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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 governmental 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

GENERAL INFORMATION

EARLY HEAD START PARTICIPANTS, PROGRAMS, FAMILIES, AND STAFF IN 2005


This fact sheet uses data from the Head Start Program Information Report to describe the characteristics of children and families enrolled in Early Head Start and the services provided to them during the 2004–2005 program year. Data are presented on participants, programs, families, and staff. The brief includes information on participants’ age and race, household demographics, screening and treatment, ongoing source of medical and oral health care, disability and special education and related services, mental health services, access to services, linguistic diversity, home-visiting services, and teacher salaries.


HEAD START PROGRAMS, PARTICIPANTS, FAMILIES, AND STAFF IN 2005


This fact sheet uses data from the Head Start Program Information Report to describe the characteristics of children and families enrolled in Early Head Start, Head Start, and Migrant and Seasonal Head Start and the services provided to them during the 2004–2005 program year. Data are presented on participants, programs, families, and staff. The fact sheet includes information on the number of children and pregnant women served, child race, language at home, health insurance status, access to screening and treatment, access to an ongoing source of medical and oral health care, disability and receipt of special education and related services, the number of Head Start slots by program setting, household demographics, child care outside the Head Start program, other federal program benefits, the number of families receiving support services, and the education status and salaries of Head Start teachers.


MIGRANT AND SEASONAL HEAD START CENTER LOCATOR DIRECTORY


This directory provides information to help families, Early Head Start and Head Start program staff, and community partners locate Migrant and Seasonal Head Start (MSHS) centers throughout the country. The directory provides the names, addresses, and contact information of the MSHS grantees; delegates and centers in each state; and a map to indicate the location of each center. Also included are program operating times (which vary by region following the agricultural season) and contact information in the off-season. The directory is available in English and Spanish.

MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

HISPANIC DENTAL ASSOCIATION AND HEAD START: ENVISIONING FUTURE COLLABORATIONS TO IMPROVE ORAL HEALTH


This report describes a forum held on February 27, 2006, in Denver, CO, to discuss ways that the Hispanic Dental Association (HDA) could collaborate with Head Start to address oral health issues among Hispanic children and their families. Topics include developing the internal capacity of HDA to work with Head Start programs, expanding education and outreach efforts, and addressing barriers to access. Report contents include an executive summary, background on the forum and HDA, a national update on Head Start and oral health, Hispanic-focused initiatives and programs, HDA's current involvement and experiences with Head Start, maximizing opportunities for collaboration, and recommendations and next steps. Appendices include the forum agenda and a participant list. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


IMPROVING THE ORAL HEALTH OF SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN: STRENGTHENING SCHOOL-BASED DENTAL SEALANT PROGRAM LINKAGES WITH MEDICAID/SCHIP AND DENTAL HOMES


This binder contains materials from an expert meeting held on May 11–12, 2006, in Washington, DC, to address approaches, issues, and challenges faced by school-based dental sealant programs in enrolling children eligible for Medicaid and the State Children’s Health Insurance Program and linking them to a dental home. Binder contents include the meeting agenda, speaker biographies, a participant list, background material on the role of school-based dental sealant programs in improving oral health, program descriptions of six state programs used as examples during the meeting, background information and research on dental sealants and sealant programs, and policies from several professional organizations on dental and medical homes. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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This summary outlines an expert meeting held on May 11–12, 2006, in Washington, DC, to address approaches, issues, and challenges faced by school-based dental sealant programs in enrolling children eligible for Medicaid and the State Children’s Health Insurance Program and linking them to a dental home. Also discussed are considerations and strategies for strengthening school-based dental sealant program linkages with community resources, including dental insurance and health professionals who can meet children’s broader oral health care needs. Report contents include the meeting agenda, speaker biographies, a participant list, background material on the role of school-based dental sealant programs in improving oral health, program descriptions of six state programs used as examples during the meeting, background information and research on dental sealants and sealant programs, and policies from several professional organizations on dental and medical homes. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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REGION VI HEAD START ORAL HEALTH GRANTEE MEETING


This folder contains participant materials from the Head Start Region VI Oral Health Initiative grantees meeting held on August 10–11, 2006, in Dallas, TX. Contents include an outline of meeting goals and objectives, evidence-based clinical recommendations from the American Dental Associations’ Council of Scientific Affairs on professionally applied topical fluoride, a position paper on access to care, printed PowerPoint presentation slides, two publications from the National Head Start Oral Health Resource Center, draft handouts on oral health curricula, information on the Head Start Oral Health Initiative, a welcome letter, the meeting agenda, information on the provision of
services by five agencies, a meeting evaluation form, a discussion outline, and an attendee directory. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**SYMPOSIUM ON THE HEALTHY PEOPLE CURRICULUM TASK FORCE REPORT**


These documents contain information from a symposium on the *Healthy People 2010 Curriculum Task Force Report.* The symposium, held during the 2005 annual meeting of the American Dental Education Association, was designed to seek input from the education community on the dental curriculum component of the overall curriculum framework. Background information and presentations on each of four main areas are discussed, including evidence base for practice, clinical preventive services and health promotion, health systems and health policy, and community aspects of practice. Results of a survey to assess the oral-health-promotion and prevention curricula of U.S. dental schools are also presented.

**Contact:** American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Suite 700, Chicago, IL 60611-2663. Telephone: (312) 337-2169; fax: (312) 337-6329; Web site: http://www.aapd.org. Single issue price $14.00, plus shipping and handling.

