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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, researchers, and others with the goal of improving oral health services for infants, children, adolescents, and their families. OHRC collaborates with government agencies, professional associations, foundations, and voluntary organizations to gather, develop, and share high-quality and timely information and materials.

The *Oral Health Resource Bulletin* is a periodic publication designed to stimulate thinking and creativity within the maternal and child health (MCH) community by providing information about selected materials of interest. Each successive volume is intended to supplement rather than replace previous volumes. The materials listed in the bulletin have been incorporated into the OHRC library. Copies of listed materials can be obtained directly from the contributing party or are available for loan from OHRC to those involved in MCH programs. When ordering materials from the HRSA Information Center, refer to the document code located within the contact information.

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

## DATA

### THE BURDEN OF ORAL DISEASES IN RHODE ISLAND

Rhode Island Department of Health, Oral Health Program. 2007. *The Burden of Oral Diseases in Rhode Island*. Providence, RI: Rhode Island Department of Health, Oral Health Program. 76 pp.

This report summarizes the status of oral disease among Rhode Island citizens and compares their disease status with the national average. Topics include dental caries experience and untreated tooth decay, oral and pharyngeal cancer, tooth loss, cranio-facial injuries, and societal impact. Additional topics include protective and risk factors associated with oral disease such as community water fluoridation, topical fluorides and fluoride supplements, dental sealants, preventive visits, utilization of oral health services, screening for oral cancer, tobacco and alcohol control, and oral health education. Information is also provided on the provision of oral health services in the state, including work force capacity, diversity, insurance, community health centers and dental safety net clinics, and school-based and school-linked services. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

**Contact:** Rhode Island Department of Health, Oral Health Program, 3 Capitol Hill, Room 408, Providence, RI 02908. Telephone: (401) 222-1171; fax: (401) 222-4415; Web site: <http://www.health.ri.gov/disease/primarycare/oralhealth/index.php>. Available for loan.

### CHILD HEALTH USA 2006

Maternal and Child Health Bureau. 2007. *Child Health USA*. Rockville, MD: Maternal and Child Health Bureau; Washington, DC: Government Printing Office. Annual.

This report documents the health status and service needs for the target population of Title V funding: infants, children, and adolescents (including those with special health care needs) and women of childbearing age. The report comprises secondary data for more than 50 health status and health care indicators (including oral health status and care), provides both graphical

and textual summaries of relevant data, and addresses long-term trends where applicable and feasible. Section 1 of the current edition, "Population Characteristics," presents statistics on factors that influence children's well-being, including poverty, education, and child care. Section 2, "Health Status," contains vital statistics and health-behavior information for the maternal and child health population. Section 3, "Health Services Financing and Utilization," includes data on health care financing and newly implemented health policies. Sections 4 and 5, "State Data" and "City Data," contain information on selected indicators at those levels. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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### DENTAL USE, EXPENSES, DENTAL COVERAGE, AND CHANGES, 1996 AND 2004

Manski RJ, Brown E. 2007. *Dental Use, Expenses, Dental Coverage, and Changes, 1996 and 2004*. Rockville, MD: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. 137 pp.

This chartbook presents data from the 1996 and 2004 Medical Expenditure Panel Surveys on dental use and coverage for the U.S. civilian noninstitutionalized population. The chartbook is organized into four chapters. Chapter 1 presents data for the overall community population, chapter 2 covers children from birth to age 20, chapter 3 covers adults ages 21-64, and chapter 4 covers adults ages 65 and older. Each chapter is organized into three sections. Section 1 presents a summary of overall dental use, expenses, procedures, and providers; section 2 presents the prevalence of dental coverage and the relationship of dental coverage to use and expenses; and section 3 presents changes in dental use, dental coverage, and dental procedures from 1996 to 2004. Definitions of categories used throughout the chartbook are also provided.

**Contact:** Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 540 Gaither Road, Rockville, MD 20850. Telephone: (301) 427-1364, (800) 358-9295; e-mail: <http://info.ahrq.gov>; Web site: <http://www.ahrq.gov>. Available at no charge; also available at no charge from the Web site at [http://www.meps.ahrq.gov/mepsweb/data\\_files/publications/cb17/cb17.pdf](http://www.meps.ahrq.gov/mepsweb/data_files/publications/cb17/cb17.pdf).

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**EVERY SMILE COUNTS: THE ORAL HEALTH OF CONNECTICUT'S CHILDREN: CURRENT STATUS AND DISPARITIES**

Phipps K. 2007. *Every Smile Counts: The Oral Health of Connecticut's Children: Current Status and Disparities*. Hartford, CT: Connecticut Department of Public Health, Office of Oral Health. 32 pp.

This report presents findings from Every Smile Counts, a statewide survey (screening) conducted during the 2006–2007 school year to assess the oral health status of 3- and 4-year-old Connecticut children enrolled in Head Start, as well as of elementary school students in kindergarten and third grade. Data and analysis on tooth decay experience and untreated tooth decay, need for early or urgent oral health care, and dental sealants are provided. Information on dental caries prevention, Connecticut's progress in meeting *Healthy People 2010* objectives, and strategies to improve children's oral health is also included. Additional content includes an executive summary, a data brief, a discussion of the importance of oral health, survey methods, data tables, references, definitions of terms, and a resource list.

**Contact:** Linda Ferraro. Connecticut Department of Public Health, Office of Oral Health, P.O. Box 340408, 410 Capitol Avenue, MS 11DNT, Hartford, CT 06134-0308. Telephone: (860) 509-8203; fax: (860) 509-7853; e-mail: [linda.ferraro@ct.gov](mailto:linda.ferraro@ct.gov); Web site: [http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3125&q=388844&dphNav\\_GID=1601&dphPNavCtr=#47047](http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3125&q=388844&dphNav_GID=1601&dphPNavCtr=#47047). Available at no charge from the Web site at [http://www.ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/oral\\_health/pdf/every\\_smile\\_counts\\_final\\_report.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/oral_health/pdf/every_smile_counts_final_report.pdf).

**THE IMPACT OF ORAL DISEASE ON THE LIVES OF WASHINGTONIANS: THE WASHINGTON STATE ORAL DISEASE BURDEN DOCUMENT**

Byappagari D, Alves-Dunkerson J, Chaime C, Peters R. 2007. *The Impact of Oral Disease on the Lives of Washingtonians: The Washington State Oral Disease Burden Document*. Washington State Department of Health, Oral Health Program. 148 pp.

This report provides an overview of the prevalence of oral disease in Washington and describes the state's oral health work force, preventive measures available to promote oral health, and existing resources for oral health care and its financing. Topics also include oral health disparities and a review of community initiatives on oral health coalitions. Statistical data at state and county levels are provided.

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**KENTUCKY DENTAL PROVIDER WORKFORCE: 1998–2006**

Peterson MR, Williams JN, Mundt C. 2007. *Kentucky Dental Provider Workforce: 1998–2006*. Louisville, KY: University of Louisville Health Sciences Center. 31 pp.

This report presents findings from a study to quantify and forecast dental work force needs at state and local levels in Kentucky. The study analyzed data from the Kentucky Board of Dentistry for the period 1998–2006 and from a 2005 questionnaire asking dentists about various practice aspects. Contents include an introduction and background, the study purpose and methodology, and a discussion of the data analysis and results. Figures and tables are presented throughout the document. Conclusions, study limitations, and recommendations are included. The appendix contains a copy of the 2005 Kentucky Licensed Dentist Workforce Survey. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**MAKE YOUR SMILE COUNT! A SURVEY OF THE ORAL HEALTH OF OHIO SCHOOLCHILDREN, 2004–2005**

Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Oral Health Services. 2007. *Make Your Smile Count! A Survey of the Oral Health of Ohio Schoolchildren, 2004–2005*. Columbus, OH: Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Oral Health Services. 30 pp.

This report presents findings from a statewide survey to assess the oral health of students in third grade in Ohio. The survey, conducted during the 2004–2005 school year, focused on students’ oral health status and access to oral health care. A series of graphs presents data on the percentage of students (1) with a history of tooth decay, (2) with untreated tooth decay and toothaches, (3) in need of early or urgent care, and (4) with one or more dental sealants. The data are presented by county type, family income, and insurance coverage. Additional charts, graphs, and tables present data on the amount of time since the last dental visit, the percentage of students who visited a dentist in the past year, and a comparison of findings between the 1998–1999 and 2004–2005 surveys.

**Contact:** Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Oral Health Services, P.O. Box 118, 246 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43215. Telephone: (614) 466-4180; fax: (614) 564-2421; e-mail: [bohs@odh.ohio.gov](mailto:bohs@odh.ohio.gov); Web site: <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhPrograms/ohs/oral/oral1.aspx>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/ASSETS/318CE478E2784B088377359F69F6A075/FinalOHSreport.pdf>.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE ORAL HEALTH DATA 2006**

Anderson L. 2007. *New Hampshire Oral Health Data 2006*. Concord, NH: New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Oral Health Program. 40 pp.

The document presents data on eight indicators from the National Oral Health Surveillance System: behavioral risk factors, fluoridation, hospital- and community-based oral health programs, school-based dental programs, third-grade oral health survey, cancer registry and mortality from oral cancer, youth tobacco survey, and national oral health surveillance. The report provides 5-year trend data and comparisons with U.S. data.

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271-4535, (800) 852-3345, (800) 735-2964; fax: (603) 271-4506; Web site: <http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/DHHS/RHPC/oral-health.htm>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/NR/rdonlyres/egvmp27ud257dnig477pyutz57vrlohjk4im5yqr7pylwlbtq7ox3vhzdfv6w636otzom7fuer5wy34knpplypovsjd/oralhealthdata.pdf>.

**ORAL HEALTH AND ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE FOR OHIOANS, 2007**

Ohio Department of Health. 2007. *Oral Health and Access to Dental Care for Ohioans, 2007*. Columbus, OH: Ohio Department of Health. 17 pp.

This brief highlights findings from four surveys in Ohio: the 2004 Ohio Family Health Survey; the 2004 Ohio Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey; Make Your Smile Count! A Survey of the Oral Health of Ohio Schoolchildren, 2004–2005; and the 2002–2003 Ohio survey of the oral health status of children enrolled in Head Start (based on the Association of State and Territorial Dental Director’s Basic Screening Survey). Topics include child and adult oral health status and access to care, infrastructure, and dentist participation in Medicaid.

