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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 governmental agencies, professional associations, foundations, and voluntary organizations 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 Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; OHRC; or Georgetown University.

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 CARE FOR CHILDREN: PRE K–12 (REV. ED.)

Class on Demand. 2002. Dental Care for Children: Pre K–12 (rev. ed.). Evanston, IL: United Learning. 3 items; 1 facilitator’s guide, 1 set of master handouts, 1 videotape (VHS, 14 min.).

This kit contains a videotape, a facilitator’s guide, and master handouts for use in educating children ages 3 to 12 about oral health and self-care. Topics include toothbrushing and flossing, eating healthy foods, visiting the dentist, and wearing mouthguards. The cariogenic process, including sugar’s critical role and its presence in many foods, is described. The videotape concludes with a concise summary of three steps that children, with a parent’s help, can take to preserve their oral health. A short quiz follows the summary. A pretest and a post-test, recipes, and fact sheets are also included.

Contact: Jason Altschul. Discovery Education, 1560 Sherman Avenue, Suite 100, Evanston, IL 60201. Telephone: (800) 421-2363, ext. 7201; fax: (847) 328-6706; e-mail: info@unitedlearning.com; Web site: http://www.education.discovery.com. $89.00, plus shipping and handling (videotape), bulk pricing available; facilitator’s guide and handout masters available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.unitedstreaming.com/videos/11174/11174_TG.pdf.

DENTAL SEALANTS


This illustrated brochure for parents explains dental sealants and how they are used to protect young children’s teeth from tooth decay. Topics include how dental sealants are applied, how long they last, their cost, and their role in tooth decay prevention. A Spanish version of the brochure, produced in 2001, is also available.


I LOVE MY TEETH BOOK

This activity book for elementary-school-age children contains information about oral hygiene and how to keep the mouth, teeth, and gums healthy. Pictures to color and activities such as word searches, matching games, and crossword puzzles are included.

**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. $2.50 (1 copy); $0.75 each (2–24 copies); $0.66 (25–49 copies); $0.60 (50–99 copies); $0.54 (100–499); $0.50 (500+ copies).

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**METHAMPHETAMINE USE AND ORAL HEALTH (METH MOUTH)**


This fact sheet for the general public presents an overview and resources on methamphetamine use and oral health. The fact sheet includes a description of the drug; its effects on the central nervous system; and its potential impact on the oral cavity, oral hygiene, and diet. Data on methamphetamine use from the 2003 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, information on drug trafficking, and additional resources are also presented.

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

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**METLIFE CHILDHOOD TOOTH DECAY RISK GUIDE: YOU CAN PROTECT YOUR CHILD’S TEETH FROM TOOTH DECAY**


This guide is designed to help parents determine whether their child is at high risk for developing tooth decay. The guide contains a questionnaire that parents can fill out to help them evaluate their child’s risk level, as well as information matching each question that can help parents reduce their child’s risk. A similar guide is available for children.

**Contact:** Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, Madison Square Garden, P.O. Box 807, New York, NY 10159-0807. Available at no charge from the Web site at https://www.metdental.com/prov/jsp/prov/pdfs/newsletters/childhoodtoothdecay.pdf.

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**ORAL HEALTH AND NUTRITION COLORING SHEET**


This children’s coloring sheet is a line drawing of a girl surrounded by healthy foods such as milk, a carrot, an apple, and a sandwich. Also in the picture is a toothbrush. Below the drawing is brief text providing tips, including tips on effective oral hygiene practices and on how to avoid tooth decay.

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MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

MODELS TO PROMOTE ORAL HEALTH IN UNDERSERVED CHILDREN: A STATEWIDE ORAL HEALTH TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH PROVIDERS


This three-ring binder includes materials from the oral health training workshop held on June 28, 2005, in Baltimore, Maryland. Plenary session topics included current oral health status of children and families residing in Maryland; diet, nutrition, and prevention of dental caries in children; community-level organizing around oral health; engaging individuals enrolled in Head Start and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) in oral health care; and cultural considerations in oral health practice and communication. Binder contents include the workshop agenda; a list of the oral health advisory board members; speaker biographies; printed presentation slides and abstracts, and a variety of handouts of policies, statements, plans, and articles. A copy of the post-test questionnaire and workshop survey are provided. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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NEBRASKA STATE ORAL HEALTH FORUM PARTICIPANT MATERIALS

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Dental Health Division. 2004. Nebraska State Oral Health Forum Participant Materials. Lincoln, NE: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Dental Health Division. 6 items.