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**VIRGINIA STRATEGIC PLAN FOR EARLY HEAD START AND HEAD START PROGRAMS**


This chart outlines oral health goals, strategies, and action steps for Early Head Start and Head Start programs in Virginia developed in follow-up to the forum held on September 21, 2005, in Richmond, Virginia. The following goals are discussed: (1) increase access to oral health care through public and private health professionals, (2) increase access to pediatric dentists, (3) increase state and local collaboration among service providers to teach families the importance of oral health, (4) increase the number of dentists participating in Medicaid, (5) increase oral health literacy in culturally competent ways, (6) increase the utilization of fluoride varnish for young children, and (7) implement policies and regulatory action that will promote improved oral health among children. Strategies and action steps for achieving each goal are presented, along with proposed key partners, lead organization, timelines, and resource needs. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]
INTEGRATING MCH AND ORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS TO IMPROVE HEALTH


This brief addresses disparities in the oral health status of the maternal and child health (MCH) population. The brief focuses on children and adolescents from families with low incomes, children and adolescents from minority groups, and the role of state public health agencies in identifying opportunities to integrate oral health into MCH programs. The brief provides examples of ways that state public health agencies are fostering relationships, highlighting efforts in five areas: (1) surveillance (Alaska, Colorado, Nevada, Ohio, and Wisconsin), (2) prenatal (Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Utah, Wisconsin, and Wyoming), (3) early childhood oral health (Alabama, Nevada, Ohio, Rhode Island, and Texas), (4) increasing access to preventive care (Colorado, Connecticut, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and South Carolina), and (5) injury prevention (Arkansas and Kentucky). Resources and contacts for featured state health agencies are provided at the end of the brief. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


MEDICAID FLEXIBILITY IN THE DEFICIT REDUCTION ACT OF 2005: WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH?


This issue brief discusses the potential impact of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 on Medicaid and children's oral health care; the brief also discusses oral health and state options. Topics include alternate benefits packages, cost sharing and premiums, the “statewideness” requirement for oral health care access, and health savings account demonstrations in Medicaid.
MEDICAID INNOVATORS ARE PAVING THE WAY FOR NEW STATE CHANGES IN DENTAL MEDICAID


This fact sheet presents information on state efforts to redesign Medicaid using federal grants authorized by the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. A chart and a description of state Medicaid plans (Florida, Idaho, Kentucky, Massachusetts, and West Virginia) are provided, along with information on emerging state plans (Louisiana, New Mexico, and Virginia). Suggestions on how to stay informed of coming changes are provided, and their impact on children's oral health care is discussed. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE: HEAD START PROGRAMS, PARTICIPANTS, FAMILIES, AND STAFF IN 2005


This policy brief describes the national characteristics of Head Start children and families and the services provided to them during the 2004–2005 program year. The data cover 3- and 4-year-old children served by Head Start; infants and children under age 3 and pregnant women served by Early Head Start; infants and children from birth to age 5 served by Migrant and Seasonal Head Start; and children served by American Indian and Alaskan Native Head Start. Following an introduction, data figures and discussions are presented on the following topics: (1) Head Start–funded enrollment slots by program type, and Head Start disability determination and special services, (2) children’s access to health care services before and after Head Start participation, (3) primary child care arrangements during non–Head Start hours, (4) percent change in Head Start families’ participation in family services, and (5) teachers with degrees and credentials.


THE PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE SHORTAGE: LEFT UNCHECKED, WILL IT BE PROTECTED?


This issue brief discusses Medicaid as an insurer, Medicaid public health services, Medicaid's financing of public health professionals, and issues in Medicaid reform. American Public Health Association recommendations on Medicaid coverage and services are provided.


STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE HEALTH BY ENHANCING THE INTEGRATION OF ORAL HEALTH AND MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH PROGRAMS

This brief explains how to improve oral and general health within the maternal and child health (MCH) population by better integrating oral health activities and information into state and local MCH programs. Topics include the importance of oral health, the benefits of integrating oral health and MCH activities, and areas for collaboration. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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UNDERSTANDING MEDICAID STATE WAIVERS AND THEIR IMPACT ON CHILDREN’S DENTAL COVERAGE


This brief discusses current changes in Medicaid funding and how states can use waivers to protect children’s oral health insurance coverage beyond the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment program. Trends are discussed, as is the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005.


PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

DENTAL FIRST AID


This electronic reference tool is intended for use by school nurses to help them provide dental first aid to students. Topics include dental first aid supply kit, emergency telephone numbers needed on file, oral trauma, injured teeth, toothache, soft tissue injury, broken or dislocated jaw, orthodontic appliances, knocked out tooth, oral ulcers, normal tooth eruption, mouth pain, how to be a “good” dental patient, and prolonged bleeding after a tooth extraction.


DENTAL SEALANT RESOURCE GUIDE (2ND ED.)


This resource guide provides information about dental sealants and promotes their use in preventing dental caries. The guide is divided into three sections. The first section lists journal articles that appeared in the literature between January 2004 and March 2006. The second section lists materials, including books, curricula, fact/tip sheets, guidelines, manuals, reports, papers and CD-ROMs. The third section lists organizations, including federal agencies, policy and resource centers, and professional associations that may serve as resources. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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DENTISTRY AND THE PREGNANT PATIENT


This booklet outlines principles of oral health care for women who are pregnant. Topics include physiologic changes in pregnancy, fetal development milestones for each trimester, key principles to observe, common oral health conditions that may arise in women who are pregnant, oral health considerations to observe in treating these conditions, and a guide to medication use in pregnancy.


EVIDENCE-BASED CLINICAL RECOMMENDATIONS: PROFESSIONALLY APPLIED TOPICAL FLUORIDE


This report presents information on the use of professionally applied topical fluoride (gel, varnish, and foam). Topics include a definition of evidence-based dentistry, the rationale for evidence-based clinical recommendations on professionally applied topical fluoride, the American Dental Association process for clinical recommendations, panel conclusions, and clinical recommendations (including a discussion of dental caries risk, a summary chart, and recommendations for additional research).

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

DR. ROSENTHAL’S TOOLKIT: CLINICAL AND MANAGEMENT TOOLS FOR EFFECTIVE SCHOOL-BASED DENTAL PROGRAMS


This electronic toolkit contains materials for school-based health center leaders to use in organizing and managing a successful oral health practice. Topics include appointment procedures, clinical processes and protocols, billing and data collection, problem-oriented dental records, dental quality assurance, and management information systems.

