START ON ORAL HEALTH—AN INFANT/TODDLER ORAL HEALTH CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE

New York University, College of Dentistry, Department of Pediatric Dentistry; and the New York State Head Start Association. 2003. *Partners in prevention: Getting a Head Start on oral health—An infant/toddler oral health continuing education course* [Web site]. <http://www.nypartnersinoralhealth.com>.

This “train the trainers” Web site provides an online manual for continuing education specifically for Head Start staff. Topics include prenatal care, pregnancy, and oral health; oral pathology of the infant and young child; oral manifestation of systemic disease; tooth formation, tooth eruption, and teething; nutritive and nonnutritive sucking; acquisition of the oral flora; oral hygiene and preventing early childhood caries; fluoride benefits; diet and nutrition; oral facial trauma and child abuse; simple rules for good oral health; and a summary of anticipatory guidance. Also provided on the Web

site are a completion certificate and quiz, references, and resources.

Contact: New York University, College of Dentistry, Department of Pediatric Dentistry, David B. Kriser Dental Center, 345 East 24th Street, New York, NY 10010-4086. Telephone: (212) 998-9656. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.nypartnersinoralhealth.com>.

PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY: INFANCY THROUGH ADOLESCENCE (4TH ED.)

Pinkham, J. R., Casamassimo, P. S., Fields, H. W., McTigue, D. J., and Nowak, A. (Eds.) 2005. *Pediatric dentistry: Infancy through adolescence* (4th ed.). St. Louis, MO: Elsevier Saunders. 750 pp.

This textbook begins with extensive basic oral health information relevant to infants, children, and adolescents. The remainder of the book is divided into five parts organized by developmental stage. Part 1 provides fundamentals of pediatric dentistry and deals with basic information and topics pertinent to children of all ages. Part 2 covers the period from birth to age 3. Part 3 covers the primary dentition years (ages 3–6). Part 4 covers the transitional years (ages 6–12). Part 5 covers adolescence. Each part begins with a chapter about the physical, cognitive, emotional, and social changes experienced during the relevant age span. Age-specific prevention, problems, and treatments are discussed in subsequent chapters within each part. Appendices include a recommended childhood and adolescent immunization schedule (2004), a description of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, and anticipatory guidance for infants’, children’s, and adolescents’ oral health.

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PRACTICAL ORAL CARE FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research. 2004. *Practical oral care for people with developmental*

disabilities: Making a difference. Bethesda, MD: National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research. 2 items.

This continuing education home-study activity reviews medical and oral health considerations for individuals with mild or moderate developmental disabilities and provides strategies for oral health care for this population. The physical, behavioral, and mental challenges and the oral health problems associated with developmental disabilities are discussed. Users must successfully complete a post-test to obtain continuing education credits to fulfill most states' requirements for license renewal. There is no fee for the course.

Contact: National Oral Health Information Clearinghouse, One NOHIC Way, Bethesda, MD 20892-3500. Telephone: (301) 402-7364, TDD: (301) 656-7581; fax: (301) 907-8830; e-mail: nohic@nidcr.nih.gov; Web site: <http://www.nohic.nidcr.nih.gov>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.nohic.nidcr.nih.gov/poc/CEtest.aspx>.

REFERENCE MANUAL

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. 2004. *Reference manual.* Chicago, IL: American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. 525 pp.

This annual supplemental issue of the *Journal of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry* promotes practice, education, and research related to the specialty of pediatric dentistry. The issue includes reaffirmed, revised, and new oral health policies; clinical guidelines; endorsements; and other practice-relevant resources.

Contact: American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Suite 700, Chicago, IL 60611-2663. Telephone: (312) 337-2169; fax: (312) 337-6329; e-mail: aapdinfo@aapd.org; Web site: <http://www.aapd.org>. Single issues \$14.00 for members; \$25.00 for nonmembers, plus shipping and handling. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.aapd.org/media/policies.asp>.

SIP ALL DAY, GET DECAY

Minnesota Dental Association. 2004. *Sip all day, get decay.* St. Paul, MN: Minnesota Dental Association. 3 items.