These participant materials include a toolkit and two videotapes from the oral health forum held on April 24–25, 2004, in Lincoln, Nebraska. Also included are a brochure about the importance of visiting the dentist during pregnancy, a booklet that lists free oral health education materials, and a participant list. The first videotape describes several programs and protocols that aim to reduce tooth decay in children, including Seal America: The Prevention Intervention; a modified toothbrushing protocol, Take Time for Teeth; and the Nebraska Medicaid Dental Program. The presentation includes Spanish subtitles. The second videotape contains presentations from the conference.

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NORTH CAROLINA ORAL HEALTH SUMMIT: BUILDING A COLLABORATIVE FOR ACTION


This three-ring binder includes participant materials from the oral health summit held on April 8, 2005, in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Topics include (1) increasing dentist participation in the Medicaid program; (2) increasing the overall supply of dentists and dental hygienists in the state, especially in underserved areas or for underserved populations; (3) increasing the number of pediatric dentists and expanding preventive oral health services to young children; (4) training oral health professionals to treat individuals with special health care needs and designing programs to expand access to oral health services; and (5) educating Medicaid recipients about the importance of ongoing oral health care and developing programs to remove nonfinancial barriers to the use of oral health services. Contents include the agenda, materials on resources, facilitators, and recorders; keynote speaker presentation notes; resource background papers; the summit work group charge; and additional resource materials from the American Dental Association, the Blue Ribbon Commission on Medicaid Reform 2005, and the North Carolina Oral Health Survey group. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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POLICY

ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE AMONG HISPANIC OR LATINO SUBGROUPS: UNITED STATES, 2000–03


This report presents national estimates of access to oral health care for the following five subgroups of Hispanic or Latino individuals in the United States: Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, and other Hispanic or Latino. Topics include utilizing oral health care services, meeting oral health needs that are unmet due to cost, and identifying and understanding subgroup differences. Statistical information is presented in charts, graphs, and tables throughout the report.

Contact: National Center for Health Statistics, 3311 Toledo Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782. Telephone: (301) 458-4000, (866) 441-NCHS (441-6247); fax: (301) 458-4020; e-mail: nchsqury@cdc.gov; Web site: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs. Available at no charge. Document code: (PHS) 2005-1250. Also available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/ad/ad354.pdf.

BEST PRACTICES IN SPECIALTY PROVIDER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION: CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS


This paper describes a study of Association of Community Affiliated Plans (ACAP) health plans conducted in 2004 to identify barriers to recruiting and retaining providers and also to identify solutions to this problem. Four plans were selected for in-depth case studies. The paper, which includes an abstract and an executive summary, discusses (1) identifying challenges; (2) matching best practices to challenges; (3) payment practices, payment incentives, and financial assistance; (4) utilization management practices; (5) communications and provider outreach practices; (6) practices to simplify administrative burdens; and (7) enabling service practices. Statistical information is presented in two tables. Case studies, CareOregon current procedural terminology codes, and ACAP Health Plan contacts are included as appendices.

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/usr_doc/852_Brodsky_best_practices_specialty_provider_recruitment.pdf.

THE DECLINING SUPPLY OF DENTAL SERVICES IN KANSAS: IMPLICATIONS FOR ACCESS AND OPTIONS FOR REFORM


This study of the oral health work force in Kansas offers an account of oral health needs in the state, identifies gaps in the work force that contribute to these needs, and presents a broad range of options that policymakers can use to address these needs. Topics include an overview of oral health needs in Kansas, the impact of oral health on overall well-being, the Kansas oral health work force, the supply of oral health services in Kansas, an economic analysis of oral health markets in Kansas, and policy options and potential implications. An appendix provides statistical information on oral health needs by demographic characteristics. Additional statistical information is provided in tables and figures throughout the report.

Contact: Kansas Health Institute, 212 South West Eighth Avenue, Suite 3001, Topeka, KS 66603-3936. Telephone: (785) 233-5443; fax: (785) 233-1163; e-mail: mailbox@khi.org; Web site: http://www.khi.org. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.khi.org/DentalSupply/DentalreportFINAL.pdf.
DENTAL HYGIENE: FOCUS ON ADVANCING THE PROFESSION


This report describes the future of the dental hygienist profession as envisioned by a select group of dental hygienists with input from a wide range of sources. Contents include sections on research, education, practice and technology, licensure and regulation, public health, and government. Each section describes aims for the profession and recommendations on how the aims can be accomplished.