Contact: Center for Health and Health Care in Schools, George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services, 2121 K Street, N.W., Suite 250, Washington, DC 20037. Telephone: (202) 466-3396; fax: (202) 466-3467; e-mail: chhcs@gwu.edu; Web site: http://www.healthinschools.org. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.healthinschools.org/sh/dental/toolkit.asp.

NEW DENTAL DIRECTOR TRAINING MANUAL FOR FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER AND OTHER SAFETY NET DENTAL PROGRAMS


This training manual provides basic guidelines and instruction for the health center oral health leader in developing an oral health work force sufficiently equipped to face the challenges of a community-based oral health practice and to understand the core principles of the “safety net” concept and dental public health care practice. The manual is divided into the following chapters: (1) dental public health applications and practice; (2) core competencies of sustainable practice; (3) the dental director’s role in health center administration; (4) the dental director’s role in health center financial planning; (5) basic clinical operations guidelines; (6) productivity expectations and evaluation; (7) the federal Tort Claims Act, specialty service agreements, volunteers, recruitment, and provider credentialing; (8) policies, procedures, quality assessments, and
peer reviews; (9) strategic planning; and (10) the dental director’s role in shaping community, state, and national policy. Appendices are provided on a CD-ROM and include notices, forms, modules, templates, criteria, guidelines, and program components. A tip sheet is also provided for presenters and viewers.

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ORAL HEALTH AND ASTHMA UPDATE


This issue of the Health Information Exchange, a newsletter produced for Head Start–state collaboration directors, features articles on oral health and asthma from the Asthma and Allergy Foundation and the Environmental Protection Agency. Specific topics include Head Start roles in improving the identification of asthma and helping improve asthma control in the home, access to oral health care for children in underserved areas, partnerships between Head Start and the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors, the Pacific Islands Early Childhood Caries Prevention Project, the National Head Start Oral Health Resource Center, and state practices from Nebraska and Arkansas. Information on quality Web sites and resources for professionals and parents are also provided.


PHYSICALLY HEALTHY AND READY TO LEARN


This technical assistance paper offers guidance to Head Start programs on implementing the Head Start Program Performance Standards on child health and developmental services, child health and safety, and child nutrition. The paper examines how physical health influences children’s development and how child health and development are integrated with parent engagement, community support, and systems planning. The paper also discusses how Head Start programs can promote a culture of healthy lifestyles in the classroom and in the home so that young children will embrace lifelong healthy practices. Finally, the paper explores specific health-related concerns of many Head Start programs, including establishing a medical and dental home, promoting oral health, addressing obesity and physical activity, and embracing cultural considerations in health.


ORAL HEALTH CARE DURING PREGNANCY AND EARLY CHILDHOOD: PRACTICE GUIDELINES


This report discusses early childhood caries and the importance of oral health care during pregnancy. Topics include education during prenatal visits to health and oral health professionals, management of oral health problems in pregnant women, and oral health and hygiene for infants and young children. Recommendations and guidelines are included. Appendices include a sample form, nutrition guidelines, Medicaid guidelines, recommended periodicity of services and anticipatory guidance for oral treatment for children, resources, radiograph prescription guidelines, and selected reviews and guidelines. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]
SMILES FOR OHIO FLUORIDE VARNISH PROGRAM FOR PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS


This training manual, which is intended for health professionals, provides information about how to assess the oral health of infants and young children at well-child examinations to better enable these health professionals to identify infants and children at risk for early childhood caries. The manual also provides information about how to implement the Smiles for Ohio Fluoride Varnish Program to apply fluoride varnish to the teeth of high-risk children. The manual includes presentation slides, information on making the program work in practice, supply information, information about Medicaid reimbursement, a selection of fluoride varnish literature, information about referral, a list of additional resources, and handouts and anticipatory guidance. A CD-ROM about the program and a copy of *Bright Futures in Practice: Oral Health—Pocket Guide* are included. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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TOOLS TO ADDRESS DISPARITIES IN HEALTH: COMMUNICATIONS RESOURCES TO CLOSE THE GAP—A COMPENDIUM OF RESOURCES FOR HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS, PHYSICIANS, AND HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS


This compendium provides culturally relevant resources and actions that health insurance plans, physicians and clinicians, and health care organizations can integrate into organization-wide initiatives and incorporate in everyday communications with consumers. Topics include types of health information requested by consumers; consumer views and attitudes on the collection of data by race, ethnicity, and primary language by health insurance plans, hospitals, and others; a review of current research on improving access and cross-cultural communications; and recommendations to improve consumer knowledge and awareness of health disparities and culturally and linguistically appropriate health care messages and services. The compendium includes lists of resources, tools, and Web sites designed to help consumers and health professionals improve health communications and increase rates of preventive screenings and medication adherence.


PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES

BRIGHT SMILES, BRIGHT FUTURES: AN ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR GRADES K THROUGH 3


This electronic curriculum contains oral-health-education materials intended for classroom use by teachers of kindergarten, second grade, and third grade. The program is designed as a cross-curricular, themed education unit that fits in with the core curriculum and includes tailored activities that incorporate language arts, science, math, and social studies. Program components include two classroom curriculum guides, one for kindergarten and one for second and third grade; 10 videotape chapters with teacher instructions and student activities; a storybook; a game; a message for parents; and two posters.

CARIES RISK ASSESSMENT SCREENING TOOL


This parent questionnaire was developed for use by Early Head Start and Head Start program staff in assessing a child's dental caries risk level. The tool is available in English and Spanish.

**Contact:** Christine Wood. Nevada State Health Division, Oral Health Initiative, 3427 Goni Road, Suite 108, Carson City, NV 89706. Telephone: (775) 684-4285; e-mail: pcwood@nvhd.state.nv.us; Web site: http://health2k.state.nv.us/oral. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://health2k.state.nv.us/oral.