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**ORAL HEALTH IN CONNECTICUT**

Wilson AA, Aye D, Beazaglou T, Fleissner M, Lee MA, Madonna C, Mentasi L, Mitchell M, Mueller M, Shah A, Stone C, Sorosiak D. 2007. *Oral Health in Connecticut*. Hartford, CT: Connecticut Department of Public Health, Office of Oral Public Health. 40 pp.

This report documents the oral health status of residents and provides an overview of the current knowledge about the state of oral health issues in Connecticut. The report provides a summary of key findings and discusses state demographics, oral health status, risk and protective factors, and work force and access. The

report is a companion document to *Connecticut Oral Health Improvement Plan for 2007–2012* and is intended to provide baseline data on the oral health of Connecticut residents to promote interventions and policies and facilitate monitoring of oral disease trends and improvements in residents' oral health.

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## ORAL HEALTH IN TEXAS

Texas Department of State Health Services, Oral Health Program. 2007. *Oral Health in Texas*. Austin, TX: Texas Department of State Health Services, Oral Health Program. 113 pp.

This report documents the progress Texas has made toward meeting *Healthy People 2010* oral health objectives. Contents include an executive summary; a discussion of the burden of oral disease, risk and protective factors affecting oral diseases, and the provision of oral health services; and conclusions. Oral health topics are described in terms of past trends, current estimates, future projections, and what these changes mean for individuals, health professionals, and the state. Indicators of oral health status and data sources are included.

**Contact:** Texas Department of State Health Services, Oral Health Program, 1100 West 49th Street, Mail Code 1938, Austin, TX 78756-3199. Telephone: (512) 458-7323; fax: (512) 458-7256; Web site: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/dental/default.shtm>. Available at no charge from the Web site at [http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/dental/pdf/oh\\_burden\\_doc.pdf](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/dental/pdf/oh_burden_doc.pdf).

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## OREGON SMILE SURVEY 2007

Empey GB, Bradley KJ. 2007. *Oregon Smile Survey 2007*. Portland, OR: Oregon Department of Human Services, Office of Family Health. 18 pp.

This report presents findings from Oregon's second state Smile Survey conducted to assess oral health status and risk for dental caries among first-, second-,

and third-grade students attending public schools in 2006–2007. (The first survey was conducted in 2002.) Contents include an executive summary; facts from *Oregon Smile Survey 2007*; and recommendations for community water fluoridation, dental caries prevention, and school-based fluoride supplement and dental sealant programs. The report includes information about changes in the oral health of children in Oregon over the past 5 years that may be used in developing and implementing community-based-prevention strategies.

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## A REPORT ON THE COMMONWEALTH'S DENTAL HYGIENE WORKFORCE: RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM A 2007 STATEWIDE SURVEY

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Office of Oral Health. 2007. *A Report on the Commonwealth's Dental Hygiene Workforce: Results and Recommendations from a 2007 Statewide Survey*. Boston, MA: Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Office of Oral Health. 30 pp.

This report provides an overview of the dental hygiene work force in Massachusetts as surveyed in 2007. Survey topics include number of years in practice, degrees earned, work settings, wages and benefits, work availability, groups served, and certification. Contents include a description of the study methods and results, a discussion, highlights from the survey, and recommendations. Appendices include a brief history of dental hygiene as a profession, a list of Massachusetts dental hygiene schools, a review of state Medicaid programs that reimburse dental hygienists directly for services rendered, and the 29-item survey instrument. Statistical data are provided in figures throughout the report.

**Contact:** Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Office of Oral Health, 250 Washington Street, Fifth Floor, Boston, MA 02108. Telephone: (617) 624-6074; fax: (617) 624-6062; Web site: <http://www.fluoridefacts.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at [http://www.mass.gov/Eeohhs2/docs/dph/com\\_health/dental\\_hygiene\\_workforce.pdf](http://www.mass.gov/Eeohhs2/docs/dph/com_health/dental_hygiene_workforce.pdf).

**SMILES ACROSS KANSAS: 2007 UPDATE**

Kimminau KS, Greiner KA, Hou Q. 2007. *Smiles Across Kansas: 2007 Update*. Emporia, KS: Kansas Department of Health and Environment and Kansas University School of Medicine. 3 pp.

This report provides an oral health profile of students in third grade in Kansas and expands on 2004 findings by further describing the nature of their oral health status. A description of the Smiles Across Kansas project, including project methods and results, is presented. Statistical data and trends for untreated tooth decay, dental insurance, barriers to accessing care during the past year, and length of time since last dental visit are provided. The report concludes with a summary of the oral health indicators tracked in the 2004 and 2007 studies, followed by a table depicting the 2007 indicators by race and ethnicity. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**SOUTH CAROLINA TAKES ACTION: THE BURDEN OF ORAL DISEASE**

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. 2007. *South Carolina Takes Action: The Burden of Oral Disease*. Columbia, SC: South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. 52 pp.

This report provides an overview of the status of oral health in South Carolina in an effort to catalyze action in improving the general health of residents by reducing the burden of oral disease. Topics include national and state objectives for oral health, special populations, the burden of oral disease, protective factors affecting oral disease, oral health and systemic health, oral cancer, oral health education, and provision of oral health services. Contents include a list of figures and tables, an executive summary, a discussion of the document's theoretical framework, and conclusions.

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Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201. Telephone: (803) 898-3432; Web site: <http://www.scdhec.gov/health/mch/index.htm>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.scdhec.gov/administration/library/CR-006942.pdf>.

**SUMMARY REPORT: SYNOPSIS OF STATE DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS—DATA FOR FY 2005–2006**

Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 2007. *Summary Report: Synopsis of State Dental Public Health Programs—Data for FY 2005–2006*. Jefferson City, MO: Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 14 pp.

This report summarizes the results of a study examining the status of state oral health programs during the 2005–2006 fiscal year. Topics include information on each state or territory's demographic, infrastructure, work force, and administration factors that impact the state's oral health program. Data are presented in tables throughout the report and include the percentage of states that provide specific oral health services.

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**SUPPORTING FAMILIES, NURTURING YOUNG CHILDREN: EARLY HEAD START PROGRAMS IN 2006**

Hoffman E, Ewen D. 2007. *Supporting Families, Nurturing Young Children: Early Head Start Programs in 2006*. Washington, DC: Center for Law and Social Policy. 12 pp.

This policy brief analyzes 2006 *Head Start Program Information Report* data for the Early Head Start (EHS) program. Topics include changes in EHS since 2004 and state initiatives to expand access to EHS. Data are presented in a series of figures throughout the document as follows: type of program by funded enrollment; medical screenings, treatment, and services; measures of children's oral health; health services and access for pregnant women; non-EHS child care arrangements for families requiring full-time care; family services most

often accessed by EHS families; teachers with degrees in early childhood education; and average salaries for teachers by education level.

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**WOMEN'S HEALTH USA 2007**

Maternal and Child Health Bureau. 2007. *Women's Health USA*. Rockville, MD: Maternal and Child Health Bureau. Annual.

This annual report provides nationwide facts and figures to profile the health of girls and women throughout the life span. Topics include population characteristics, health behaviors, health indicators, maternal health, special populations, and health service utilization. Statistical data are provided in chart, graph, and table format throughout the report. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**DENTAL CLINICS AND SERVICES FOR LOW INCOME PERSONS IN MAINE**

Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Oral Health Program. 2007. *Dental Clinics and Services for Low Income Persons in Maine*. Augusta, ME: Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Oral Health Program. 26 pp.

This directory is designed to assist health and social service professionals and their clients in locating dentists in Maine. Section 1 lists clinic and health centers by county. Section 2 describes the state-funded MaineCare Program and provides a list of regional state

health departments. Section 3 identifies other resources, including American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal programs, state agencies, rural and community health centers, statewide resources, and preventive dental hygiene programs.

**Contact:** Judith Feinstein. Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Oral Health Program, 11 State House Station, Key Plaza, 286 Water Street, Fifth Floor, Augusta, ME 04333. Telephone: (207) 287-2361, (800) 698-3624, ext. 2361, (800) 606-0215; fax: (207) 287-7213; e-mail: [judith.a.feinstein@maine.gov](mailto:judith.a.feinstein@maine.gov); Web site: <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/bohdcfh/odh>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://maine.gov/dhhs/boh/files/odh/LISdirectoryAug07.pdf>.

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**KNOWLEDGE PATH: ORAL HEALTH AND PREGNANT WOMEN, INFANTS, CHILDREN, AND ADOLESCENTS**

Lorenzo SB, Holt K. 2008. *Knowledge Path: Oral Health and Pregnant Women, Infants, Children, and Adolescents*. Washington, DC: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center.

This knowledge path is a guide to recent resources that analyze data, describe programs, and report on policy and research aimed at improving access to and the quality of oral health care for pregnant women, infants, children, and adolescents. The path contains Web sites and resources from national and state organizations, distance-education resources, databases, and newsletters and online discussion lists. Separate sections identify resources for professionals, resources for consumers, and resources on specific aspects of oral health. Topics include child care and Head Start, dental sealants, early childhood caries, fluoride varnish, K-12 education, pregnancy, and school-based care. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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## MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

### EARLY HEAD START/HEAD START/TERRITORIAL ORAL HEALTH FORUMS: MICHIGAN FINAL REPORT

Michigan Department of Community Health and Michigan Head Start Association. 2007. *Early Head Start/Head Start/Territorial Oral Health Forums: Michigan Final Report*. Lansing, MI: Michigan Department of Community Health and Michigan Head Start Association. 24 pp.

This report summarizes the Head Start oral health forum held on May 14, 2004, in Mount Pleasant, Michigan, to recommend strategies in the areas of prevention, behavior and education, and access to care to be included in the Head Start Oral Health Plan and, ultimately, in Michigan's State Oral Health Plan. Contents include breakout session outcomes and recommendations, a list of the planning committee members, the planning meeting agenda, a flyer announcing the forum, and the forum registration form and agenda. [Funded by the Office of Head Start/Maternal and Child Health Bureau intra-agency agreement]

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### FINAL SUMMARY REPORT: TENNESSEE HEAD START ORAL HEALTH FORUM

Coscarelli J. 2007. *Final Summary Report: Tennessee Head Start Oral Health Forum*. Nashville, TN: Tennessee Head Start State Collaboration Office. 21 pp.