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ELIMINATING ADULT DENTAL COVERAGE IN MEDICAID: AN ANALYSIS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS EXPERIENCE


This report examines the impact of dental coverage reductions implemented by MassHealth, Massachusetts’ Medicaid program. The report is based on information collected between September 2004 and June 2005 through structured interviews with 13 oral health professionals in the state, two focus groups with current MassHealth enrollees who had oral health care needs, and an analysis of state administrative data. The paper also includes background information, methodology, findings, and a conclusion. Statistical information is presented in figures and tables throughout the paper.


THE NATIONAL SURVEY OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS: CHARTBOOK 2001


This chartbook presents the results of a survey on the prevalence of special health care needs among children. The chartbook includes national and individual state data on access to health services and support systems for this population. Survey results, which were self-reported by families, provide demographic characteristics, types of services needed, and satisfaction with current services. The chartbook includes tables and graphs.
**NATIVE AMERICAN CHILDREN HAVE MORE ORAL DISEASE AND LESS CARE THAN THEIR PEERS**


This fact sheet discusses oral health disparities among Native American and Alaska Native children. The fact sheet specifically addresses disparities in oral health status and access to care, including children's lack of dental insurance and the disproportionately small number of dentists who serve the population.


**POLICY CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN CLOSING THE RACIAL/ETHNIC DIVIDE IN HEALTH CARE**


This issue brief provides information about policy challenges and opportunities associated with closing the racial and ethnic divide in health care. The brief provides background and discusses the following challenges and opportunities: (1) raising public and health professional awareness, (2) expanding health coverage, (3) improving the number and capacity of health professionals in underserved communities, (4) improving health care quality, and (5) increasing the knowledge base. Next steps in closing the gap are also discussed. Statistical information is presented in figures throughout the report. Three appendices include tables describing the distribution of the U.S. population by race and ethnicity, uninsured rates by region and race and ethnicity, and the government’s role in health coverage of people of color.

**Contact:** Kaiser Family Foundation, 2400 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025. Telephone: (650) 854-9400; fax: (650) 854-4800; e-mail: webmaster@kff.org; Web site: http://www.kff.org. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.kff.org/minorityhealth/7293.cfm.

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**ORAL HEALTH MATTERS: FY 2006**


This fact sheet discusses the prevalence of tooth decay, how it can be prevented, and the role fluoride has played in its reduction. Research and possible future treatments are also discussed.

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**RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITIES IN ORAL HEALTH**


This fact sheet discusses racial and ethnic disparities in oral health and oral health care. Topics covered include differences in oral health, differences in oral health care, differences in oral health coverage, consequences of disparities, and oral health workforce diversity. Under each topic, specific statistical information is provided.


This report presents an analysis of surveillance data on dental caries, dental sealants, tooth retention, edentulism, and enamel fluorosis. The report discusses methods and results and includes a discussion section, conclusions, and recommendations for public health action. Extensive statistical information is presented in figures and tables grouped together at the end of the report.

Contact: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Mailstop F07, 1600 Clifton Road, Atlanta, GA 30333. Telephone: (404) 639-3534, (404) 639-3311, (800) 311-3435; Web site: http://www.cdc.gov. Available at no charge. Also available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/ss5403a1.htm.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

DENTAL HEALTH AMBASSADOR TRAINING MANUAL


This manual contains training and consumer awareness materials for an 8-week program to train ambassadors to expand oral health knowledge and practice across generations and a variety of populations in San Diego, California. Session topics include (1) oral health basics: form and function; (2) causes and prevention of oral diseases; (3) beyond the basics of oral hygiene and aesthetics; (4) food choices for oral health; (5) other factors affecting oral health such as tobacco, alcohol, prescription and over-the-counter drugs, recreational drugs, herbal remedies, and oral embellishment; and (6) how to adapt the message to the audience through cultural sensitivity and communication. A final session provides a review, resources, and wrap-up materials and messages. Information about additional activities is also provided. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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DIET AND NUTRITION IN ORAL HEALTH


This book is designed to help oral health professionals provide those they serve with nutritional guidance. The book includes (1) information about the relationship between nutritional health, oral health, and general health; (2) guidelines for implementing diet screening and guidance in clinical practice; and (3) practical suggestions to help individuals with various oral conditions improve their diets. The book is divided into four sections. Section 1 provides core information on the basic concepts of human nutrition and their relevance to oral health practice. Section 2 focuses on special nutritional issues and oral conditions. Section 3 provides oral health nutrition information from a life cycle perspective. Section 4 provides the nuts and bolts of integrating meaningful nutrition care into oral health practice. Case studies, food guides and dietary guidelines, sample diet screening and assessment forms, and food composition resources are included as appendices.