CLASSROOM RESOURCES


This section of the Michigan Dental Association Web site provides teachers of kindergarten through 12th grade and parents with creative ideas for teaching children and adolescents about oral hygiene. Components include (1) annual coloring contest, (2) information about National Children's Dental Health Month, (3) preschool, elementary-school, middle-school, and high-school activities, (4) giveaways, and (5) items for loan (including videotapes, teaching and training program kits, character-focused stories and plays, and mouth and tooth models).


GIVE YOUR CHILD "TEETH HEALTHY" DRINKS


This information card provides tips for parents on choosing healthy drinks for children and on the best ways to serve these drinks to children of various ages. Topics include the use of bottles, cups, and travel mugs. Oral hygiene tips are also provided, along with reminders to limit sweet and sticky foods. The card is presented in English on one side and Spanish on the other.


GUIDELINES FOR A SCHOOL BASED FLUORIDE MOUTHRINSE PROGRAM (REV. ED.)


This manual gives an overview of the school-based fluoride mouthrinse program in Montana. Topics include tooth decay and fluoride, school-based topical fluoride mouthrinse program facts, obtaining necessary support, obtaining consent, supplies, essential personnel, training staff and volunteers, conducting the mouthrinse program, 10 easy steps of fluoride mouthrinsing, optional methods of delivery, recordkeeping, and monitoring activities. Appendices include sample forms for consent and recordkeeping as well as information on supplies needed.

**Contact:** Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, 1400 Broadway, Helena, MT 59620-0901. Telephone: (406) 444-0276; fax: (406) 444-2606; Web site: http://www.dphhs.state.mt.us. Available at no charge.

HEALTHY FIRST TEETH

This brochure, developed for use by the Mississippi Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), instructs parents on the importance of primary teeth and provides practical tips for keeping a young child’s teeth healthy. Topics include checking and cleaning an infant’s teeth, toothbrushing with toddlers, healthy foods, and dental visits. Information on fluoride and dental caries prevention is also provided.

**Contact:** Mississippi Department of Health, Women, Infants and Children Program, 570 East Woodrow Wilson Drive, Jackson, MS 39216. Telephone: (601) 576-7400; (800) 721-7222; Web site: http://www.msdh.state.ms.us/msdhsite/_static/41,0,128.html. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.msdh.state.ms.us/msdhsite/_static/resources/1345.pdf.

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**HEALTHY TEETH AND FLUORIDE**

Nevada State Health Division, Oral Health Program with Community Coalition for Oral Health. 2006. *Healthy Teeth and Fluoride.* Carson City, NV: Nevada State Health Division, Oral Health Program. 2 items (1 set of PowerPoint slides and notes, 1 pre- and post-test).

This kit contains one set of 20 PowerPoint presentation slides, presenter notes, and a pre- and post-test for use in educating Head Start staff and parents about fluoride. Selected topics include types of fluoride and the benefits of fluoride in maintaining oral health. All materials are available in English and Spanish.

**Contact:** Christine Wood. Nevada State Health Division, Oral Health Initiative, 3427 Goni Road, Suite 108, Carson City, NV 89706. Telephone: (775) 684-4285; e-mail: pcwood@wnhd.state.nv.us; Web site: http://health2k.state.nv.us/oral. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://health2k.state.nv.us/oral.

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**HEALTHY TEETH FOR MOM AND ME: ORAL HEALTH PROVIDER TRAINING**


These electronic program materials are designed to provide health professionals with on-site training in maternal oral health promotion and early childhood caries prevention. Contents include a letter to health professionals; background information on early childhood caries prevention in health and oral health systems; outcome objectives; presentation slides; risk assessment, anticipatory guidance, and fluoride varnish manuals; sample oral health education materials; a list of resources; and selected articles.

**Contact:** Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Health Care Financing, 1 West Wilson Street, P.O. Box 309, Madison, WI 53701-0309. Telephone: (608) 266-8922; (608) 261-7798; fax: (608) 266-1096; Web site: http://www.dhfs.wisconsin.gov. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid5/trainings/oral_health_training.

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**HELP ME SMILE: ORAL HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT PROTOCOLS, TRAINING MODULES, AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR USE WITH FAMILIES OF YOUNG CHILDREN**


This collection of materials provides oral health professionals with protocols, modules, and educational materials to promote good oral health for families with young children. The collection is divided into the following sections: prenatal and mother, infancy (0–11 months), toddler (12–35 months), and early childhood (3–5 years). Topics include fluoride in the water; teeth cleaning; nutrition; the dental home; bad breath, bleeding gums, and toothache; and “lift the lip” protocols for infants and young children. Also included are handouts, a laminated and illustrated flip chart, an instruction sheet, a checklist, and instructions for obtaining a fluoride analysis of a water sample. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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IDEAS FOR HEALTHY EATING


This information card provides tips for parents on providing healthy meals and snacks for children and on preventing dental caries. Oral hygiene reminders are also included. The card is written in English on one side and Spanish on the other.

**Contact:** Kansas Head Start Association, 22521 West 53rd Terrace, Shawnee, KS 66226. Telephone: (913) 422-1700; fax: (913) 422-5002; e-mail: khsa@kc.rr.com; Web site: http://www.kshostart.org. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.ksheadstart.org/pdfs/Planning Meals flyer.pdf.

MOUTH AND TEETH


This guide is intended for teachers of pre-kindergarten through second grade to use in the classroom to help students understand what teeth are made of and how they work. The guide also discusses what parts of the mouth are, what the mouth does, and what foods are healthy for teeth. The guide includes discussion questions, activities, and reproducible handouts. Contents are aligned with national standards.

**Contact:** KidsHealth. E-mail: PR@KidsHealth.org; Web site: http://www.kidshealth.org. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://classroom.kidshealth.org/classroom/prekto2/body/parts/teeth.pdf; reproduction permitted for individual classroom use.

ORAL HEALTH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR HEAD START CHILDREN


This document describes the technical assistance development and experiences for the oral health needs of children enrolled in Head Start in Cuyahoga County, Ohio. Contents include a description of the program plan and outlines of the six strategies with corresponding activities, persons responsible, and timeline; parent education objectives; education for Head Start children; case management; provider education; and a review of lessons learned. The appendix contains a sample letter, a list of supply vendors, and references.