This packet contains materials developed to inform children, adolescents, and young adults about consuming excessive quantities of soft drinks and the risk of tooth decay. Materials include "hard facts about soft drinks," an order form for promotional materials, and a printed copy of an 18-page PowerPoint slide show for use by dentists, teachers, parents, and others who work to influence youth to make healthy choices. Discussion points include calorie, sugar, and nutritional contents of various brands of soft drinks; health effects of soft drink consumption; addiction; ways to advocate for healthy choices; and sources for more information. Promotional materials are available in English, Spanish, Hmong, Vietnamese, Somali, and Russian.

Contact: Minnesota Dental Association, 2236 Marshall Avenue, Suite 200, St. Paul, MN 55104. Telephone: (651) 646-7454; fax: (651) 646-8246; e-mail: info@mn.dental.org; Web site: <http://www.mndental.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.mndental.org/dental_health/sip_decay; http://www.mndental.org/client_files/documents/In-state_Order_Form_10-04.pdf (order form); http://www.mndental.org/client_files/documents/Sip_All_Day_Presentation.pdf (presentation).

SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT ... CHILDREN TODAY CAN BE COMPLETELY CAVITY-FREE

Vermont Department of Health, Dental Health Services. 2004. *Something to smile about ... Children today can be completely cavity-free.* Burlington, VT: Vermont Department of Health, Dental Health Services. 2 pp.

This brochure, part of Vermont's Tooth Tutor school-based education, prevention, screening, and referral program, provides information for families with school-age children on preventive oral health care and services. Topics include regular dental visits, fluoride, and dental sealants. The brochure is designed to help health professionals communicate with families and is sent home with children after screening to inform parents or guardians about recommended oral health services.

Contact: Center for Health Care Strategies, 1009 Lenox Drive, Suite 204, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648. Telephone: (609) 895-8101; fax: (609) 895-9648; e-mail: sas@chcs.org; Web site: <http://www.chcs.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.chcs.org/usr_doc/Something_to_Smile-About_Brochure_Part_One.doc (page 1); http://www.chcs.org/usr_doc/Something_to_Smile-About_Brochure_PartTwo.doc (page 2).

STOP THE POP

Missouri Dental Association. 2004. *Stop the pop*. Jefferson City, MO: Missouri Dental Association. 6 items.

This packet contains materials for individuals interested in addressing the epidemic of oral disease brought about by the consumption of excessive quantities of soft drinks. Topics include how tooth decay starts, how to reduce tooth decay, what tooth decay looks like, and facts and figures. Materials include brochures, information sheets, PowerPoint displays, and order forms. Additional information is provided via Web resources for students and other Web links.

Contact: Missouri Dental Association, 3340 American Avenue, Jefferson City, MO 65109. Telephone: (573) 634-3436; fax: (573) 635-0764; Web site: <http://www.modental.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.modental.org/YourDentalHealth/StopthePop.aspx>.

STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVING THE ORAL HEALTH SYSTEM OF CARE FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS

Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors; Health Systems Research, Inc.; and the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center. 2005. *Strategies for improving the oral health system of care for children and adolescents with special health care needs*. Washington, DC: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center. 2 pp.

This tip sheet outlines strategies for health professionals who are planning, developing, and implementing state and local efforts to ensure access to oral health care for children and adolescents with special health care needs. Topics include working with parents and other caregivers to provide oral hygiene care, workforce issues, health care financing, the importance of dental and medical homes, and a review of state and local programs addressing these issues. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: HRSA Information Center, 22815 Glenn Drive, Suite 103, Sterling, VA 20164. Telephone: (888) ASK-HRSA (275-4772), TDD: (877) 474-4772; fax: (703) 821-2098; e-mail: ask@hrsa.gov; Web site: <http://www.ask.hrsa.gov>. Available at no charge. Document code: MCH00157. Available at no charge. Also available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.mchoralhealth.org/PDFs/SHCNtipsheet.pdf>.

TRAINING MODULES FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED

New Mexico Department of Health. 2004. *Training modules for the developmentally disabled*. Santa Fe, NM: New Mexico Department of Health. 1 v.

This home study module is part of a New Mexico program to create a network of skilled health professionals that provide oral health care to persons with developmental disabilities (PDD). Sections include an overview of providing care for PDD, a curriculum for special needs certification, oral health quality evaluation criteria, examples of documents from current networks, strategies to ensure that scheduled appointments are kept, PDD oral health care network product lists, articles for review, and 12 training modules. A review of legal issues for treating PDD is included. Sample forms and illustrations are included, as well.