This report summarizes the Head Start oral health forum held on May 17, 2007, in Nashville, Tennessee, to develop a statewide plan of action to eliminate or reduce the oral health problems facing young children and their families enrolled in Tennessee's Early Head Start and Head Start programs. Background information and a summary of the planning committee's activities are provided, including the development of a needs-assessment survey, an agenda, a participant list, small group discussion topics, and a budget. A discussion of the positive and negative aspects of the forum and next steps are also presented. Attachments include

an informational flyer, the forum registration form and needs-assessment survey, the planning committee meeting minutes, the forum agenda and speaker biosketches, and the resulting state plan. [Funded by the Office of Head Start/Maternal and Child Health Bureau intra-agency agreement]

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### MICHIGAN FINAL REPORT: FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES TO EHS/HS STATE/TERRITORIAL ORAL HEALTH FORUMS

Willyard N. 2008. *Michigan Final Report: Follow-up Activities to EHS/HS State/Territorial Oral Health Forums*. Lansing, MI: Michigan Department of Community Health. 2 pp.

This final report focuses on follow-up activities to the Early Head Start and Head Start oral health forum held on May 14, 2004, in Mount Pleasant, Michigan. The report discusses activities originally proposed and how they relate to the action plan, activities accomplished, immediate outcomes, and additional follow-up activities planned. [Funded by the Office of Head Start/Maternal and Child Health Bureau intra-agency agreement]

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### PROCEEDINGS OF THE SURGEON GENERAL'S WORKSHOP ON IMPROVING HEALTH LITERACY

Office of the Surgeon General. 2006. *Proceedings of the Surgeon General's Workshop on Improving Health Literacy*. Washington, DC: Office of the Surgeon General. 82 pp.

This report presents proceedings of the Surgeon General's Workshop on Improving Health Literacy held on September 7, 2006, in Bethesda, Maryland. The goal of

the workshop was to present the state of the science in the field of health literacy from a variety of perspectives, including those of health professionals and organizations, the research community, and educators. During the workshop, participants identified the public health consequences of limited health literacy and established an evidence base for taking action. Panels covered health literacy, literacy, and health outcomes; meeting the health literacy needs of non-English speakers, minority populations, older adults, and children; and helping the public become more involved in meeting their health-information needs. Action steps are included. The speakers' biographies and a participant list are included as appendices.

**Contact:** Office of the Surgeon General, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 18-67, Rockville, MD 20857. Telephone: (301) 690-3574; fax: (301) 443-3574; Web site: <http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/index.html>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/topics/healthliteracy/pdf/proceedings120607.pdf>.

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**SECOND ADEA ADVANCED DENTAL EDUCATION SUMMIT: THE CONVERGENCE OF SPECIALTIES IN ADVANCED DENTAL EDUCATION—CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES: PROCEEDINGS**

American Dental Education Association. 2007. *Second ADEA Advanced Dental Education Summit: The Convergence of Specialties in Advanced Dental Education—Challenges and Opportunities: Proceedings*. Washington, DC: American Dental Education Association. 95 pp.

These proceedings describe a summit on dental education, held on December 7–9, 2006, in Baltimore, Maryland. Five themes are presented: (1) improve compensation and work force conditions, (2) encourage uniformity (and reform) of national licensure, (3) require an advanced postgraduate year, (4) promote interdisciplinary interaction, and (5) engage in the accreditation of nonrecognized specialty-interest areas. Contents include summaries of welcome and keynote addresses, an overview of summit discussions, reports from 16 working groups, and a summary of future directions. Appendices include data, recommendations, specialty group reports, and a demographic profile of summit participants. A list of charts appearing throughout the proceedings is provided.

**Contact:** American Dental Education Association, 1400 K Street, N.W., Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20005. Telephone: (202) 289-7201; fax: (202) 289-7204; Web site: <http://www.adea.org>. Available at no charge from

the Web site at <http://www.adea.org/webdocs/Resources/SecondAdeaAdeSummit.pdf>.

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**SECOND OHIO SUMMIT ON ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE: ORAL HEALTH ISN'T OPTIONAL**

Ohio Coalition for Oral Health. 2007. *Second Ohio Summit on Access to Dental Care: Oral Health Isn't Optional*. Columbus, OH: Ohio Association of Community Health Centers. 1 v.

This notebook contains participant materials from the statewide oral health summit held on November 27–28, 2007, in Columbus, Ohio. The purpose of the summit was to present information about oral health program successes for populations in need and to develop an action and legislative agenda to guide future advocacy efforts. Contents include hard copies of presenters' slides and the text of the call to action. Topics include early childhood and Head Start; school-based oral health programs; elderly, disabled, and HIV populations; sustainable safety net clinics; philanthropic engagement; work force policy issues; and collaboration and coalitions. The agenda and a participant list are also included.

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**TOPICAL FLUORIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HIGH-RISK CHILDREN: EXPERT MEETING PARTICIPANT FOLDER**

Altarum Institute. 2007. *Topical Fluoride Recommendations for High-Risk Children: Expert Meeting Participant Folder*. Washington, DC: Altarum Institute. 1 v.

This folder contains participant materials from an expert meeting held on October 22–23, 2007, in Washington, DC. The purpose of the meeting was to translate guidelines and recommendations on the use of topical fluorides in children at high risk for dental caries into a decision-support matrix that can be used by health professionals and programs in designing appropriate interventions. Contents include a background paper titled *Topical*

*Fluoride Recommendations for High-Risk Children*, the meeting agenda and participant list, presenters' hand-outs, and a copy of Head Start's program instruction on oral health. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**WEST VIRGINIA FINAL REPORT: FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES TO EHS/HS STATE/TERRITORIAL ORAL HEALTH FORUMS**

Gooch-Erbacher B. 2008. *West Virginia Final Report: Follow-Up Activities to EHS/HS State/Territorial Oral Health Forums*. Charleston, WV: West Virginia Department of Health. 3 pp.

This final report focuses on follow-up activities to the Early Head Start and Head Start oral health forum held in October 2004 in West Virginia. The report discusses activities accomplished, immediate outcomes, and additional follow-up activities planned. A list of West Virginia Partners for Oral Health and a budget explanation are included. [Funded by the Office of Head Start/Maternal and Child Health Bureau intra-agency agreement]

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**POLICY**

**FY2007 OFFICE OF HEAD START MONITORING PROTOCOL**

Office of Head Start. 2007. *FY2007 Office of Head Start Monitoring Protocol*. Washington, DC: Office of Head Start. Annual.

This manual is designed to help Head Start grantees and review teams demonstrate and monitor compliance with Head Start program performance standards and other program regulations. The manual organizes elements of program performance standards and other program regulations into 10 categories against which compliance will be monitored. The categories include health services, nutritional services, safe environments, disabilities services, mental health services, family and community services, transportation services, education and early childhood development services, fiscal management, and program design and management. Compliance questions form the basis of the protocol, with each question focusing on at least one program requirement. The Ground to Cover category provides tips on people to interview, questions to ask, information to retrieve from documents, and observations to make in developing a minimum understanding of grantee compliance with each question. The notes section provides space for documenting and describing detailed evidence. Appendices include sample worksheets, forms, and eligibility guidance.

**Contact:** Office of Head Start, 1250 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Room 800, Washington, DC 20024. Telephone: (202) 205-8347; fax: (202) 260-9336; Web site: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/hsb>. Available at no charge from the Web site at [http://www.magnetmail1.net/ls.cf?m?r=83613714&sid=2909316&m=376029&u=TransMgt&s=http://www.magnetmail.net/images/clients/TransMgt/attach/FY08\\_OHS\\_Monitoring\\_Protocol.pdf](http://www.magnetmail1.net/ls.cf?m?r=83613714&sid=2909316&m=376029&u=TransMgt&s=http://www.magnetmail.net/images/clients/TransMgt/attach/FY08_OHS_Monitoring_Protocol.pdf).

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**HEALTH CENTERS' ROLE IN ADDRESSING THE ORAL HEALTH NEEDS OF THE MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED**

Ruddy G. 2007. *Health Centers' Role in Addressing the Oral Health Needs of the Medically Underserved*. Washington, DC: National Association of Community Health Centers. 27 pp.

This issue brief discusses health centers' role in meeting the oral health care needs of populations with low incomes and that are high risk, the importance of improving access to services, and the challenges related

to funding this effort. Topics include disparities in access to care, lack of fluoridated drinking water, lack of dental sealants, state-by-state analyses, and selected key federal programs. The appendices include a state-by-state chart listing health centers that provide oral health services. Charts and graphs throughout the report present statistical data.

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**INVESTING IN MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH:  
AN EMPLOYER'S TOOLKIT**

Campbell KP, ed. 2007. *Investing in Maternal and Child Health: An Employer's Toolkit*. Washington, DC: National Business Group on Health. ca. 150 pp.

This toolkit outlines employers' unique opportunity to improve the health of women and children through health benefit design, beneficiary education and engagement, and health-promotion programs. The toolkit is divided into seven sections. Topics include recommendations on evidence-informed, comprehensive health benefits to support child, adolescent, and pregnancy health (including oral health); cost-impact assessments of recommended benefit changes; data on the cost of maternal and child health (MCH) care services; the business case for investing in child and adolescent health, healthy pregnancies, and primary care services for all beneficiaries; tools employers can use to develop an MCH strategy, communicate the value of their MCH benefits, and link MCH outcomes to organizational performance; strategies employers can use to effectively communicate with beneficiaries and to tailor existing health programs and policies to the unique needs of children, adolescents, and pregnant women; and health-education information developed specifically for beneficiaries.

**Contact:** National Business Group on Health, 50 F Street, N.W., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20001. Telephone: (202) 628-9320; fax: (202) 628-9244; e-mail: [info@businessgrouphealth.org](mailto:info@businessgrouphealth.org); Web site: <http://www.businessgrouphealth.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at [http://www.businessgrouphealth.org/healthtopics/maternalchild/investing/docs/mch\\_toolkit.pdf](http://www.businessgrouphealth.org/healthtopics/maternalchild/investing/docs/mch_toolkit.pdf).

**KINDERGARTEN ORAL HEALTH REQUIREMENT**

California Dental Association. 2007. *Kindergarten Oral Health Requirement*. Sacramento, CA: California Dental Association.