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

ORAL HEALTH TRAINING 101


This three-booklet set contains materials for child care educators to use in training child care providers about the most effective way to convey a positive oral health message to the children within their care as well as to the children's parents and guardians. Contents of the training manual include certification information, a course outline, tips for conducting an oral health training, presentation slides with notes for trainers, key oral health messages, and an overview of educational materials for child care centers. Additional resources for educators include a pre-test, a pre-test answer key, a post-test and evaluation, a training report form, a form for ordering oral health training materials, resources for oral-health-related items, and information on toothbrushing in the child care center. An oral-health-activity booklet for infants, toddlers, and preschool-age children is also provided, along with a parent-information booklet.

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


This guidebook and DVD, targeted to Hispanic-American families, answers questions about dental caries, gum disease, and other oral health problems; oral health for children; and how to find affordable oral health care. Additional topics include oral health treatment options, how oral health affects overall health, and Hispanic Americans in dentistry. Checklists are provided with questions to ask the dentist and for tracking family dental appointments. Resources for additional information are also included. Materials are presented in English and Spanish.

Contact: American Dental Association, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611-2678. Telephone: (312) 440-2500; fax: (312) 440-7494; e-mail: info@ada.org; Web site: http://www.ada.org. Available at no charge (maximum of three copies per dental office).

TEACHING TOOLS


These electronic materials are intended for use by teachers of kindergarten through fifth grade in educating students about oral hygiene. Contents include a lesson plan overview, five lesson plans, and reproducible handouts. The overview helps prepare teachers for student questions, provides general oral care background, and introduces key vocabulary. The lesson plans address (1) the effects of tooth decay and the need for good oral hygiene, (2) how to use dental floss correctly, (3) the roles of different teeth in the mouth, (4) the destructive nature of plaque acid, and (5) how fluoride helps protect teeth against decay. The handouts may be used to supplement the lesson plans or on their own.


TOOTH TIME: A DENTAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM FOR PRESCHOOL CHILDREN AGES 2 THROUGH 5


This kit contains selected materials designed for early childhood educators to use in the classroom in teaching children ages 2 through 5 about oral health. Topics include structure of the mouth, toothbrushing, nutrition, visiting the dentist, and oral health and safety. Each kit includes art supplies, toothbrushes, dramatic play articles, puzzles, a library of storybooks, and other developmentally appropriate and age-appropriate activities for preschool-age children. A two-page brochure describing the kit is provided. Additional materials and a supply list with source and cost information are also available from the Web site.


UNTIL AGE 6 YEARS USE LESS THAN A PEA-SIZE AMOUNT


This information card advises parents of the importance of teaching children the correct amount of fluoride toothpaste to use when brushing. Tips are also provided on supervising children’s toothbrushing until they are 8 years old and on the possible impact of too much fluoride on teeth. The card is printed in English on one side and Spanish on the other.

Contact: Kansas Head Start Association, 22521 West 53rd Terrace, Shawnee, KS 66226. Telephone: (913) 422-1700; fax: (913) 422-5002; e-mail: ksas@kc.rr.com; Web site: http://www.ksshreadstart.org. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.ksshreadstart.org/pdfs/Brushing%20is%20Important.pdf.
CATALYZING IMPROVEMENTS IN ORAL HEALTH CARE: BEST PRACTICES FROM THE STATE ACTION FOR ORAL HEALTH ACCESS INITIATIVE


This report highlights the successes, challenges, and results of six states (Arizona, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Vermont) that developed programs to reduce disparities and improve quality in oral health services. The report is divided into two main sections: (1) measuring oral health services performance and (2) state action for oral health access strategies. The strategies section discusses specific state efforts to improve the oral health delivery system, such as developing value-based purchasing strategies, broadening the provider network, expanding the dental safety net, creating a dental home, and enhancing consumer and provider education.


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


These revised guidelines are intended for use by health agency officials and public health administrators in developing and operating oral health programs at the state level. The guidelines are divided into the following four sections: (1) current oral health issues; (2) capacity and infrastructure; (3) guidelines on essential public health services to promote oral health in the United States; and (4) a guideline matrix of examples of essential public health services activities to promote oral health, including assessment, policy development, and assurance. Also included are appendices listing project advisers and 10 essential elements to build infrastructure and capacity.

Contact: Dean Perkins. Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors, 105 Westerly Road, New Bern, NC 28560. Telephone: (272) 637-6333; e-mail: dperkins@astdd.org; Web site: http://www.astdd.org. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.astdd.org/docs/ASTDDGuidelines.pdf.

IOWA ACCESS TO BABY AND CHILD DENTISTRY: BEST PRACTICES MANUAL—STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE ORAL HEALTH


This directory provides information about state and community programs in Iowa designed to increase access to oral health care for children and adolescents (from birth to age 21) from families with low incomes. Specifically, the directory outlines activities of the community-based Access to Baby and Child Dentistry programs and the state-level Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Care for Kids program. Summaries of project objectives, activities, and outcomes are provided with additional information about challenges, funding, and evaluation. Appendices include lists of acronyms and contacts. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: Sara Schlievert. Iowa Department of Public Health, Oral Health Bureau, Lucas State Office Building, 321 East 12th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319-0075. Telephone: (515) 281-7630; fax: (515) 242-6384; e-mail: sschliev@idph.state.ia.us; Web site: http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hpcdp/oral_health.asp. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hpcdp/oral_health_abcd.asp.

ORAL HEALTH AMERICA: NATIONAL SEALANT ALLIANCE


This kit contains materials intended for use by school-based dental sealant programs in applying for a product donation grant. Contents include a fact sheet on eligibility requirements, a sample partnership agreement, a
response form for programs to request sealant materials, and a report form to describe program results.


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**SCHOOL DENTAL EXAMS IN ILLINOIS**


This folder contains materials intended for use by oral health professionals and school personnel in understanding and implementing Illinois’ school-based oral examination program requirements. Folder contents include a program information sheet, an oral examination waiver form, a sample database information form, relevant legislative information, and a timetable summarizing the events and legislation leading up to the school oral examination program requirements.