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.

PROGRAMS

2003 SCHOOL FLUORIDE MOUTHRINSE PROGRAM: COST SAVINGS

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Health. 2003. *2003 School Fluoride Mouthrinse Program: Cost savings*. Boise, ID: Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Health. 1 p.

This document outlines program costs and oral health costs savings for the national fluoride mouthrinse program in 2003. Data are included on program costs, the number of cavities prevented, and cost savings.

Contact: Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Health, 450 West State Street, Boise, ID 83720-0036. Telephone: (208) 334-5500; e-mail: contactus@idhw.state.id.us; Web site: <http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/_Rainbow/Documents%5Chealth/cost_savings_school_fluoride_mouthrinse_program.pdf.

CASE STUDY: VERMONT'S CAMPAIGN TO IMPROVE CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH

Center for Health Care Strategies. 2004. *Case study: Vermont's campaign to improve children's oral health*. Lawrenceville, NJ: Center for Health Care Strategies. 3 items.

This information package contains materials used in a social marketing and media campaign to improve public oral health education in Vermont. The materials include a report on the campaign's research and findings, the first of four print ads used to promote good oral health care for children, and the campaign timeline.

Contact: Center for Health Care Strategies, 1009 Lenox Drive, Suite 204, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648. Telephone: (609) 895-8101; fax: (609) 895-9648; e-mail: sas@chcs.org; Web site: <http://www.chcs.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.chcs.org/usr_doc/CaseStudy_SAOHA_VT.pdf (full report); http://www.chcs.org/usr_doc/smile.pdf (print ad); http://www.chcs.org/usr_doc/OH_Timeline_Year1_Detail.pdf (timeline).

CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH: WHAT'S GOING ON IN SCHOOLS?

Center for Health and Health Care in Schools. 2004. *Children's oral health: What's going on in schools?* Washington, DC: Center for Health and Health Care in Schools. 3 pp.

This brief provides preliminary results of a Web-based survey on school-based and school-linked oral health services. Contents include an overview of the respondents, where the programs are located, how the oral health services are organized, and where and what services are provided. Statistics are provided in tables throughout the brief.

Contact: Center for Health and Health Care in Schools, George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services, 1350 Connecticut Avenue, Suite 505, Washington, DC 20036. Telephone: (202) 466-3396; fax: (202) 466-3467; e-mail: chhcs@gwu.edu; Web site: <http://www.healthinschools.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.healthinschools.org/sh/Oralhealthsurvey.pdf>.

ENHANCING DENTAL MEDICAID OUTREACH AND CARE COORDINATION

Crall, J., and Schneider, D., with American Dental Association (Ed.). 2004. *Enhancing dental Medicaid outreach and care coordination*. Chicago, IL: American Dental Association. 9 pp.

This brief discusses ways to increase awareness of the importance of oral health and to improve care coordination for Medicaid participants, thereby decreasing the rate of no-show appointments and increasing compliance with oral health instructions. The brief focuses on innovative strategies and approaches that some states are using. Topics include consumer outreach, locating Medicaid dental providers, obtaining oral health screenings and referrals, case management and support services, reducing the number of missed appointments, and coordinating oral health care for young children and pregnant women. Brief case studies of several state programs are presented. Much of the information in the report is presented in tabular form. The brief is one in a series of four policy briefs highlighting state innovations to help state legislators understand the necessity of establishing market-based reimbursement for Medicaid oral health services.

Contact: American Dental Association, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611-2678. Telephone: (312) 440-2500; fax: (312) 440-7494; e-mail: publicinfo@ada.org; Web site: <http://www.ada.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.ada.org/prof/advocacy/issues/medicaid_outreach.pdf.

GUIDE TO CHILDREN'S DENTAL CARE IN MEDICAID

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. 2004. *Guide to children's dental care in Medicaid*. Baltimore, MD: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. 19 pp.

This guide serves as a resource for current information on clinical practice, evolving technologies, and recommendations in oral health care. Part 1 focuses on dental caries in children, including prevalence, risk, severity, unmet treatment needs, and consequences of unmet needs. Part 2 provides an overview of contemporary pediatric oral health care, including the emphasis on early initiation of oral health care, successful models for achieving oral health, recommended periodicity of services, and behavior management. Part 3 discusses policy and program considerations such as early and periodic screening, diagnostic and treatment services, required oral health services, critical clinical elements

of oral health services, program administration, and performance monitoring and accountability. Appendix A provides background on common oral diseases, conditions, and treatments; oral diseases in children with special health care needs; behavioral management; periodicity schedules; and radiographic guidelines. Appendix B includes the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry model dental benefits statement and list of procedures.