This section of the California Dental Association's Web site contains resources for health professionals, clinic personnel, school personnel, parents, and guardians about state legislation that requires an oral health assessment for children entering public school for the first time (at kindergarten or first grade). The program identifies children who need oral health treatment and identifies barriers to receiving care, with the goal of establishing a regular source of oral health care for every child. Information about the Kindergarten Dental Checkup Campaign and resources to help individuals and families find care are also presented. State-required assessment forms (parent letter and waiver) are available in English, Arabic, Armenian (Eastern and Western), Chinese (simplified and traditional), Hmong, Korean, Punjabi, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.

**Contact:** California Dental Association, 1201 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Telephone: (916) 443-3382; fax: (916) 443-2943; e-mail: [contactcda@cda.org](mailto:contactcda@cda.org); Web site: <http://www.cda.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at [http://www.cda.org/advocacy\\_&\\_the\\_law/legislation/kindergarten\\_oral\\_health\\_requirement](http://www.cda.org/advocacy_&_the_law/legislation/kindergarten_oral_health_requirement).

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**PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY: HOW CAN DENTAL CARE FOR  
LOW-INCOME CHILDREN BE IMPROVED?**

George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services, Rapid Public Health Policy Response Project. 2008. *Pediatric Dentistry: How Can Dental Care for Low-Income Children be Improved?* Washington, DC: George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services, Rapid Public Health Policy Response Project. 11 pp.

This paper describes the causes and consequences of oral diseases that disproportionately affect children from families with low incomes, and strategies available to address them. Topics include disparities in disease, the consequences of disease in children, unmet needs for pediatric dentistry, and strategies to increase access to services for children.

**Contact:** George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services, Department of Health Policy, 2021 K Street, N.W., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20006. Telephone: (202) 296-6922; fax:

(202) 296-0025; Web site: <http://www.gwumc.edu/sphhs/healthpolicy/index.html>. Available at no charge from the Web site at [http://www.gwumc.edu/sphhs/about/rapidresponse/download/Rapid6\\_Dental\\_D2.pdf](http://www.gwumc.edu/sphhs/about/rapidresponse/download/Rapid6_Dental_D2.pdf).

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**PERINATAL SCREENING, RISK ASSESSMENT AND REFERRAL FORM**

New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services. 2007. *Perinatal Screening, Risk Assessment and Referral Form*. Trenton, NJ: New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services. 1 p.

This standardized prenatal risk-assessment screening tool collects information on pregnancy risk factors, medical conditions, and social risk factors, including recent and past alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use by the individual, her parents, and her partner. The tool directs health professionals to examine the teeth and gums of all pregnant women and to refer women with periodontal disease or other oral health problems to local oral health professionals for care. The scannable form is designed to be incorporated into a central data repository for use by the five Medicaid managed care health plans in New Jersey. An accompanying document provides background information on the pilot project, including design, implementation, key lessons, and future plans.

**Contact:** New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, P.O. Box 728, Trenton, NJ 08625-0212. Telephone: (609) 292-3717; Web site: <http://www.state.nj.us/human-services/dmahs/index.html>. Available at no charge from the Web site at [http://www.chcs.org/usr\\_doc/PRA\\_Form.pdf](http://www.chcs.org/usr_doc/PRA_Form.pdf).

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**PRISM: PRIVACY TOOLKIT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONALS**

Public Health Data Standards Consortium. 2007. *PRISM: Privacy Toolkit for Public Health Professionals*. Baltimore, MD: Public Health Data Standards Consortium.

This toolkit provides direction for government health entities in applying Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act privacy regulations to their programs and functions and also in complying with state

and federal requirements. The toolkit identifies and defines the baseline conditions and requirements that a state or local government health program must follow when using and disclosing specific types of health information. A series of tables outlines different types and purposes of information use and disclosure and the general legal requirements relevant to each type of use or disclosure. An introduction to the PRISM privacy tool, a glossary containing key definitions and terms related to the disclosure of privacy information, and additional resources are provided.

**Contact:** Public Health Data Standards Consortium, c/o Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, 624 North Broadway, Room 325, Baltimore, MD 21205. Telephone: (410) 614-3463; fax: (410) 614-3097; Web site: <http://www.phdsc.org/default.asp>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.phdsc.org/prism/introduction.htm>.

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**PROMISING SCOPES OF PRACTICE MODELS FOR THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS**

Dower C, Christian S, O'Neil E. 2007. *Promising Scopes of Practice Models for the Health Professions*. San Francisco, CA: University of California, San Francisco, Center for the Health Professions. 25 pp.

This brief examines issues in the legal scopes of practice for the health professions within the context of improving access to care in California. The brief highlights the California scopes of practice for a sample of four occupations (nurse practitioners, physical therapists, physician assistants, and paramedics) and compares them to more expansive scopes of practices in other states or institutions. The brief also discusses efforts to improve scope of practice decision-making via review mechanisms, health boards with independent rule-making authority, and national uniformity.

**Contact:** University of California, San Francisco, Center for the Health Professions, 3333 California Street, Suite 410, San Francisco, CA 94118. Telephone: (415) 476-8181; fax: (415) 476-4113; Web site: <http://futurehealth.ucsf.edu>. Available at no charge from the Web site at [http://www.futurehealth.ucsf.edu/pdf\\_files/Scope%20Models%20Fall%202007.pdf](http://www.futurehealth.ucsf.edu/pdf_files/Scope%20Models%20Fall%202007.pdf).

**THE SILENT EPIDEMIC: DENTAL DISEASE AMONG MARYLAND'S CHILDREN**

The Public Justice Center. 2008. *The Silent Epidemic: Dental Disease Among Maryland's Children*. Baltimore, MD: The Public Justice Center. 1 DVD (streaming video, 7.5 min.).

This film presents information on the oral health status of children from families with low incomes and outlines three legislative initiatives to improve access to care for children and their families in Maryland. The film focuses on the impact of untreated dental caries in children from families with low incomes and actions to raise reimbursement rates, integrate existing Medicaid managed care plans into a single-payer plan, and increase the number of public dental clinics.

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**PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

**FIRST SMILES: DENTAL HEALTH BEGINS AT BIRTH**

First Smiles Education and Training Project. 2008. *First Smiles: Dental Health Begins at Birth*. Sacramento, CA: California Dental Association Foundation; Oakland, CA: Dental Health Foundation. 14 pp.

This continuing education course for oral health professionals provides clinical information on how to detect dental caries in young children, including those with special health care needs, and how to provide early interventions to reverse the disease process. Topics include the causes and costs of early childhood caries (ECC), ECC prevention, risk assessment for infants and young children, and documenting and billing for fluoride-varnish application.

**Contact:** Rolande Tellier Loftus. California Dental Association Foundation, First Smiles Education and Training Project, 1201 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Telephone: (916) 554-4918; fax: (916) 498-6182; e-mail: [Rolande.Loftus@cda.org](mailto:Rolande.Loftus@cda.org); Web site: <http://www.First5OralHealth.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.first5oral>

[health.org/dentalcourse/FirstSmilesCorrespondenceCoursewithSurvey.pdf](http://health.org/dentalcourse/FirstSmilesCorrespondenceCoursewithSurvey.pdf).

**HEAD START—PEDIATRIC ORAL HEALTH**

Orlando V. 2007. *Head Start—Pediatric Oral Health*. Denver, CO: Rocky Mountain SER, Jobs for Progress. 1 DVD, 1 CD-ROM.

This kit is designed for use by Head Start program staff and their community partners in providing oral health services for children enrolled in Head Start programs in Region VIII (Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming). Contents include a DVD and companion CD-ROM. The DVD video segments describe Head Start oral health services and oral-health-related program performance standards. Information on how programs can support parents by providing education and helping them access services is included. Components of the oral health visit are also discussed, including risk assessment, toothbrush care, fluoride-varnish application, and anticipatory guidance. The companion CD-ROM contains a risk-assessment form, selected materials on fluoride from California's First 5 Oral Health project, anticipatory guidance, behavior guidance, and selected journal article reprints.

**Contact:** Rocky Mountain SER, Jobs for Progress, 3555 Pecos Street, Denver, CO 80211. Telephone: (303) 480-9214; fax: (303) 480-9394; e-mail: [rmser@rmser.org](mailto:rmser@rmser.org); Web site: <http://www.rmser.org>. \$35.00 for kit; streaming video available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.mchoralhealth.org/materials/multiples/RMSER.html>.

**HEALTHY CHILDCARE: DENTAL HEALTH ISSUE**

Hendricks C, ed. 2007. *Healthy Childcare: Dental Health Issue* 10(6).

This special issue of *Healthy Childcare* is devoted to the oral health needs of young children. Included are articles on preventing and treating oral injuries, the use of fluorides and dental sealants, nutritious foods, and preparing children for visits to the dentist.

**Contact:** Healthy Child Publications, P.O. Box 624, Harbor Springs, MI 49770. Telephone: (213) 526-6342; (877) 258-6178; fax: (231) 526-0428; e-mail: [info@healthychild.net](mailto:info@healthychild.net); Web site: <http://www.healthychild.net>.

\$4.25; also available at no charge from the Web site at <http://healthychild.net/volume10.html>.

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**I-SMILE SCREENING GUIDE FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS**

Iowa Department of Public Health. 2007. *I-Smile Screening Guide for Health Care Professionals*. Des Moines, IA: Iowa Department of Public Health. 1 booklet (24 pp.), 1 CD ROM.

This guide and CD-ROM for health professionals provides training and education on oral screening, risk assessment, and fluoride-varnish application as part of the I-Smile Dental Home Project, a statewide initiative to provide primary prevention and care coordination within Iowa's public health network. Topics include the importance of children's oral health, parent-education tips, and when to refer children to the local I-Smile coordinator for help with finding a dentist. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

**Contact:** Iowa Department of Public Health, Lucas State Office Building, 321 East 12th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319-0075. Telephone: (515) 281-5787; fax: (515) 242-6384; Web site: <http://www.idph.state.ia.us>. Available for loan.

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**ORAL HEALTH CARE DURING PREGNANCY AND EARLY CHILDHOOD**

New York State Department of Health and March of Dimes. 2007. *Oral Health Care During Pregnancy and Early Childhood*. Rensselaer, NY: State University of New York at Albany, School of Public Health.