**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; Web site: http://www.idph.state.il.us/HealthWellness/oralhlth/home.htm. Single copy available at no charge; waiver form available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.idph.state.il.us/HealthWellness/oralhlth/DentalExamWaiver.pdf.

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**PUBLIC EDUCATION**

**BRUSH FOR TWO . . . FOR BABY AND YOU**


This brochure describes the importance of good oral health during pregnancy, the risks that gum disease can pose to both a mother and her developing fetus, and the risks for giving birth to a premature or low-birthweight infant. The brochure provides advice on good nutrition, oral hygiene, vaccination, use of multivitamins, avoiding smoking and alcohol, exercise, and the use of seatbelts. Topics also include the importance of visiting an oral health professional before and during pregnancy and how pregnancy can affect the teeth and gums.

**Contact:** National Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition, 2001 North Beauregard Street, 12th Floor, Alexandria, VA 22311-1732. Telephone: (703) 836-6110; fax: (703) 836-3470; e-mail: info@hmhb.org; Web site: http://www.hmhb.org. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.hmhb.org/pdf/brush-for-two_brochure.pdf.

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**DO WOMEN NEED TO BE MORE CAREFUL WITH THEIR ORAL HEALTH?**


This fact sheet provides women with information about oral health concerns that may arise at various stages during the life cycle. Topics include the impact of hormonal changes on oral health during puberty, pregnancy, and menopause, and when oral contraceptives are used. The fact sheet also touches on oral health consequences of diet pill use, eating disorders, and smoking.


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**FIRST AID**


This electronic reference tool provides information on treating minor oral health emergencies in children. Topics include first aid supplies; objects wedged between teeth; possible jaw dislocation or fracture; lacerated lip or tongue; fever blisters, cold sores, and canker sores; pain from tooth eruption; broken or displaced teeth; orthodontic problems; prolonged or recurrent bleeding after extraction; knocked out tooth; inflamed or irritated gum tissue; and access to emergency care for a toothache.
Information about primary and permanent tooth eruption is also provided.

**Contact:** Indiana State Department of Health, Oral Health Program, 2 North Meridian Street, Section 7-G, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Telephone: (317) 233-1325; fax: (317) 233-7001; e-mail: oralhealth@isdh.state.in.us; Web site: http://www.in.gov/isdh/programs/oral/oral.html. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.in.gov/isdh/programs/oral/firstaid.htm.

**FLUORIDATED WATER: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**


This fact sheet presents key points and facts about fluoridated community water in a question-and-answer format. Questions include (1) what is fluoride?, (2) what is fluoridated water?, (3) why fluoridate water?, (4) when did water fluoridation begin in the United States?, (5) can fluoridated water cause cancer?, and (6) where can people find additional information on fluoridated water?

**Contact:** National Cancer Institute, Public Inquiries Office. 6116 Executive Boulevard, MSC 8322, Room 3036A, Bethesda, MD 20892-8322. Telephone: (800) 422-6237; fax: (301) 402-0555; e-mail: cancergovstaff@mail.nih.gov; Web site: http://www.cancer.gov. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/Risk/fluoridated-water.

**FLUORIDATION FACTS**


This booklet contains answers to frequently asked questions about community water fluoridation. Information based on scientific research is presented in question-and-answer format for the effectiveness, safety, practice, and cost-effectiveness of fluoridation. Additionally, the booklet contains a compendium of national and international organizations.

**Contact:** American Dental Association, Catalog Sales, P.O. Box 776, St. Charles, IL 60174. Telephone: (800) 947-4746; fax: (888) 476-1880; e-mail: catalog@ada.org; Web site: http://www.ada.org. Document code: J120. $11.95 members; $17.95 nonmembers; also available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.ada.org/public/topics/fluoride/facts/index.asp.

**FLUORIDE VARNISH: AN ALTERNATIVE TO TRADITIONAL TOPICAL FLUORIDE THERAPY**


This brochure for parents and other caregivers describes early childhood caries and provides tips on how to reduce the risk for infants and young children. Tips cover using a bottle at bedtime, when to begin using a cup, scheduling the first dental visit, reducing sugar consumption, cleaning the mouth and teeth daily, and using fluoride supplements. Answers to frequently asked questions about fluoride varnish treatment are provided. The brochure is available in English and Spanish.


**HEALTHY SMILES, HEALTHY CHILDREN**


This brochure provides parents with an overview of the role of dental hygiene in ensuring their children’s oral health. Topics include information on primary and permanent teeth, plaque, gingivitis, tooth decay, snacks, fluoride, dental sealants, oral health care visits, and home hygiene. The brochure is available in English and Spanish.

**Contact:** National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center, Georgetown University, Box 571272, Washington, DC 20057-1272. Telephone: (202) 784-9771; fax: (202) 784-9777; e-mail: info@mchoralhealth.org; Web site: http://www.mchoralhealth.org. Photocopy available at no charge.
HOW DOES PREGNANCY AFFECT MY ORAL HEALTH?


This fact sheet describes how changes during pregnancy, particularly hormonal changes, may impact a woman's oral health. Topics include plaque development, pregnancy tumors, gingivitis, and the importance of oral hygiene and regular dental visits. The fact sheet also discusses procedures that a woman should talk about with her dentist and obstetrician, such as the use of anesthesia and X-rays.


MENSTRUATION, PREGNANCY AND MENOPAUSE SPELL TROUBLE FOR TEETH


This fact sheet is intended to educate women about oral health issues that may occur during the life cycle. The fact sheet describes symptoms such as swollen gums, pain, changes in taste, and dry mouth, as well as osteoporosis (bone loss) that may occur as part of puberty, pregnancy, lactation, menstruation, and menopause.