Contact: Prentice Hall, Inc., One Lake Street, Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458. Fax: (800) 835-5327; e-mail: linda.bennani@pearsoned.com; Web site: http://www.prenhall.com. $52.60, plus shipping and handling. ISBN 0-13-031384-X.

FILLING THE GAP: ORAL HEALTH AND KANSAS CHILDREN—A CURRICULUM FOR THOSE WHO CARE ABOUT THE HEALTH OF CHILDREN

This kit comprises materials from a 6-hour course for child care providers, presented in two lessons, that focuses on the ways in which oral health is important to general health, well-being, and quality of life for all children. The curriculum identifies best practices for oral health education for child care providers, identifies child oral health concerns, makes providers aware of oral injuries that can occur, and embraces parents and community health members as oral health partners. The kit contains a trainer manual, a caregiver book, and a videotape. The videotape, titled Filling the Gap: Oral Health and Kansas Children, is in English and Spanish.

Contact: Kansas Child Care Training Opportunities, Kansas State University, Dole Hall, 2323 Anderson Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502-2312. Telephone: (785) 532-7197, (800) 227-3578; fax: (785) 532-7732; e-mail: baileyg@ksu.edu; Web site: http://www.kccto.org. $15 for each manual or videotape; $45 for complete set, prepayment required by check or money order.

METHAMPHETAMINE USE


This fact sheet for oral health professionals provides information about the relationship between methamphetamine use and oral health. An overview offers information on street names for methamphetamine; a drug description; the mechanism of action; and cerebral, systemic, and oral effects. A methamphetamine user profile is included, as are tips about what oral health professionals should look for and what they can do when they suspect methamphetamine use.

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NUTRITION AND ORAL HEALTH FOR CHILDREN


This online curriculum is designed for health professionals who wish to learn more about nutrition and oral health for children, including children with special health care needs. The curriculum contains five modules: (1) typical oral health development in children, (2) nutrition-related risk factors for dental caries, (3) influence of special health care needs on oral health, (4) prevention of nutrition-related oral health problems, and (5) screening for nutrition-related oral health problems. Also included are a section on using the modules and a credits and acknowledgments section. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: Beth Ogata. Pacific West MCH Distance Learning Network, University of Washington, Center on Human Development and Disability, Box 357920, Seattle, WA 98195-7920. Telephone: (206) 543-7701; e-mail: pwdlearn@u.washington.edu, bogata@u.washington.edu; Web site: http://depts.washington.edu/chdd. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://depts.washington.edu/pwdlearn/oral.htm.

ORAL HEALTH CARE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: AN ONLINE CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE


This online continuing education course for oral health professionals presents information on issues associated with providing oral health care to individuals with disabilities. Topics include demographic and social status, barriers to accessing oral health care, oral health considerations with major disabling conditions, and practical clinical information that will assist general dentists in safely providing appropriate oral health care to individuals with disabilities. Modules cover definitions, physical disorders, mental disorders, traumatic injuries, substance abuse, general management issues, and providing specific treatment. The course also includes an overview of the educational goals and course content as well as a glossary and links.

Contact: Marcio Guelmann. University of Florida College of Dentistry, Department of Pediatric Dentistry, 1600 South West Archer Road, Box 100434, Gainesville, FL 32610-0434. Telephone: (352) 392-4131; fax: (352) 846-2738; e-mail: mguelmann@
ORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS: RESOURCE GUIDE


This guide is intended to inform professionals, program administrators, educators, policymakers, and others working in states and communities in planning, developing, and implementing efforts to ensure that children and adolescents with special health care needs receive optimal oral health care. The guide is divided into the following three sections: (1) journal articles; (2) books, reports, curricula, manuals, modules, guidelines, papers, fact and tip sheets, and CD-ROMs; and (3) agencies and organizations that may serve as resources. Entries contain bibliographic information, an annotation, and contact information. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


PRINCIPLES OF ORAL HEALTH MANAGEMENT FOR THE ADULT AND CHILD WITH HIV/AIDS: A COURSE OF TRAINING FOR THE ORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL


This CD-ROM includes three components: (1) a training course for oral health professionals, (2) oral health information for adults living with HIV/AIDS, and (3) oral health information for children living with HIV/AIDS. Topics include the health inventory and review of medically relevant information; oral manifestations of HIV, including clinical characteristics, diagnosis, and treatment recommendations; legal issues; special considerations; and management and evaluation of occupational exposures. The content is available in English and Spanish. The training course for oral health professionals is also available as a print publication.