Contact: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244. Web site: <http://cms.hhs.gov>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medicaid/epsdt/dentalguide.pdf>.

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**HEAD START-STATE COLLABORATION OFFICES:
ANNUAL STATE PROFILES**

National Head Start Training and Technical Assistance Resource Center. 2004. *Head Start-State Collaboration Offices: Annual state profiles*. Arlington, VA: National Head Start Training and Technical Assistance Resource Center. 251 pp.

This document describes the history of Head Start, the role of the program performance standards, and the establishment of the Head Start-State Collaboration Offices to create the capacity to support the development of multiagency and public/private partnerships at the state level. Sections include reports from the Head Start-State Collaboration Offices about their accomplishments in each of the priority areas during 2002. Priority areas include child care, services to children with disabilities, education, family literacy services, health care (including oral health care), homelessness, community services, welfare, and other areas. Contact information for each collaboration office or director has also been provided for readers who want more detail about specific state initiatives. The final section highlights some state initiatives in each priority area.

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.

INCREASING ACCESS TO MEDICAID DENTAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN THROUGH COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

Crall, J., and Schneider, D., with American Dental Association (Ed.). 2004. *Increasing access to Medicaid dental services for children through collaborative partnerships*. Chicago, IL: American Dental Association. 5 pp.

This brief discusses barriers to access to oral health services for children enrolled in Medicaid and presents a rationale for increasing access through collaborative partnerships. The brief identifies three areas of concern associated with Medicaid dental programs that discourage dentist participation and limit access to care. Also provided are examples from several states that have engaged in significant efforts to improve access to oral health services for individuals covered by Medicaid. The brief is one in a series of four policy briefs highlighting state innovations to help state legislators understand the necessity of establishing market-based reimbursement for Medicaid oral health services.

Contact: American Dental Association, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611-2678. Telephone: (312) 440-2500; fax: (312) 440-7494; e-mail: publicinfo@ada.org; Web site: <http://www.ada.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.ada.org/prof/advocacy/issues/medicaid_introduction.pdf.

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MEDICAID PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Crall, J., and Schneider, D., with American Dental Association (Ed.). 2004. *Medicaid program administration*. Chicago, IL: American Dental Association. 4 pp.

This brief discusses the way Medicaid dental programs are administered and how simplifying the administration procedures could help increase access to oral health care for Medicaid enrollees. The brief focuses on how states administer Medicaid dental programs. Topics include single-vendor contracting, state reconsideration of managed care strategies, and state efforts to reduce administrative burdens. Single-vendor programs in Michigan and Tennessee are described. A list of notable Medicaid dental program administrative innovations is also included. The brief is one in a series of four policy briefs highlighting state innovations to help state legislators understand the necessity of establishing market-based reimbursement for Medicaid oral health services.

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(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/advocacy/issues/medicaid_administration.pdf.

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MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT: USING MARKETPLACE PRINCIPLES TO INCREASE ACCESS TO DENTAL SERVICES

Crall, J., and Schneider, D., with American Dental Association (Ed.). 2004. *Medicaid reimbursement: Using marketplace principles to increase access to dental services*. Chicago, IL: American Dental Association. 41 pp.

This brief discusses Medicaid reimbursement rates for oral health services and how these rates, which often fall well below dentists' fees, contribute to dentists' reluctance to participate in Medicaid. Topics include problems with current state Medicaid reimbursement rates; using percentile analysis to establish market-based Medicaid reimbursement rates; and state-by-state, regional, and national comparisons of Medicaid payment rates and market-based fees. The comparisons are presented in tables and figures. The brief is one in a series of four policy briefs highlighting state innovations to help state legislators understand the necessity of establishing market-based reimbursement for Medicaid oral health services.

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Head Start Collaboration Offices, Head Start Bureau. *Oral health. The Health Information Exchange* 1(1):1-14. February 2005.