Contact: Academy of General Dentistry, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Suite 900, Chicago, IL 60611-1999. Telephone: (888) 243-3368; fax: (312) 440-0559; e-mail: news@agd.org; Web site: http://www.agd.org. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.agd.org/consumer/topics/women/wom.asp.

MILK MATTERS CALCIUM EDUCATION CAMPAIGN


This information package contains selected materials from a nationwide public health education campaign to promote calcium consumption among children and adolescents, especially those ages 11–15, a time of critical bone growth. Some of the items are geared toward parents, some toward children and adolescents, and some toward health professionals. The items include several booklets, logo stickers, a public service announcement, a coloring book, and a poster. A form for ordering campaign publications and materials is also included. Some of the items are available in both 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; (888) 320-6942; fax: (301) 984-1473; e-mail: NICHDInformationResourceCenter@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.

NATURE’S WAY TO PREVENT TOOTH DECAY: WATER FLUORIDATION


This brochure explains the benefits of community water fluoridation. Contents include statements from the American Dental Association, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the U.S. Surgeon General; information on the safety, benefits, and cost-effectiveness of community water fluoridation; and key points. The brochure is available in English and Spanish.

Contact: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Division of Oral Health, 4770 Buford Highway, N.E., Mailstop F-10, Atlanta, GA 30341-3717. Telephone: (770) 488-6054, (888) CDC-FACT (232-3228); fax: (888) CDC-FAXX (232-3299); e-mail: oralhealth@cdc.gov; Web site: http://www.cdc.gov/oralhealth. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.ada.org/public/topics/fluoride/fluoridation_nature.pdf.
ORAL HEALTH AND YOUR HEALTHY BABY


This handout for women addresses the importance of good oral health during pregnancy in an illustrated story format. Topics include bleeding gums, gum disease and premature delivery, dental visits, and brushing and flossing. The handout is written in easy-to-read language and is available in English, Spanish, French, and Russian.


PREGNANCY AND GINGIVITIS


This fact sheet is designed to educate women about oral health issues that may arise during pregnancy or when using oral contraceptives. Gingivitis, pyogenic granuloma, and other oral conditions and their impact on pregnancy outcomes are described. Treatment options are also outlined.


PREGNANCY AND YOUR MOUTH


This handout describes oral health issues that may arise during pregnancy. It discusses hormonal changes that affect germs in the mother’s mouth and how these germs may affect fetal development. Advice is given to maintain oral hygiene practices, visit the dentist for cleanings, stop smoking, and eat nutritious food. A storylike format informs women who are pregnant about the best time to visit a dentist. The handout is written in easy-to-read language and is available in English, Spanish, French, and Russian.


PREGNANCY CRAVINGS CAN HARM YOUR ORAL HEALTH


This fact sheet contains information about pica, an eating disorder characterized by the desire to eat non-nutritious substances during pregnancy. Topics include behavioral symptoms and examples of non-food substances that women may crave.


PROTECTING CHILDREN’S ORAL HEALTH


This fact sheet provides information about periodontal disease in children and adolescents. Topics include types of periodontal diseases in children, signs of periodontal disease, adolescence and oral health care, and advice for parents. Links to additional resources are also provided. The fact sheet is available in English and Spanish.

STARTING POINT: RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS IN WASHINGTON STATE


This directory provides a brief overview of resources for families of children with special health care needs who live in Washington. Topics include advocacy and legal help, child care and respite, child development, community health, counseling, oral health, family support, financial help, health insurance, hearing and vision, information and referral, medical supplies and equipment, recreation, school, and transportation. Tips for getting answers to questions and an emergency information form are also included. Resources include addresses, telephone numbers, Web sites, and e-mail addresses. Checklists, forms, and handouts are also provided. The Center for Children with Special Needs Web site includes a searchable database containing all of the resources included in the document. The directory is available in English and Spanish.


WANT SOME LIFE SAVING ADVICE? ASK YOUR DENTAL HYGIENIST ABOUT PROPER ORAL HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN


This fact sheet is designed to educate parents about the prevalence of dental caries and periodontal disease in young children and adolescents and the importance of establishing and maintaining healthy behaviors. Tips on infant oral hygiene, preparing for and visiting the dental office, and toothbrushing and flossing with toddlers are provided. Other topics include the eruption of permanent molars and oral health, the use of dental sealants in preventing dental caries, the potential impact of braces or retainers on oral hygiene and oral health, gum-disease prevention, food and oral health, the importance of fluoride, and modeling oral hygiene behaviors for children.

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

WANT SOME LIFE SAVING ADVICE? ASK YOUR DENTAL HYGIENIST ABOUT WOMEN AND SMOKING


This document discusses the relationship between smoking, oral health, and overall health in women. Topics include the connections between smoking and secondhand smoke and various forms of cancer, and the effects of smoking on overall appearance and aspects of oral health such as tooth staining and periodontal disease. The document also discusses the effects of smoking on girls and young women.

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

WOMEN AND PERIODONTAL DISEASE


This brochure is designed to educate women about oral health issues unique to women throughout their life cycles. It discusses periodontal disease, plaque, and gingivitis, as well as the effects of hormonal changes on gums and oral health during puberty, menstruation, pregnancy, and menopause, and when using oral contraceptives.
Contact: American Academy of Periodontology, 737 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60611-2690. Telephone: (312) 787-5518; fax: (312) 787-3670; e-mail: apsite@perio.org; Web site: http://www.perio.org. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.perio.org/consumer/women.htm.

**YOUR MOUTH MATTERS CAMPAIGN**


This folder contains selected materials from a child-oral-health-awareness campaign in Kansas. Folder contents include two copies of a poster illustrating dental development from birth to age 17 and fact sheets on the impact of poor oral health on schoolchildren, the importance of good oral health to overall health and child development, and supporting healthy options in schools.

Contact: Kansas Action for Children, 720 Southwest Jackson, Suite 201, Topeka, KS 66603. Telephone: (785) 232-0550; fax: (785) 232-0699; e-mail: kac@kac.org; Web site: http://www.kac.org. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.oralhealthkansas.org/resources-mouth.html.