Contact: HRSA Information Center, 22815 Glenn Drive, Suite 103, Sterling, VA 20164. Telephone: (888) ASK-HRSA (275-4772), (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: HAB00329 (CD-ROM), HAB00230 (2000 print publication).
PROMOTING ORAL HEALTH: THE USE OF SALT FLUORIDATION TO PREVENT DENTAL CARIES


This book for policymakers, health planners, and health workers describes the history, process, and implementation of salt fluoridation for the reduction of dental caries and improvement of oral health in Central and South America. Section 1 reviews the history, from first attempts in Europe to success in Europe and the Americas. Section 2 describes how to plan, launch, run, monitor, and evaluate salt fluoridation programs. Section 3 presents recommendations for launching a salt fluoridation program, blueprints for proposing and enacting legislation, and detailed standardized research protocols and sample forms for conducting epidemiological research.


UNDERSTANDING HEALTH LITERACY: IMPLICATIONS FOR MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH


This textbook presents health literacy findings for researchers and educators in medicine, public health, nursing, pharmacy, and related fields, as well as for public health professionals and policymakers. The textbook is organized into 12 chapters, which are divided into four sections. Section 1 introduces the factors that determine whether health literacy is achieved. Section 2 focuses on individuals' literacy skills in relation to literacy demands encountered in health care. Section 3 describes how health literacy influences communication between health professionals and those they serve. Section 4 presents a framework for understanding how low health literacy might influence health outcomes, associated research, and the literacy assessments that are instrumental to this research.


PROGRAMS

COMMUNITY-BASED ORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS: LESSONS FROM THREE INNOVATIVE MODELS


This report presents case studies of three community-based programs intended to improve the oral health of vulnerable populations: (1) ABCD/ABCDE/Kids Get Care, Washington; (2) Apple Tree Dental, Minnesota; and (3) Community DentCare, New York. The report’s intent is to foster replication, adaptation, and expansion of these models for the purposes of promoting oral health, improving quality of life, and eliminating oral health disparities. The case studies describe the programs’ activities, conditions that facilitated development and implementation, financing sources, challenges and how they have been addressed, accomplishments, and lessons learned. The case studies also discuss the programs’ potential to be sustained and replicated in other communities. Statistical information is presented in figures throughout the report. For each program, a table summarizes key program features.


GUIDELINES FOR STATE AND TERRITORIAL ORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS (REV. ED.)


These revised guidelines are divided into the following four sections: (1) current oral health issues, (2) capacity and infrastructure, (3) guidelines on essential public
health services to promote oral health in the United States, and (4) a guideline matrix of examples of essential public health services activities. Also included are appendices listing project advisers and 10 essential elements to build infrastructure and capacity.

**Contact:** Dean Perkins. Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors, 322 Cannondale Road, Jefferson City, MO 65109. Telephone: (573) 636-0453; fax: (573) 636-0454; e-mail: dperkins@astdd.org; Web site: http://www.astdd.org. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.astdd.org/docs/ASTDD Guidelines_BestPracLinksMay2005rev7final6.29.2005.pdf.

**KANSAS MISSION OF MERCY DENTAL CLINIC CLIENTS: A SUMMARY OF FINDINGS BASED ON EXIT SURVEYS**


This report, which is based on client exit surveys, describes the experiences and characteristics of one of three free dental clinics run by the Kansas Mission of Mercy. The clinic was held on February 28 through March 2, 2003, in Garden City, Kansas. The report discusses client demographics, measures of services used, and measures of oral health care needed. Client satisfaction and data and survey limitations are also discussed. Statistical information is presented in figures and tables throughout the report.

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**KANSAS MISSION OF MERCY: PITTSBURG—PATIENT CHARACTERISTICS, NEEDS, AND SATISFACTION**


This final report, which is based on a client survey, describes the experiences and characteristics of one of three free dental clinics run by the Kansas Mission of Mercy (KMOM). The clinic was held on April 30 through May 2, 2004, in Pittsburg, Kansas. The report discusses methods and results (client demographics, dental insurance status, access and needs, and outreach) and provides a summary and a conclusion. Statistical information is presented in figures and tables throughout the report. The report includes two appendices: the KMOM client survey and comments from the survey.