This newsletter issue focuses on oral health issues and provides examples of how the Head Start Bureau's partnership with the Health Resources and Services Administration is benefiting Head Start children and families in the area of oral health. Articles include information on access to oral health care for Head Start children, updates on the work of regional Head Start oral health consultants, and information about state and territorial Head Start oral health forums.

Featured items are presented from state forums and practices, and organizational, print, electronic, and Web resources are provided.

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SCHIP TAKES A BITE OUT OF THE DENTAL ACCESS GAP FOR LOW-INCOME CHILDREN: FINAL REPORT

Shulman, S., Kell, M., and Rosenbach, M. 2004. *SCHIP takes a bite out of the dental access gap for low-income children: Final report*. Cambridge, MA: Mathematica Policy Research. 20 pp.

This report explores the link between State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) insurance coverage and access to oral health care. The report examines the barriers that still exist to improving access to and utilization of oral health care among low-income children enrolled in SCHIP, as well as how states are working to reduce these barriers. Statistical data are presented in figures and tables throughout the report.

Contact: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244. Web site: <http://cms.hhs.gov>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/researchers/reports/2004/shulman.pdf>.

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STATE AND COMMUNITY MODELS FOR IMPROVING ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE FOR THE UNDERSERVED: A WHITE PAPER

American Dental Association. 2004. *State and community models for improving access to dental care for the underserved: A white paper*. Chicago, IL: American Dental Association. 31 pp., exec. summ. (4 pp.).

This white paper identifies five access-to-care model programs and is intended to assist states as they consider how to strengthen their public programs to improve access to oral health care for underserved populations. Three of the models are state-based programs that take a comprehensive approach to increasing dentist participation in public programs and improving

utilization of oral health services. The other two models are community-focused approaches to increasing access to care by expanding oral health care delivery sites. The paper begins with background information and an introduction, followed by a description of each model. The descriptions include information on sample programs, geographic focus, administrative and organizational structure, costs, partners, finance and administrative improvements, dentist participation rates, public utilization and types of services received, and outreach to the oral health profession and the public.

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/topics_access_whitepaper.pdf (full report); http://www.ada.org/prof/resources/topics/topics_access_whitepaper_execsumm.pdf (executive summary).

STATE REPORTS

THE 2002–2003 KEEP SMILING VERMONT ORAL HEALTH SURVEY

Vermont Department of Health, Dental Health Services. 2003. *The 2002–2003 Keep Smiling Vermont oral health survey*. Burlington, VT: Vermont Department of Health, Dental Health Services. 14 pp.

This report includes a summary of key findings from the Vermont survey as well as information on the following topics: (1) survey results 1993–1994 compared to 2002–2003; (2) decayed, missing, and filled teeth; (3) low-socioeconomic status (SES) schools compared to high-SES schools; (4) Tooth Tutor schools compared to non-Tooth Tutor schools; (5) regular dental visits compared to infrequent dental visits; (6) Medicaid compared to private dental insurance or cash; and (7) Vermont compared to other states. Information on the survey method and sampling is included.

Contact: Vermont Department of Health, Dental Health Services, 108 Cherry Street, P.O. Box 70, Burlington, VT 05402. Telephone: (802) 863-7341; fax: (802) 865-7554; e-mail: tivey@vdhvax.vdh.state.vt.us; Web site: <http://www.healthyvermonters.info/hi/dentalhealth/dentalservices.shtml>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.healthyvermonters.info/hi/dentalhealth/VDHOralHealthsurvey.pdf>.

ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE FOR CHILDREN IN RHODE ISLAND (UPD. ED.)

Rhode Island Kids Count. 2004. *Access to dental care for children in Rhode Island* (upd. ed.). Providence, RI: Rhode Island Kids Count. 15 pp.

This issue brief covers issues related to access to oral health care for children in Rhode Island. It includes information on (1) why oral health is important, (2) children at greatest risk for unmet oral health needs, (3) the Special Senate Commission on oral health; (4) the Rhode Island Oral Health Access Project, (4) availability of oral health services for children receiving medical assistance, (5) oral health services for Rhode Island children, and (6) strategies to improve access to oral health services for low-income children in Rhode Island. Recommendations for program goals and measuring success are also included.

Contact: Jill Beckwith. Rhode Island Kids Count, One Union Station, Providence, RI 02903. Telephone: (401) 351-9400, ext. 20; fax: (401) 351-1758; e-mail: rikids@rikidscount.org, jbeckwith@rikidscount.org; Web site: <http://www.rikidscount.org/rikc>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.rikidscount.org/matriarch/DisplayLinksPage.asp_Q_PageID_E_118_A_PageName_E_PubRepIssueBriefSeries_A_Links_PageID_E_681.