This continuing-education activity for prenatal, oral health, and child health professionals highlights the importance of good oral health and the need for care during pregnancy and throughout early childhood. The activity comprises a multidisciplinary panel discussion, handouts, and an evaluation and post-test. Topics include (1) the impact of oral health on overall health and the development of practice guidelines by the New York State Department of Health; (2) incorporation of oral health care during pregnancy, including the scientific basis for treatment; (3) causes of tooth decay, the impact of tooth decay on family life, and prevention; and (4) how to conduct an oral health assessment during a well-child visit. The activity has been approved for

credit by providers of continuing education for nurses, physicians, health educators, and dentists.

**Contact:** State University of New York at Albany, School of Public Health, One University Place, Rensselaer, NY 12144-3456. Telephone: (518) 402-0283; (518) 486-6453; fax: (518) 402-0329; [coned@albany.edu](mailto:coned@albany.edu); Web site: <http://www.albany.edu/sph>. Available at no charge from the Web site (Webstream); DVD available for loan from the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center or for purchase (\$30) from the Public Health Foundation. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.albany.edu/sph/coned/oralhealth.htm>.

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**ORAL HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT: TRAINING FOR PEDIATRICIANS AND OTHER CHILD HEALTH PROFESSIONALS (REV. ED.)**

American Academy of Pediatrics. 2008. *Oral Health Risk Assessment: Training for Pediatricians and Other Child Health Professionals* (rev. ed.). Elk Grove Village, IL: American Academy of Pediatrics.

This continuing-education activity for pediatricians and other health professionals provides an overview of how to conduct an oral health risk assessment and triage for infants and young children from birth to age 3. The information is based on the American Academy of Pediatrics' policy statement *Oral Health Risk Assessment Timing and Establishment of a Dental Home*. Topics include the role of the health professional in assessing children's oral health, the pathogenesis of dental caries, risk assessment, prevention strategies, establishing a dental home, and oral health education. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**SPECIAL ISSUE ON ORAL HEALTH AMONG WOMEN AND CHILDREN**

Freda MC, ed. 2008. Special Issue on Oral Health Among Women and Children. *MCN: The American Journal of Maternal/Child Nursing* 33(1):1-64.

This special issue focuses on the role of nurses in promoting oral health in women, children, and adolescents. Topics includes a nurses' call to action to help improve oral health in women; gaps in practice and research on pregnancy and oral health and recommendations to close these gaps; and maternal periodontal disease, pregnancy, and neonatal outcomes. The journal also addresses infant nutrition and oral health, early childhood caries and suggestions for improving oral health in children, and nursing care and management of pathological oral conditions in women and children. Additional content focuses on nurse-dentist collaboration.

**Contact:** Lippincott Williams and Wilkins, 530 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106-3621. Telephone: (800) 638-3030, (215) 521-8300; fax: (215) 521-8902; e-mail: [orders@lww.com](mailto:orders@lww.com); Web site: <http://www.lww.com>. Single issues available at \$20.00, plus shipping and handling.

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**A WAY WITH WORDS: GUIDELINES FOR WRITING ORAL HEALTH MATERIALS FOR AUDIENCES WITH LIMITED LITERACY**

Barzel R. 2007. *A Way with Words: Guidelines for Writing Oral Health Materials for Audiences with Limited Literacy*. Washington, DC: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center. 2 pp.

This tip sheet provides ideas to help those who produce oral health educational materials make the materials easy for everyone to understand. It offers suggestions for how to choose words; set an appropriate tone; and craft sentences, paragraphs, lists, and headings that communicate most effectively with people with limited literacy. Suggestions for how to design documents and how to present unfamiliar terminology are also presented. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**PROGRAMS**

**ACCESS TO DENTAL SERVICES FOR MEDICAID CHILDREN IN MARYLAND**

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Dental Action Committee. 2007. *Access to Dental Services for Medicaid Children in Maryland*. Baltimore, MD: Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Dental Action Committee. 134 pp.

This report presents recommendations developed by the Maryland Dental Action Committee to help guide the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in increasing access to oral health services for children enrolled in Medicaid. Contents include an executive summary, a purpose statement, topic area summaries, an evaluation and oversight section, and a conclusion. Topics include Medicaid rates and alternate models; public health strategies; education and outreach for parents and other caregivers; and provider participation, capacity, and scope of practice. Committee recommendations, subcommittee reports, Medicaid data, and background materials are included as appendices.

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**ASSURING COMPREHENSIVE DENTAL SERVICES IN MEDICAID AND HEAD START PROGRAMS: PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION CONSIDERATIONS**

Schneider D, Rossetti J, Crall J. 2007. *Assuring Comprehensive Dental Services in Medicaid and Head Start Programs: Planning and Implementation Considerations*. Los Angeles, CA: National Oral Health Policy Center. 16 pp.

This issue brief addresses efforts to improve access to oral health services for children enrolled in Medicaid and Head Start. The brief focuses on models or arrangements that include a limited set of services (e.g., screening services, prevention services, or both) often provided by non-dentists outside traditional oral health care delivery settings. The brief discusses (1) the relationships between the models and federal regulations and policies requiring comprehensive

services, (2) the potential for adverse consequences, and (3) approaches for ameliorating adverse consequences and securing children's access to a full range of services. Topics include dental caries prevalence, distribution, and consequences in preschool-age children; access to services; Medicaid program purpose, scope of services, and Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) requirements for oral health services; strategies for improving referrals and access to comprehensive EPSDT oral health services; unintended and undesirable consequences of alternative models; and the dental home. A summary of federal regulations and policies affecting alternative dental practice models and conclusions is provided.

**Contact:** National Oral Health Policy Center, UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities, 1100 Glendon Avenue, Suite 850, Los Angeles, CA 90095-6939. Telephone: (310) 794-2583; fax: (310) 794-2728; Web site: <http://www.healthychild.ucla.edu/nohpc/Default.asp>. Available at no charge from the Web site at [http://www.healthychild.ucla.edu/nohpc/National%20Oral%20Health%20Policy%20Center/OralCenterPubs/Dental\\_Services\\_in\\_Medicaid\\_&Head\\_Start.pdf](http://www.healthychild.ucla.edu/nohpc/National%20Oral%20Health%20Policy%20Center/OralCenterPubs/Dental_Services_in_Medicaid_&Head_Start.pdf).

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**THE BELLWETHER: LEADING LOCAL EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE NATION'S ORAL HEALTH**

American Association for Community Dental Programs. 2007. *The Bellwether: Leading Local Efforts to Improve the Nation's Oral Health*. Washington, DC: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center.

This newsletter is a periodic publication of the American Association for Community Dental Programs (AACDP) to communicate relevant information to the membership. Contents include issues relevant to improving oral health, highlights of innovative or promising programs, and information about AACDP activities. Contact information for AACDP elected officers is also included.

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**CHILD AND TEEN CHECKUPS (C&TC) FACT SHEET**

Minnesota Department of Health. 2007. *Child and Teen Checkups (C&TC) Fact Sheet*. St. Paul, MN: Minnesota Department of Health. 4 pp.

This fact sheet provides information for health professionals about the dental visit component of Minnesota's Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment program. The fact sheet outlines child and adolescent program requirements for dental visits, personnel, and documentation. Selected oral health facts, key points, professional recommendations, and resources are also included.

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Health, Maternal and Child Health Section, P.O. Box 64882, 85 East Seventh Place, Suite 400, St. Paul, MN 55164-0882. Telephone: (651) 201-3760; Web site: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/fh/mch>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/fh/mch/dental.pdf>.

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**DENTAL COVERAGE AND CARE FOR LOW-INCOME CHILDREN: THE ROLE OF MEDICAID AND SCHIP**

Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured. 2007. *Dental Coverage and Care for Low-Income Children: The Role of Medicaid and SCHIP*. Washington, DC: Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured. 3 pp.

This fact sheet provides an overview of access to oral health care and coverage for children from families with low incomes. Topics include the importance of care for children, disparities in children's disease and care, coverage for care in Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program, and initiatives to increase access to care for children. Statistical data are presented in a series of graphs.

**Contact:** Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, 1330 G Street, N.W., Suite 250, Washington, DC 20005. Telephone: (202) 347-5270; fax: (202) 347-5274; e-mail: [kcmu@kff.org](mailto:kcmu@kff.org); Web site: <http://www.kff.org/about/kcmu.cfm>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.kff.org/medicaid/upload/7681.pdf>.

**DENTAL HYGIENISTS AND HEAD START: WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW AND HOW YOU CAN HELP**

Clark M, Holt K. 2008. *Dental Hygienists and Head Start: What You Should Know and How You Can Help*. Washington, DC: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center. 4 pp.

This tip sheet provides information about how dental hygienists can help address the oral health needs of pregnant women, infants, and children enrolled in Head Start. Topics include an overview of the Head Start program, information on children’s access to services and oral health status, and promising approaches to providing care for Head Start participants. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**FLUORIDE VARNISH INFORMATION FOR PROVIDERS OF MINNESOTA CHILD AND TEEN CHECKUPS (C AND TC)**

Minnesota Department of Human Services. 2007. *Fluoride Varnish Information for Providers of Minnesota Child and Teen Checkups (C and TC)*. St. Paul, MN: Minnesota Department of Human Services. 2 pp.

This fact sheet provides information about fluoride varnish for health professionals who provide services to children and adolescents enrolled in Child and Teen Checkups, Minnesota’s Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment program. The fact sheet presents national statistics on dental caries in children, discusses the safety and use of fluoride varnish in preventing tooth decay, and describes the role of health professionals in applying fluoride varnish for children who are at moderate or high risk for tooth decay. Additional resources are provided, including instructions for billing for fluoride-varnish applications for children enrolled in Minnesota health care programs.

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Human Services, 444 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, MN 55155. Telephone: (651) 297-3933, (800) 627-3529, (877) 627-3848; e-mail: [dhs.info@state.mn.us](mailto:dhs.info@state.mn.us); Web site: <http://www.dhs.state.mn.us>. Available at no charge

from the Web site at <http://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Legacy/DHS-5012-ENG>.

**FUTURE SMILES SCHOOL SEALANT PROGRAM**

Flint Hills Community Health Center. 2007. *Future Smiles School Sealant Program*. Emporia, KS: Flint Hills Community Health Center. 6 items.