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**KANSAS MISSION OF MERCY: WYANDOTTE—PATIENT CHARACTERISTICS, NEEDS, AND SATISFACTION**


This report, which is based on exit surveys of clinic clients, describes the experiences and characteristics of one of three free dental clinics run by the Kansas Mission of Mercy (KMOM). The clinic was held on August 22–24, 2003, in Wyandotte County, Kansas. The report discusses the methods and the results (client demographics and client needs and services) and provides a conclusion. Statistical information is presented in figures and tables throughout the report. The report includes two appendices: the KMOM client survey and comments from the survey.

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**LOCAL CLINICAL DIRECTOR’S HANDBOOK (REV. ED.)**


This booklet provides information for volunteers about implementing Special Olympics, Healthy Athletes, Special Smiles’ oral health screening events. Topics
include volunteer recruitment and responsibilities, research data collection, fundraising, supply management, and publicity. The appendix includes contact information and master forms and handouts.

Contact: Special Olympics, Healthy Athletes, Special Smiles, 1133 19th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036. Telephone: (202) 628-3630; fax: (202) 824-0200; e-mail: info@specialolympics.org; Web site: http://www.specialolympics.org/special+olympics+public+website/english/initiatives/healthy_athletes/special+smiles/default.htm. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.specialolympics.org/NR/rdonlyres/eroaxuczzjcetntwcmxc3eb6vlqppy3xyigv23l77rwc2fhebqjqsftcjybpy6woghpzpdfcugf4s23jigow7ifbmalbe/HA_SS+Local+Coord%2e+Hdbk.pdf.

PRENATAL PROVIDER PACKET “GOOD HEALTH STARTS WITH A SMART MOUTH”


This packet of information, intended for use by health professionals who provide prenatal care to women in Colorado, discusses the importance of oral health for pregnant women and contains key messages to impart to women about caring for their own oral health. The package contains a cover letter, health professional reference guides, a client brochure, a policy brief, an evaluation form, and a materials order form. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center, Georgetown University, Box 571272, Washington, DC 20057-1272. Telephone: (202) 784-9771; fax: (202) 784-9777; e-mail: info@mchoralhealth.org; Web site: http://www.mchoralhealth.org. Single photocopy available at no charge.

SAMPLE DENTAL SEALANT AGENCY PROTOCOL


These sample agency protocols can serve as blueprints for dental sealant application programs for children in public health settings. The purpose of the samples is to provide local health departments with examples that they can adapt for their particular settings. Included in the sample protocols are sample policies, sample procedures, standing medical orders, and resources.

Contact: Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, One West Wilson Street, P.O. Box 2659, Madison, WI 53701-2659. Telephone: (608) 266-1251; fax: (608) 267-2832; e-mail: webmaster@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/sealantprotocol42505.pdf.

SANTA CLARA HEALTHY KIDS PROGRAM REDUCES GAPS IN CHILDREN’S ACCESS TO MEDICAL AND DENTAL CARE


This brief presents findings from a survey of families with children enrolled in the Healthy Kids program in Santa Clara County, California. The brief includes information on the children enrolled in Healthy Kids and the program’s impact on health services. Policy implications and the survey methodology are also discussed. Statistical information is provided in several figures in the report.


TRAINING MANUAL FOR STANDARDIZED ORAL HEALTH SCREENING (REV. ED.)


This manual provides guidelines for collecting consistent oral health data from athletes during Special Olympics, Healthy Athletes, Special Smiles screenings.
The manual discusses the importance of data standardization and presents information for coordinators, screeners, and recorders. The Healthy Athletes Software System form, instructions for training sessions, practice tests, a data cover sheet, and contact information are also included.

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STATE REPORTS


This report examines 5 years of data from annual summaries or synopses of oral health activities conducted in each state from 1998 through 2002. The report highlights trends in the areas of oral health infrastructure and work force, oral health program administration, and programs or activities. The report discusses the data categories, data collection, and limitations of the data; summarizes the data; presents conclusions; and discusses future directions for the annual synopses. Appendices provide (1) summary and state-specific data on each topic, (2) technical notes related to the data, (3) a nonresponse list and summary, and (4) a list of items included in the synopses.


CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS: ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE, WELL CHILD CARE, IMMUNIZATIONS, AND DENTAL CARE


This fact sheet outlines access to care issues for children and adolescents in Minnesota, a chosen priority issue for the 2005 Title V Block Grant needs assessment reporting requirement. Topics include access to well child care, immunizations, and oral health care. The magnitude and seriousness of the problem, interventions, and state programs and strategies are addressed. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS: DENTAL HEALTH FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS


This fact sheet outlines the oral health and oral-health-related service needs of children and adolescents in Minnesota, a chosen priority issue for the 2005 Title V Block Grant needs assessment reporting requirement. Topics include populations of children at risk for tooth decay, disparities, effective interventions, considerations for treating adolescents, and state programs and strategies to increase access to oral health services for children and adolescents. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH NEEDS: ORAL HEALTH


This fact sheet outlines the oral health and oral-health-related service needs of children and adolescents with special health care needs (SHCN) in Minnesota, a chosen priority issue for the 2005 Title V Block Grant needs assessment reporting requirement. Topics include the magnitude and seriousness of the problem, interventions to improve awareness of oral health among caregivers of children and adolescents with SHCN, interventions to improve the capacity of oral health professionals to care for children and adolescents with SHCN, and state efforts to eliminate oral health disparities and improve oral health and access to care for children and adolescents with SHCN. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


DENTAL CARE: ACCESS, USE AND COST OF SERVICES FOR CHILDREN IN HAWK-I—REPORT TO THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES


This report presents results from a study of Iowa’s Medicaid and State Children’s Health Insurance Program (hawk-i) child oral health services. Topics include the types of services children receive, how soon they receive them after enrollment, and the cost of the services. A discussion of policy implications and research limitations is also presented. The appendices include a list of dental procedure codes, statistics on dental visits, and a table showing oral health costs in the hawk-i program. Additional statistical information is provided in charts, tables, and graphs throughout the report.


IMPACT OF ORAL DISEASE ON THE HEALTH OF COLORADANS


This report highlights oral health data from the Colorado Oral Health Surveillance System, including screening data from a 2004 random sample of kindergarten and third-grade students in the state, and an analysis of data from the Colorado Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System over several years. The
report also addresses the effects that oral diseases have on Coloradans’ overall health, including the effects of oral disease on pregnancy, tobacco-related illnesses, and quality of life; oral health status; risk reduction; work force and access; successes in the state; and future considerations. Report sections also include an introduction to oral health data in Colorado, demographics, and references. Statistical information is provided in charts, graphs, tables, and maps throughout the report. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

**Contact:** Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Oral Health Program, 4300 Cherry Creek Drive, South, PSD-OH-A4, Denver, CO 80246. Telephone: (303) 692-2470; fax: (303) 758-3448; e-mail: cdphe.psdrequests@state.co.us; Web site: http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/pp/oralhealth/Oralhealth.htm. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/pp/oralhealth/Impact.pdf.

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**THE OHIO (ORAL HEALTH ISN’T OPTIONAL) INITIATIVE: YEAR IV ACTION PLAN AND TRACKING REPORT**


This document presents oral health action plan items for Ohio, outlines the individual objectives, and describes activities and their progress. Objectives include reporting on access to oral health care issues, implementing and promoting the Ohio Initiative plan, supporting community partnerships, building capacity to provide technical assistance to communities, maintaining vendor contacts, providing funding to increase access to oral health care, and conducting assessments for developing a model that can be pilot-tested in Ohio.

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**OKLAHOMA CHILDREN’S ORAL HEALTH COALITION ORAL HEALTH FORUM MARKET RESEARCH STUDY: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**


This executive summary describes a study to evaluate the effectiveness of the 2003 Children’s Oral Health Forum in creating better oral health care opportunities for children in Oklahoma. Specifically, the study addressed the problems and barriers that lead to inadequate access to oral health care among children in Oklahoma, and existing and potential solutions to overcoming these problems. Issues are described in the following areas: work force and provider, community resources, and legislative and education. The survey methodology is described, conclusions are offered, and statistical information is provided throughout the report.

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**ORAL HEALTH: A STATE PLAN FOR SOUTH CAROLINA 2004–2009**


This plan describes the burden of oral disease in South Carolina, the collaborative process used to develop a comprehensive action plan, a vision statement with an action plan, and methods to evaluation plan outcomes. The plan describes five priorities: (1) policy and advocacy, (2) prevention and education, (3) public oral health infrastructure, (4) oral health work force development, and (5) access to oral health. The description of each priority includes strategies and action steps. Four appendices include findings and action steps from *Oral Health in America: A Report of the Surgeon General*, a South Carolina oral health needs assessment, a list of advisory council members, and a list of coalition members.
PREGNANT WOMEN, MOTHERS, AND INFANTS:
DENTAL HEALTH FOR WOMEN


This fact sheet outlines the oral health and oral-health-related service needs of pregnant women, mothers, and infants in Minnesota, a chosen priority issue for the 2005 Title V Block Grant needs assessment reporting requirement. The fact sheet addresses the following topics: the magnitude and seriousness of the problem; interventions to increase access to oral health services and integrate oral health care within the current system of care accessed by women throughout their lives; the effectiveness of specific interventions; and state programs and strategies to increase access to oral health services for women of childbearing age. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