COLORADO ORAL HEALTH SURVEY 2003–2004 SCHOOL YEAR: RESULTS (DRAFT)

Phipps, K. 2004. *Colorado oral health survey 2003–2004 school year: Results* (draft). Jefferson City, MO: Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 16 pp.

This report provides information from a statewide oral health survey of kindergarten and third-grade children enrolled in Colorado's public elementary schools. The survey was conducted by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment during the 2003–2004 school year. Survey topics include (1) demographics such as age, gender, race, and ethnicity; (2) dental caries experience; (3) untreated decay; and (4) treatment urgency. The report includes a summary of key findings, a discussion of the methods, and the results. Most of the information in the report is presented in tabular form.

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org; Web site: <http://www.mchoralhealth.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.mchoralhealth.org/PDFs/ColoradoOHSurvey.pdf>.

COLORADO: STATE ORAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE SYSTEMS (SOHCS) FINAL REPORT

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. 2004. *Colorado: State Oral Health Collaborative Systems (SOHCS) final report*. Denver, CO: Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. 8 pp. plus attachments.

This final report describes the following project objectives: (1) increase awareness among prenatal providers about the importance of oral health for pregnant women, (2) establish baseline oral disease rates for Head Start children, (3) integrate oral health into several new programs focusing on children, and (4) increase the number of second-grade children receiving dental sealants. The report also discusses the project accomplishments in gathering Head Start data, the integration of oral health into the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems and Coordinated School Health Programs in Colorado, and support of the Colorado Oral Health Outcomes Project. Additional topics include project staffing, technical assistance needs, and linkages established with other programs. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: Maternal and Child Health Library, Georgetown University, Box 571272, Washington, DC 20057-1272. Telephone: (202) 784-9770; fax: (202) 784-9777; e-mail: mchlibrary@ncemch.org; Web site: <http://mchlibrary.info>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.mchlibrary.info/MCHBfinalreports/docs/1H47MC01954.pdf>.

FROM THE MOUTHS OF BABES: REVELATIONS FROM THE ORAL HEALTH OF CONNECTICUT'S URBAN POOR PRESCHOOLERS

Edelstein, B. L. 2004. *From the mouths of babes: Revelations from the oral health of Connecticut's urban poor preschoolers*. Hartford, CT: Connecticut Oral Health Initiative. 12 pp.

This paper highlights the importance of children's oral health and the Connecticut Oral Health Initiative's ongoing efforts to improve the oral health status and oral health care of vulnerable individuals and popula-

tions across the state. The purpose of the paper is to interpret the report, *Results of the Connecticut Oral Health 0-3 Survey and Screening Project*, by relating the findings of surveyed children to the health status of children in Connecticut and the nation as reported in the medical literature and in reports by government and professional associations. The report provides details on survey participants, oral health status, insurance coverage, use of oral health services, barriers to care, risk factors for oral disease, and trends and consequences.

Contact: Connecticut Oral Health Initiative, 175 Main Street, Hartford, CT 06106. Telephone: (860) 246-2644; fax: (860) 246-7744; e-mail: info@ctoralhealth.org; Web site: <http://www.ctoralhealth.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.ctoralhealth.org/Archive/whatsnew/2004/COHI1204.pdf>.

MICHIGAN ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM DIRECTORY

Michigan Department of Community Health, Division of Family and Community Health. 2004. *Michigan oral health program directory*. Lansing, MI: Michigan Department of Community Health. 18 pp.

This document was prepared to assist in the development and expansion of oral health programs in Michigan. In chart format, it identifies local oral health programs and provides information on agency and contact person, area served, clinic facility, services provided, target population, funding, staff, and unique features. The chart lists agencies in alphabetical order, and an index is provided to locate agencies by county or area served.

Contact: Sheila Semler. Michigan Department of Community Health, Division of Family and Community Health, 3423 North Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, P.O. Box 30195, Lansing, MI 48909. Telephone: (517) 335-8388; fax: (517) 335-8294; e-mail: semlers@michigan.gov; Web site: <http://www.michigan.gov>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.michigan.gov/documents/directory_29654_7.pdf.