These materials are part of a program designed to bring oral health care to children from families with low incomes in the elementary school setting. The materials include two brochures, one containing program information and another on the use of dental sealants in preventing tooth decay. A parent letter, a general and health-information form, and a consent-for-treatment form are also included. A report form is provided for use in communicating with a parent or other caregiver about a child’s oral health treatment needs and services rendered, including dental sealants and fluoride varnish. Some materials are available in Spanish. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**HEAD START ORAL HEALTH RESOURCE GUIDE**

Clark M, Holt K, eds. 2007. *Head Start Oral Health Resource Guide*. Washington, DC: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center. 49 pp.

This guide is designed to help professionals address barriers to oral health care for pregnant women, infants, and children enrolled in Head Start. The resource guide is divided into three sections. Section 1 lists journal articles appearing in the literature from January 2006 to July 2007. Section 2 describes materials, including brochures, fact sheets, guidelines, curricula, and reports. Section 3 lists federal agencies, resource centers, professional associations, and voluntary organizations that may serve as resources. [Funded by an Office of Head Start/Maternal and Child Health Bureau intra-agency agreement]

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**HEALTHY CHILDREN HAPPY SMILES**

West Virginia Partners for Oral Health. 2007. *Healthy Children Happy Smiles*. Wheeling, WV: West Virginia Head Start Association. 1 DVD.

This DVD is designed to educate pregnant women and parents of children enrolled in Early Head Start and Head Start about oral health during pregnancy, infancy, and early childhood. Information is presented in six parts, narrated by a dental hygienist and a dentist. Selected topics include pregnancy and oral health, oral development, preventing dental caries in infants and children from birth to age 6, establishing healthy self-care habits early in life, and eating for oral health. Specific information about West Virginia's public oral health services is included.

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**IMPROPER PAYMENTS FOR MEDICAID PEDIATRIC DENTAL SERVICES**

Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General. 2007. *Improper Payments for Medicaid Pediatric Dental Services*. Washington, DC: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General. 35 pp.

This report presents findings from an assessment of the appropriateness of Medicaid payments for pediatric dental services. The authors examined a stratified random sample of Medicaid pediatric dental services in five states during 2003 to determine whether the services met requirements for proper documentation, billing, and medical necessity. Contents include an

executive summary, which presents the objective and background and a summary of the findings, recommendations, comments from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and a response from the Office of Inspector General. Additional components of the report include an introduction, detailed findings, and recommendations.

**Contact:** Office of Inspector General, c/o Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Public Affairs, Cohen Building, Room 5541, 330 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20201. Telephone: (202) 619-1343; fax: (202) 260-8512; e-mail: [paffairs@oig.hhs.gov](mailto:paffairs@oig.hhs.gov); Web site: <http://oig.hhs.gov>. Available at no charge. Document code: OEI-04-04-00210. Also available at no charge from the Web site at <http://oig.hhs.gov/oei/reports/oei-04-04-00210.pdf>.

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**MEETING THE HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF CALIFORNIA'S CHILDREN: THE ROLE OF TELEMEDICINE**

The Children's Partnership. 2007. *Meeting the Health Care Needs of California's Children: The Role of Telemedicine*. Santa Monica, CA: The Children's Partnership. 16 pp.

This issue brief informs leaders and the public of how telemedicine can address the health care needs of children in California, particularly children from families with low incomes who live in medically underserved areas. Contents include (1) an overview of the benefits of telemedicine for children and families, health systems, and communities; (2) the challenges associated with the adoption of telemedicine; and (3) recommendations for ensuring that telemedicine reaches its potential in meeting the health care needs of California's most vulnerable children. The use of telemedicine is illustrated in the following areas: emergency and critical care, oral health, vision screening, mental health, telepharmacy, children with special health care needs, home health care, child-abuse evaluations, supporting families, disease management, language translation, supporting rural health professionals and providing medical education, and caring for children where they are located.

**Contact:** Children's Partnership, 1351 Third Street Promenade, Suite 206, Santa Monica, CA 90401-1321. Telephone: (310) 260-1220; fax: (310) 260-1921; e-mail: [frontdoor@childrenspartnership.org](mailto:frontdoor@childrenspartnership.org); Web site: <http://www.childrenspartnership.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.childrenspartnership.org/report/telemedicine>.

**MISSISSIPPI FACT SHEET: COMMUNITY WATER FLUORIDATION AND ORAL HEALTH**

Mississippi State Department of Health. 2007. *Mississippi Fact Sheet: Community Water Fluoridation and Oral Health*. Jackson, MS: Mississippi State Department of Health. 1 p.

This fact sheet outlines the importance of good oral health and the role community water fluoridation can play in preventing tooth decay. Additional facts are presented on the prevalence of tooth decay and tooth loss, where and at what cost fluoridated water is available in Mississippi, and where fluoridated water is planned in the state.

**Contact:** Mississippi State Department of Health, 570 East Woodrow Wilson Drive, Jackson, MS 39216. Telephone: (601) 576-7400, (866) 458-4948; Web site: <http://www.msdh.state.ms.us>. Available at no charge from the Web site at [http://www.msdh.state.ms.us/msdhsite/Links/Facts\\_communityWaterFl.html](http://www.msdh.state.ms.us/msdhsite/Links/Facts_communityWaterFl.html).

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**OHIO HEALTH CARE SAFETY NET: A DESCRIPTION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROGRAMS**

McGee AR. 2007. *Ohio Health Care Safety Net: A Description of Public and Private Programs*. Cincinnati, OH: Ohio Family Coverage Coalition. 24 pp.

This document provides descriptions of public and private programs in Ohio to assist the uninsured in locating health care services and financing. It describes 10 government-sector and 5 private-sector safety net programs, as well as the 2007 federal poverty guidelines. An at-a-glance chart is also provided.

**Contact:** Ohio Hospital Association, 155 East Broad Street, Floor 15, Columbus, OH 43215. Telephone: (614) 221-7614; fax: (614) 221-4771; Web site: <http://www.ohanet.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.ohanet.org/medicaid/resources/healthsafetynetdraft.pdf>.

**PROJECT READY SMILE: CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH INITIATIVE**

REACH Healthcare Foundation and Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City. 2008. *Project Ready Smile: Children's Oral Health Initiative*. Merriam, KS: REACH Healthcare Foundation and Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City.

This section of the REACH Healthcare Foundation's Web site provides information on Project Ready Smile, an initiative to improve the oral health of infants and children from birth to age 6 by (1) increasing the number of dentists who serve families with low incomes, (2) encouraging families to establish dental homes, and (3) educating children, families, and others about the need for oral hygiene and oral health care. Project services (which include oral health screenings, fluoride-varnish application, and education) are targeted to families who reside in selected counties in Kansas and Missouri. A fact sheet describes the project goals, services, and costs.

**Contact:** REACH Healthcare Foundation, 6700 Antioch Road, Suite 110, Merriam, KS 66204. Telephone: (913) 432-4196, (866) 866-8805; e-mail: [http://www.reachhealth.org/Contact/Contact.asp?x=070|010&x~="](http://www.reachhealth.org/Contact/Contact.asp?x=070|010&x~=); Web site: <http://www.reachhealth.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at [http://www.reachhealth.org/Initiative/Initiative.asp?Ref=PRS&x~="](http://www.reachhealth.org/Initiative/Initiative.asp?Ref=PRS&x~=).

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**SCHIP DENTAL BENEFITS**

National Academy for State Health Policy. 2007. SCHIP Dental Benefits. *State Health Policy Monitor* 1(1):1-3.

This inaugural issue of the *State Health Policy Monitor* examines the status of dental benefits in State Children's Health Insurance Programs in 2007. Selected topics include cost sharing and annual payment caps. A map presents data on the number of states with separate programs that also include dental benefits.

**Contact:** National Academy for State Health Policy, 50 Monument Square, Suite 502, Portland, ME 04101. Telephone: (207) 874-6524, (202) 903-0101; fax: (207) 874-6527; e-mail: [info@nashp.org](mailto:info@nashp.org); Web site: <http://www.nashp.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at [http://www.nashp.org/Files/shpmonitor\\_SCHIPdental.pdf](http://www.nashp.org/Files/shpmonitor_SCHIPdental.pdf).

**WATER FLUORIDATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA:  
A FACT SHEET**

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. 2007. *Water Fluoridation in South Carolina: A Fact Sheet*. Columbia, SC: South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. 2 pp.

This fact sheet presents information on community water fluoridation in South Carolina. Topics include the causes of tooth decay, the adverse impact of tooth decay on child and adult health, and the importance of community water fluoridation in preventing tooth decay. Information about the population served in 2006, related national health objectives, and South Carolina's program to assist local public water systems achieve optimal fluoridation levels are also addressed.

**Contact:** South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Division of Oral Health, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201. Telephone: (803) 898-3432; Web site: <http://www.scdhec.gov/health/mch/index.htm>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.scdhec.gov/health/mch/oral/docs/F-%20Final.pdf>.

**PUBLIC EDUCATION**

**BABY TEETH DO MATTER! STEPS TO HEALTHY TEETH**

South Dakota Department of Health. 2007. *Baby Teeth Do Matter! Steps to Healthy Teeth*. Pierre, SD: South Dakota Department of Health. 2 pp.

This brochure for parents presents information about oral health care for infants and children from birth to age 8. The content emphasizes the importance of establishing good oral health habits at an early age to prevent oral health problems. Topics include tooth decay, toothbrushing and flossing, feeding and eating practices, and dental visits. The brochure is available in English and Spanish. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

**Contact:** South Dakota Department of Health, Oral Health Program, 615 East Fourth Street, Pierre, SD 57501-1700. Telephone: (800) 738-2301, (605) 773-3737; fax: (605) 773-5509; e-mail: [doh.info@state.sd.us](mailto:doh.info@state.sd.us); Web site: <http://www.state.sd.us/doh/OralHealth>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://apps.sd.gov/applications/PH18Publications/secure/Publications/teeth.pdf>.

**CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH BULLETIN BOARD**

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Office of Oral Health. 2008. *Children's Dental Health Bulletin Board*. Baltimore, MD: Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Office of Oral Health. 16 pp.

These bulletin board materials are designed to increase awareness among parents of elementary-school-age children about an oral-health-education Web site ([mouthpower.org](http://mouthpower.org)) and educate parents and children about six key oral health topics. The materials consist of (1) a page highlighting the [mouthpower.org](http://mouthpower.org) Web site developed by the American Dental Association and the National Museum of Dentistry, (2) six sheets showing oral-health-related questions, (3) six sheets with suggested answers to the questions, and (4) a page of extra graphics. Bulletin board materials are available in Spanish upon request.