PRIMARY CARE: HEALTH PROFESSIONAL UNDERSERVED AREAS REPORT


This annual report provides data on health professional shortage designations in Kansas. Professionals discussed include primary care, oral health, and mental health professionals. The report includes a definition of each of the various federal and state underserved designa-tions, an explanation of the qualifying criteria for each, a summary of the benefits to counties or individuals available within each designation, contact information for each program, and an indication of which counties qualified for each designation as of July 2004. The report also provides details on state and federal government programs, including several new programs created to address the problems of health professional supply and to improve health care access for all Kansans.

RESULTS OF THE 2004 ORAL HEALTH SURVEY OF
ALASKAN THIRD GRADERS: ALASKA ORAL HEALTH
BASIC SCREENING SURVEY

Hardison JD. 2005. Results of the 2004 Oral Health
Survey of Alaskan Third Graders: Alaska Oral Health
Basic Screening Survey. Juneau, AK: Alaska Division of
Health Care Services, Oral Health Program. 95 pp.

This report provides data on the visual oral health
assessment and disease surveillance of third-grade
children from a random sample of Alaska’s elementary
schools in 2004. Information is included for demo-
graphics; frequency of tooth pain, dental insurance,
ability to obtain oral health care, and dental caries
experience; variables and differences by region, gender,
race, ethnicity, and dental insurance status; clinical
variables such as untreated dental caries, caries experi-
ence, and sealants of permanent molars; and differences
by Denali KidCare and Medicaid status. Appendices
provide additional detailed statistical information and
analysis. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child
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SCHOOL ORAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT: REPORT OF
FINDINGS—CUMULATIVE DATA 2002–2004

Montana Department of Public Health and Human
Montana Department of Public Health and Human
Services. 5 pp.

This report provides findings on the oral health status
of children receiving oral health screenings in
Montana. The assessment used the Basic Screening
Survey that the Association of State and Territorial
Dental Directors developed for use by screeners with
or without oral health backgrounds. The report
includes background, a map of Montana’s health
regions, and Montana health region survey results.

Contact: Cheri Seed. Montana Department of Public
Health and Human Services, 1400 Broadway, Helena,
MT 59620-0901. Telephone: (406) 444-0276; fax:
(406) 444-2606; e-mail: cseed@mt.gov; Web site:
http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/PHSD/family-health/
oral-health/family-oralHealth-index.shtml. Available
at no charge.

SMILES ACROSS KANSAS: 2004—THE ORAL HEALTH
OF KANSAS CHILDREN

Smiles Across Kansas: 2004—The Oral Health of Kansas
Children. Topeka, KS: Kansas Department of Health
and the Environment, Division of Health. 45 pp.

This report focuses on the Smiles Across Kansas pro-
ject, the purpose of which was to complete a compre-
hensive oral health survey of third-grade children in
Kansas. The report discusses (1) key findings in the
following areas: tooth decay, untreated tooth decay,
dental sealants, dental insurance, time and reason for
last dental visit, and urban and rural and income dis-
parities and (2) strategies, policies, and promising prac-
tices in other states. A discussion and implications,
recommendations, and methods and research design
are also included. Statistical information is presented in
figures throughout the report, as well as in data tables.
The report includes four appendices that contain con-
sent, screening, and screening results forms and inform-
ation about population density peer groups and
regional groups.

Contact: Kansas Department of Health and Environ-
ment, Division of Health, Landon State Office
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66612-1290. Telephone: (785) 296-1343. Available at
no charge from the Web site at http://www.kdhe.state.

SOUTH DAKOTA DENTAL ASSOCIATION FOCUS GROUP
REPORT: PEDIATRIC DENTAL CARE ACCESS AND
PRACTICE

Sumption and Wyland. 2005. South Dakota Dental
Association Focus Group Report: Pediatric Dental Care
Access and Practice. Sioux Falls, SD: Sumption and
Wyland. 6 pp.

This report provides results of a May 2005 survey of a
focus group of South Dakota dentists and dental office
staff. Issues described in the report include (1) a bias
against Medicaid recipients, (2) how reimbursement
and regulation rules deter health professionals from
serving Medicaid recipients, (3) the importance of
prevention education, (4) the challenge of collaborating with the medical community, and (5) new resources needed to meet the needs of children and adults. The report also includes focus group questions.

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