ORAL HEALTH. IN: HEALTHY ALASKANS 2010, VOLUME 1: TARGETS FOR IMPROVED HEALTH

Alaska Department of Health and Social Services. 2004. *Oral health*. In: *Healthy Alaskans 2010, Volume 1: Targets for improved health*. Juneau, AK: Alaska Department of Health and Human Services. 12 pp.

This chapter from the report *Healthy Alaskans 2010* provides information about the oral health status of Alaska residents. The chapter discusses oral health status and trends in Alaska, current strategies and resources, and related focus areas. Statistical information is presented in figures and tables throughout the chapter.

Contact: Alaska Department of Health and Human Services, Alaska Office Building, P.O. Box 110601, Juneau, AK 99811. Telephone: (907) 465-3090; Web site: <http://www.hss.state.ak.us>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.hss.state.ak.us/dph/targets/ha2010/PDFs/13_Oral_Health.pdf.

ORAL HEALTH IN ARKANSAS

Phillips, M. M., Mouden, L. D., and Sledge, R. 2004. *Oral health in Arkansas*. Little Rock, AR: Arkansas Department of Health, Office of Oral Health. 22 pp.

This report summarizes what is known about oral health among Arkansans. It addresses segments of the population at highest risk, discusses preventive strategies and access to care, and raises awareness of the need for continued vigilance and intervention across the state. Contents include statistics on overall oral health of Arkansans (compared with national data), oral cancer, preventive care, tobacco use, access to care, and policy interventions. The appendices include data sources, definitions, relevant sections of *Healthy People 2010*, and the history and membership of the Arkansas Oral Health Coalition.

Contact: Arkansas Department of Health, Office of Oral Health, 4815 West Markham, Slot 41, Little Rock, AR 72205. Telephone: (501) 661-2595; fax: (501) 661-2055; Web site: http://www.healthyarkansas.com/Oral_Health. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.healthyarkansas.com/Oral_Health/pdf/burden_document2004.pdf.

ORAL HEALTH: INFORMATION FOR ADULTS WHO CARE ABOUT CHILDREN

South Dakota Department of Health. 2004. *Oral health: Information for adults who care about children*. Pierre, SD: South Dakota Department of Health. 2 pp.

This fact sheet presents information about children's oral health in South Dakota. Topics include the 2002-2003 statewide oral health survey of third-grade children, early childhood caries, how to prevent tooth decay, and pregnancy and oral health. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: South Dakota Department of Health, Family Health, 615 East 4th Street, Pierre, SD 57501-1700. Telephone: (800) 738-2301; fax: (605) 775-5942; e-mail: doh.info@state.sd.us; Web site: <http://www.state.sd.us/doh>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.state.sd.us/doh/famhlth/mchoralhealth.pdf>.

ORAL HEALTH OF CALIFORNIA'S LATINO CHILDREN: FACT SHEET

California Program on Access to Care. 2004. *Oral health of California's Latino children: Fact sheet*. Berkeley, CA: California Program on Access to Care. 2 pp.

This fact sheet provides information about the oral health status of Latino children in California. Disparities in oral health among white, Asian, black, and Latino children are discussed. Topics include prevalence of oral disease, limited access to oral health care, and barriers that prevent access to oral health care. Statistical information is presented in figures within the fact sheet. Recommendations are also included.

Contact: California Program on Access to Care, California Policy Research Center, 1950 Addison Street, Suite 203, Berkeley, CA 94720-7410. Telephone: (510) 643-3140; fax: (510) 642-7861; e-mail: cpac@ucop.edu; Web site: <http://www.ucop.edu/cprc/cpac.html>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.ucsf.edu/cando/PDF%20Files/CPAC1.pdf>.

**ORAL HEALTH OF COLORADO'S EARLY START AND
HEAD START CHILDREN (DRAFT)**

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. 2004. *Oral health of Colorado's Early Start and Head Start children* (draft). Denver, CO: Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. 5 pp.

This brief presents findings about the oral health status of children enrolled in Head Start and Early Head Start in Colorado. Page 1 includes a list of key findings. The remainder of the report is in tabular form and includes information about the number of children screened and then stratified by race and ethnicity and by age, and about the prevalence of dental caries experience and untreated tooth decay in children ages 2-4 compared to *Healthy People 2010* objectives.

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