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**CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH,  
FEBRUARY 2008**

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Office of Oral Health. 2008. *Children's Dental Health Month, February 2008*. Baltimore, MD: Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Office of Oral Health. 7 items.

This folder contains program-planning materials designed for use by state health officers and oral health program coordinators in promoting Children's Dental Health Month activities in Maryland. The materials, which may be adapted for local use, include the following: a proclamation template; press releases; public service announcements; lab experiments for elementary, middle, and high school students; Web resources, sample articles, and print-ready activity worksheets from the American Dental Association; and a brochure order form.

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9771; fax: (202) 784-9777; e-mail: [info@mchoralhealth.org](mailto:info@mchoralhealth.org); Web site: <http://www.mchoralhealth.org>. Available for loan.

**DENTAL HEALTH DURING PREGNANCY**

Illinois Department of Public Health, Division of Oral Health. 2007. *Dental Health During Pregnancy*. Springfield, IL: Illinois Department of Public Health, Division of Oral Health. 2 pp.

This fact sheet presents messages designed to help women maintain or improve their oral health before and during pregnancy. Oral health problems that women may experience during pregnancy are discussed, including problems that may result from hormonal changes, poor diet and nutrition, or lack of oral health care. Guidance on establishing and maintaining oral hygiene practices (toothbrushing and flossing) and oral health care (routine and emergency visits, oral X-rays, and prescriptions) is given.

**Contact:** Illinois Department of Public Health, Division of Oral Health, 535 West Jefferson Street, Room 500, Springfield, IL 62761. Telephone: (217) 782-4977, (800) 547-0466; fax: (217) 524-2831; e-mail: [mailus@idph.state.il.us](mailto:mailus@idph.state.il.us); Web site: <http://www.idph.state.il.us/HealthWellness/oralhlth/home.htm>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.idph.state.il.us/HealthWellness/oralhlth/oraldentalpreg.htm>.

**DON'T WAIT UNTIL IT HURTS**

Michigan Department of Community Health and Michigan Dental Association. 2007. *Don't Wait Until It Hurts*. Lansing, MI: Michigan Department of Community Health and Michigan Dental Association. 2 pp.

This pamphlet instructs parents on how to care for children's teeth, emphasizing the need for regular dental visits (which may include examinations, cleanings, fluoride treatments, dental sealants, or fillings) to keep gums and teeth healthy. Key messages are designed to enhance parents' oral health literacy. Tips to help them use the oral health care system are included—for example, marking appointment dates and times on a calendar, making advance arrangements for transportation and child care, and arriving on time for appointments. Tips on daily oral health care for children are also presented.

**Contact:** Michigan Department of Community Health, Capitol View Building, 201 Townsend Street, Seventh Floor, Lansing, MI 48913. Telephone: (517) 373-3740, (517) 373-3573, (517) 335-8388; fax: (517) 335-3090; Web site: <http://www.michigan.gov/mdch>. Available at no charge; also available at no charge from the Web site at [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/dental\\_eng\\_65589\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/dental_eng_65589_7.pdf).

**EXPECT THE BEST FOR YOUR CHILD'S DENTAL HOME**

Casamassimo P. 2007. Expect the Best for Your Child's Dental Home. *Exceptional Parent*. 2 pp.

This excerpt from *Exceptional Parent* magazine provides guidance for families on seeking oral health care for their child and on establishing a relationship with a dentist who can meet the needs of both the child and the parent. Topics include starting early, finding a pediatric dentist, preparing for the dental visit, what to expect of a dentist and a practice, the therapeutic partnership, and linking the dental home to other services. A table shows the application of the principles and characteristics of the medical home as applied to dental practice.

**Contact:** *Exceptional Parent*, Exceptional Parent Library, 416 Main Street, Johnstown, PA 15901. Telephone: (800) 372-7368, ext. 110; e-mail: [EPLibrary@eparent.com](mailto:EPLibrary@eparent.com); Web site: <http://www.eparent.com>. \$2.95; may be ordered online at [http://www.eparent.com/resources\\_ep\\_magazine/index.asp](http://www.eparent.com/resources_ep_magazine/index.asp); also available at no charge from the Web site at [http://www.eparent.com/main\\_channels\\_healthcare/Your\\_Child\\_s\\_Dental\\_Home\\_printer.asp](http://www.eparent.com/main_channels_healthcare/Your_Child_s_Dental_Home_printer.asp).

**FIRST STEPS TO A HEALTHY SMILE**

American Academy of Pediatrics. 2008. *First Steps to a Healthy Smile*. Chicago, IL: American Academy of Pediatrics. 2 pp.

This document for parents presents information about oral health care for infants and young children from birth to age 2. The content emphasizes the importance of starting good oral health habits early to prevent future oral health problems. Topics include tooth decay in primary teeth, toothbrushing and flossing, fluoride toothpaste, and dental visits. Diet, nutrition, and non-nutritive sucking habits are also addressed.

**Contact:** American Academy of Pediatrics, P.O. Box 747, 141 Northwest Point Boulevard, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007-1098. Telephone: (847) 434-4000, (800) 433-9016; fax: (847) 434-8000; Web site: <http://www.aap.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at [http://www.aap.org/publiced/BR\\_firststepshealthysmile.pdf](http://www.aap.org/publiced/BR_firststepshealthysmile.pdf).

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**HEALTHY MOUTH, HEALTHY BODY: ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION CURRICULUM, GRADES K-5**

Virginia Department of Health, Division of Dental Health. 2008. *Healthy Mouth, Healthy Body: Oral Health Education Curriculum, Grades K-5*. Richmond, VA: Virginia Department of Health, Division of Dental Health. 58 pp.

This oral-health-education curriculum is designed for teachers of students in kindergarten through grade 5 in Virginia public schools. The goal of the resource is to educate students about the impact of personal hygiene on oral and overall health. A resource list, a teacher-evaluation and feedback form, and five modules containing lesson plans appropriate to each of five grade levels are included. The resource was developed to meet Virginia's Health Education Standards of Learning. It is part of the Saving Smiles Series, which also includes a curriculum resource for students in grades 6-10, classroom activity sheets, and other educational materials.

**Contact:** Virginia Department of Health, Division of Dental Health, 109 Governor Street, Ninth Floor, Richmond, VA 23219. Telephone: (804) 864-7775; fax: (804) 864-7783; Web site: <http://www.vahealth.org/teeth>. Available at no charge from the Web site at [http://www.vahealth.org/teeth/documents/PDF/2007/Saving\\_Smiles\\_K%20-%205\\_Oral\\_Health\\_Education\\_Curriculum.pdf](http://www.vahealth.org/teeth/documents/PDF/2007/Saving_Smiles_K%20-%205_Oral_Health_Education_Curriculum.pdf).

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**MILK MATTERS CALCIUM EDUCATION CAMPAIGN**

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research. 2007. *Milk Matters Calcium Education Campaign*. Rockville, MD: National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. 12 items.

This information package contains materials from a nationwide public-health-education campaign to promote calcium consumption among children and adolescents, especially those ages 11-15. The package includes materials designed for parents, children, adolescents,

health professionals, and teachers. Materials include booklets, logo stickers, a coloring book, a poster, lessons, fact sheets, take-home assignments, classroom discussion, and a public-service announcement. A form for ordering campaign materials is included. Some items are available in English and Spanish.

**Contact:** National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Information Resource Center, P.O. Box 3006, Rockville, MD 20847. Telephone: (800) 370-2943; fax: (301) 984-1473; e-mail: [NICHDIInformationResourceCenter@mail.nih.gov](mailto:NICHDIInformationResourceCenter@mail.nih.gov); Web site: <http://www.nichd.nih.gov>. Available at no charge; also available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.nichd.nih.gov/milk>.

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**ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION CURRICULUM: GIVE TEENS SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT, GRADES 6-10**

Virginia Department of Health, Division of Dental Health. 2008. *Oral Health Education Curriculum: Give Teens Something to Smile About, Grades 6-10*. Richmond, VA: Virginia Department of Health, Division of Dental Health. 209 pp.

This resource provides information and training materials designed for school personnel promoting the integration of oral health into the public middle and secondary school health-education curriculum in Virginia. The goal of the resource is to educate students in grades 6-10 about the impact of health behaviors on oral and overall health. Contents include an overview; marketing, feedback, evaluation, and materials order forms; and six modules. The modules contain lesson plans on the following topics: keeping teeth and gums fit for life; diet, oral health, and wellness; oral health and tobacco use; sports and injury prevention; mouth jewelry; and careers in dentistry. Dental Health Month activities, a list of resources, a glossary, a list of Web sites, and information about training opportunities (PowerPoint on CD-ROM) are also provided. The resource meets Virginia's Health Education Standards of Learning and is part of the *Saving Smiles* series, which also includes a curriculum resource for students in kindergarten through grade 5, classroom activity sheets, and other educational materials.

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**ORAL HEALTH RESOURCES**

Academy of General Dentistry. 2007. *Oral Health Resources*. Chicago, IL: Academy of General Dentistry.

This section of the Academy of General Dentistry's Web site provides access to information on oral health topics for consumers. Information specific to child, adolescent, and women's oral health is presented. Selected topics include toothbrushing and flossing, dental sealants, dental visits, fluoride, mouthguards, oral piercing, and pregnancy.

**Contact:** Academy of General Dentistry, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Suite 900, Chicago, IL 60611-1999. Telephone: (888) 243-3368; fax: (312) 440-0559; Web site: <http://www.agd.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.agd.org/public/OralHealth>.

**PASSPORT TO GOOD ORAL HEALTH**

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Office of Oral Health. 2008. *Passport to Good Oral Health*. Baltimore, MD: Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Office of Oral Health. 5 pp.

This "passport" is designed for parents to record information on their child's dental visits, such as dental findings, needed follow-up, and date of next dental visit, and it includes tips on oral hygiene and oral health care for children. A form within the passport allows parents to provide information on the child's birthdate, allergy and significant past medical history information, and the names and phone numbers of the child's dentist and physician.

**Contact:** Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Office of Oral Health, 201 West Preston Street, Third Floor, Baltimore, MD 21201. Telephone: (410) 767-5300; fax: (410) 333-7392; e-mail: [oralhealth@dhmh.state.md.us](mailto:oralhealth@dhmh.state.md.us); Web site: <http://www.fha.state.md.us/oralhealth>. Single copies available at no charge.