**STATE REPORTS**

**HEALTHY KENTUCKY SMILES: A LIFETIME OF ORAL HEALTH—STATEWIDE ORAL HEALTH STRATEGIC PLAN**


This report outlines a strategic plan for improving and enhancing the oral health and general health status of Kentucky citizens. Topics include oral health surveys for children and adults; a strategic plan mission; vision and values statements; a situation assessment of strengths, changes, opportunities, weaknesses, and threats; advocacy; economic development; funding; partnerships and collaboration; prevention and treatment; public health education; school-based coordination; and statewide oral health work force issues. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


**MAINE CHILD HEALTH SURVEY, 2003/2004: KINDERGARTEN AND THIRD GRADE REPORT**


This technical report summarizes oral health findings from the 2003–2004 Maine Child Health Survey, which incorporated an oral health section in the parent questionnaire and an oral screening using the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors’ Basic Screening Survey. The report contains an executive summary, background information, an analysis of survey data, and a discussion. The survey form and detailed figures and tables are included in the appendices. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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

**OPEN MOUTH SURVEY OF THIRD GRADERS, NEBRASKA 2005**


This report describes the first statewide open-mouth screening of oral health among students in third grade in Nebraska. Topics include dental caries experience, prevalence of untreated oral disease, and utilization of dental sealants. Content sections define methods and results, discuss results in comparison to other states and
to Healthy People 2010 objectives, and provide recommendations. Appendices provide further information about study methods and a list of Nebraska public dental clinics. A brief glossary concludes the report.

**Contact:** Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Dental Health Division, 301 Centennial Mall South, Third Floor, P.O. Box 95007, Lincoln, NE 68509-5007. Telephone: (402) 471-0166; fax: (402) 471-0383; Web site: http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/dental. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/dental/docs/OpenMouthSurvey-Final.pdf.

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**ORAL HEALTH FORUMS SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS**


This report summarizes information gathered at each of 12 oral health community forums held over a 2-month period in Iowa. Topics include barriers, current activities, possible strategies, and suggestions for state activities. Information about the forum process and a conclusion are also provided. The appendices contain the forum agenda, a list of forum sites, and an Iowa oral health fact sheet.


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**THE ORAL HEALTH OF ARIZONA’S CHILDREN: CURRENT STATUS, TRENDS AND DISPARITIES**


This report presents findings from a statewide oral health survey of Arizona students in kindergarten through third grade. The purpose of the survey, conducted between 1999 and 2003, was to determine the oral health status of Arizona’s children and to develop policy recommendations to improve oral health. The importance of oral health, key findings on untreated tooth decay, urgent oral health care needs, dental sealants, dental visits, oral health status and dental insurance, disparities in oral health and oral treatment needs, and progress in meeting Healthy People 2010 oral health objectives are discussed. A list of oral health resources in Arizona, an outline of next steps, and the survey methodology and data tables are also included.

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**ORAL HEALTH OF GEORGIA’S CHILDREN: RESULTS FROM THE 2005 GEORGIA THIRD GRADE ORAL HEALTH SURVEY**


This report highlights the oral health status of students in third grade who participated in Georgia’s 2005 oral health survey. Survey topics include dental caries experience, untreated tooth decay, dental sealants, needed oral care, and access to and utilization of oral care. A description of the survey methodology and sample size is included, along with references. Statistics are provided in charts and graphs throughout the report.

**Contact:** Georgia Division of Public Health, Two Peachtree Street, Atlanta, GA 30303-3186. Telephone: (404) 657-2700; fax: (404) 657-6282; e-mail: gdphinfo@dhr.state.ga.us; Web site: http://health.state.ga.us. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://health.state.ga.us/pdfs/familyhealth/oral/2005GeorgiaThirdGradeSurveyApril2006.pdf.

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**ORAL HEALTH OF IOWA CHILDREN: ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN, 2005**

This report discusses the oral health status of Iowa's children. Statistical data are included from Medicaid, oral health surveys, school-based dental sealant programs, public health dental hygienist services, oral health program summaries, needs assessments, and input from forums held around the state. Topics include Medicaid-enrolled children, oral health services being utilized, the Iowa Access to Baby and Child Dentistry program, access to services through Title V, and summaries of topics from regional oral health forums. Statistical data are provided in charts and graphs throughout the report. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: Tracy Rodgers. Iowa Department of Public Health, Oral Health Bureau, Lucas State Office Building, 321 East 12th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319-0075. Telephone: (515) 281-7715; fax: (515) 242-6384; e-mail: trodgers@idph.state.ia.us; Web site: http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hpcdp/oral_health.asp. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hpcdp/common/pdf/oral_health/2005_environmental_scan.pdf.

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**ORAL HEALTH SURVEY REPORT: FY05**


This report presents the methods and results of an open-mouth survey of students in third grade in Iowa to measure the prevalence of dental sealants on permanent molars and the presence of cavitated lesions and restored teeth in 2005. Footnotes are provided, along with a survey summary chart.


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**RESULTS OF THE 2005 ORAL HEALTH SURVEY OF ALASKAN HEAD START CHILDREN: ALASKA ORAL HEALTH BASIC SCREENING SURVEY**


This report describes the visual oral health assessment of kindergarten students from a sample of Alaska sites. The purpose of the assessment was to establish an oral-disease surveillance system using standardized survey guidelines. Report contents include numerous tables with data about response rates; demographics; frequency of screening variables; differences by gender, race, or ethnicity; dental insurance status; clinical variables such as untreated dental caries or caries experience; and differences by Denali Kid Care or Medicaid status. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


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**RESULTS OF THE 2005 ORAL HEALTH SURVEY OF ALASKAN KINDergarten CHILDREN: ALASKA ORAL HEALTH BASIC SCREENING SURVEY**


This report presents results from an oral health assessment of children from a sample of Alaskan Head Start sites. Response rates averaged at the site level and the percentage of the grantee goal achieved are presented in two tables. Demographics and basic assessment frequencies are presented both in raw state and with weighted values. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]