**PREGNANT? DON'T FORGET TO TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOUR TEETH!**

Tennessee Department of Health, Oral Health Services Section. 2007. *Pregnant? Don't Forget to Take Good Care of Your Teeth!* Nashville, TN: Tennessee Department of Health, Oral Health Services Section. 1 p.

This tip sheet for pregnant women presents information about common oral health problems during pregnancy and steps that women can take to prevent problems or reduce discomfort. Topics include gum disease, oral hygiene, possible impact on the health of the fetus, and oral health care.

**Contact:** Tennessee Department of Health, Oral Health Services Section, Cordell Hull Building, Ground Floor, 425 Fifth Avenue, North, Nashville, TN 37243. Telephone: (615) 741-8618; e-mail: [TN.health@state.tn.us](mailto:TN.health@state.tn.us); Web site: <http://health.state.tn.us/oralhealth>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://tennessee.gov/health/infantmortality/PDFs/Dental.pdf>.

**PROTECT YOUR BABY'S TEETH FROM EARLY CHILDHOOD TOOTH DECAY**

Rhode Island Department of Health, Oral Health Program. 2007. *Protect Your Baby's Teeth From Early Childhood Tooth Decay*. Providence, RI: Rhode Island Department of Health, Oral Health Program. 2 pp.

This brochure for new parents describes ways to keep infants' gums and teeth healthy during the first year of life. It discusses early signs and causes of tooth decay, appropriate use of bottles and sippy cups, and how to clean an infant's gums and teeth. The brochure is available in English and Spanish. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**PROTECT YOUR CHILD'S TEETH FROM EARLY CHILDHOOD TOOTH DECAY**

Rhode Island Department of Health, Oral Health Program. 2007. *Protect Your Child's Teeth From Early Childhood Tooth Decay*. Providence, RI: Rhode Island Department of Health, Oral Health Program. 2 pp.

This brochure for parents describes ways to keep young children's gums and teeth healthy. It discusses early signs and causes of tooth decay, toothbrushing techniques, the use of fluoride toothpaste, and regular dental visits. The

brochure is available in English and Spanish. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**TOOTHFAIRY ISLAND TEACHING CURRICULUM**

Toothfairy Island. 2007. *Toothfairy Island Teaching Curriculum*. Newport Beach, CA: Toothfairy Island. Multiple items.

This curriculum is designed for use by educators in teaching children ages 2–6 about health practices and behaviors that will help them maintain oral health. The character-based, child-centered materials expand on the myth of the tooth fairy to create a pediatric wellness program that begins with the mouth as the gateway to the body and includes nutrition, prevention of bacteria transmission, safe play to prevent injuries, and science for young children. The curriculum comprises five lesson plans and accompanying CDs and DVDs, puppets, puzzles, and other products. Selected content is available in English and Spanish.

**Contact:** Toothfairy Island, 360 San Miguel, Suite 204, Newport Beach, CA 92660. Telephone: (949) 552-1756, (877) 233-9033; e-mail: [info@ToothfairyIsland.com](mailto:info@ToothfairyIsland.com); Web site: <http://www.ToothfairyIsland.com>. Order from the Web site for a charge at <http://www.toothfairyisland.com/html/index.html>.

**STATE REPORTS**

**ALASKA–STATE ORAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE SYSTEMS GRANT: FINAL REPORT**

Whistler B. 2007. *Alaska–State Oral Health Collaborative Systems Grant: Final Report*. Juneau, AK: State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Oral Health Program. 10 pp., plus 5 attachments.

This report summarizes the accomplishments of Alaska’s State Oral Health Collaborative Systems grant. The report outlines three specific program activities, including initiating a professional services contract for dental

assessments for children; implementing an oral health curriculum (Cavity Free Kids) in Head Start; and hiring a statewide dental sealant coordinator to work collaboratively with tribal, community health center, and private dental programs to increase availability of dental sealants in schools with high percentages of children from families with low incomes. The report also includes the following five attachments: (1) a series of fact sheets; (2) a summary of the 2004 and 2005 dental assessment projects; (3) a follow-up report from the 2005 training on the Cavity Free Kids curriculum; (4) the initial action plan from the Children with Special Health Care Needs Oral Health Forum held on February 23, 2007, in Anchorage, Alaska; and (5) a summary from the dental sealant program inventory. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**CHILDREN’S ORAL HEALTHCARE ACCESS PROGRAM: END OF PROJECT FINAL REPORT**

Morgan M, Potter SL. 2007. *Children’s Oral Healthcare Access Program: End of Project Final Report*. Oklahoma City, OK: Oklahoma State Department of Health. 9 pp.

This final report summarizes Oklahoma’s efforts to enhance and strengthen state oral health infrastructure and increase access to oral health services for a target population of children ages 3–8 in Oklahoma County with funding from the State Oral Health Collaborative Systems grant for the period September 30, 2003, to August 31, 2007. The report is divided into the following sections: purpose, progress narrative, evaluation and conclusion, and statistical tables. Selected topics include partnerships and coalitions, oral health education, and the oral health work force. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTHCARE ACCESS PROGRAM:  
FINAL REPORT**

Richardson DJ. 2007. *Children's Oral Healthcare Access Program: Final Report*. New Orleans, LA: Louisiana State University Health Science Center School of Dentistry. 24 pp.

This final report summarizes Louisiana's Sealant Program Initiative, a school-based dental sealant program supported by Louisiana's State Oral Health Collaborative Systems grant for the period 2004–2007. The report is divided into the following sections: problem, overall experience to date, evaluation, regional and national significance, impact, and sustainability. Goals and achievements, reasons for less-than-expected progress, and trends, significant problems, and constraints are discussed. The appendices contain data summary tables and copies of the following grant-funded products: an oral health screening results form and a dental sealant program information letter to parents, a parental consent form, and a screening form. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**KANSAS ORAL HEALTH PLAN**

Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Office of Oral Health and Oral Health Kansas. 2007. *Kansas Oral Health Plan*. Topeka, KS: Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Office of Oral Health. 48 pp.

This plan describes a framework for programming that is intended to create a unified vision for improved oral health outcomes across Kansas. The plan outlines objectives for the oral health work force, financing oral health care for underserved populations, community and public health, and children's oral health. Additional topics include encouraging health professional participation in areas with insufficient oral health services; increasing access to oral health services by using nontraditional delivery models; improving Kansas-based oral health education; creating and sustaining dental hubs; improving the state oral health program; supporting charitable oral health care; increasing awareness of the importance of oral health, including oral health in statewide

tobacco initiatives; targeting specific populations in the state; and improving children's oral health by developing a screening program in Kansas schools. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

**Contact:** Dawn McGlasson. Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Office of Oral Health, 1000 South West Jackson Street, Suite 300, Topeka, KS 66612. Telephone: (785) 296-5116; fax: (785) 291-3959; e-mail: [dmcglass@kdhe.state.ks.us](mailto:dmcglass@kdhe.state.ks.us); Web site: <http://www.kdheks.gov/ohi>. Available at no charge from the Web site at [http://www.kdheks.gov/ohi/download/Kansas\\_Oral\\_Health\\_Plan.pdf](http://www.kdheks.gov/ohi/download/Kansas_Oral_Health_Plan.pdf).

**KENTUCKY ORAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE SYSTEMS  
GRANT: FINAL REPORT**

Cecil J. 2007. *Kentucky Oral Health Collaborative Systems Grant: Final Report*. Frankfort, KY: Kentucky Department for Public Health, Oral Health Program. 17 pp.

This final report summarizes Kentucky's efforts to improve the oral health of the state's population with funding from the State Oral Health Collaborative Systems grant for the period 2004–2007. The report is divided into the following sections: introduction, purpose, goals, progress toward goals, Kentucky oral health program staff changes, presentations, impact, partnerships, considerations for improvement, non-federal funding support, and materials and publications. Selected topics include developing and implementing a 5-year oral health strategic plan and a child oral health surveillance system and developing a supply and demand dental work force study for Kentucky. The Kentucky Strategic Plan is included as an appendix. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**MAINE ORAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN:  
A FRAMEWORK FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF STATE  
AND LOCAL POLICIES FOR ORAL HEALTH**

Maine Dental Access Coalition. 2007. *Maine Oral Health Improvement Plan: A Framework for the Improvement of State and Local Policies for Oral Health*. Augusta, ME: Maine Dental Access Coalition. 24 pp.

This plan provides a framework for the improvement of state and local policies for oral health and increased public awareness of the connection between oral health and overall health and well-being. The plan is organized into the following four action areas: (1) change perception and increase awareness, (2) increase prevention and expand access, (3) improve service delivery, and (4) expand the dental work force. Each action area is summarized by a guiding principle and introduced by a discussion of background issues and challenges. Within each action area, a number of goals and corresponding strategies are identified. A glossary and guidelines for state and territorial oral health programs are included. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

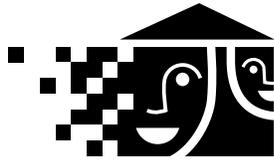
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**ORAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR  
CONNECTICUT 2007–2012**

Connecticut Oral Health Initiative. 2007. *Oral Health Improvement Plan for Connecticut 2007–2012*. Hartford, CT: Connecticut Oral Health Initiative. 8 pp.

This brochure summarizes the vision and intent of a plan to improve the oral health of Connecticut residents and lists specific outcomes in four goal areas: (1) to increase the integration of oral health promotion into all aspects of public health, (2) to ensure that there is an adequate work force to meet the needs of Connecticut residents, (3) to build a strong and sustainable oral health infrastructure, and (4) to advance best practices for oral health. Members of the Connecticut Coalition for an Oral Health Plan are listed, along with sponsors and contact information.

**Contact:** Connecticut Oral Health Initiative, 175 Main Street, Hartford, CT 06106. Telephone: (860) 246-2644; fax: (860) 246-7744; e-mail: [info@ctoralhealth.org](mailto:info@ctoralhealth.org); Web site: <http://www.ctoralhealth.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at [http://www.dph.state.ct.us/bch/oralhealth/Oral\\_%20Health\\_Improvement\\_Plan.pdf](http://www.dph.state.ct.us/bch/oralhealth/Oral_%20Health_Improvement_Plan.pdf).



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