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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

#### DENTAL EXPENDITURES IN THE 10 LARGEST STATES, 2005

Sommers JP. 2008. *Dental Expenditures in the 10 Largest States, 2005*. Rockville, MD: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. 5 pp.

This fact sheet presents estimates based on data from the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey—Household Component (MEPS-HC) on the use, costs, and sources of payment for oral health care expenditures for the 10 largest (per capita) states in 2005, and it compares the results to the national average in 2005. Highlights from the findings, data sources, definitions of expenditures, and an overview of MEPS-HC are included.

**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 from the Web site at [http://www.meps.ahrq.gov/mepsweb/data\\_files/publications/st195/stat195.pdf](http://www.meps.ahrq.gov/mepsweb/data_files/publications/st195/stat195.pdf).

#### THE NATIONAL SURVEY OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS: CHARTBOOK 2005–2006

Maternal and Child Health Bureau. 2007. *The National Survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs: Chartbook 2005–2006*. Rockville, MD: Maternal and Child Health Bureau. 104 pp.

This chartbook presents survey results, which were self-reported by families, on the prevalence of special health care needs among children, the children's health and functional status, and their health insurance coverage. The chartbook includes national and state data on access to health services and support systems for this population. It also provides demographic characteristics, types of services needed, and satisfaction with services.

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Also available at no charge from the Web site at <http://mchb.hrsa.gov/cshcn05>.

#### THE ORAL HEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS' CHILDREN

White BA, Monopoli MP, Souza BS. 2008. *The Oral Health of Massachusetts' Children*. Westborough, MA: Catalyst Institute. 71 pp.

This report presents findings from a study to assess the oral health status of Massachusetts' public school students (kindergarten, third grade, sixth grade) by gathering baseline estimates of dental caries experience and other indicators. Contents include information about the study background and methodology. Findings are presented for the state as a whole and by county.

**Contact:** Catalyst Institute, 2400 Computer Drive, Westborough, MA 01581. Telephone: (508) 329-2280; Web site: <http://catalystinstitute.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at [http://www.catalystinstitute.org/media/reports/OralHealthMass/Catalyst\\_Institute\\_January\\_2008\\_Report.pdf](http://www.catalystinstitute.org/media/reports/OralHealthMass/Catalyst_Institute_January_2008_Report.pdf).

#### RESULTS OF THE ORAL HEALTH SURVEY OF ALASKAN KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN, 2007: ALASKA ORAL HEALTH BASIC SCREENING SURVEY

Hardison JD. 2007. *Results of the Oral Health Survey of Alaskan Kindergarten Children, 2007: Alaska Oral Health Basic Screening Survey*. Anchorage, AK: Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Oral Health Program. 81 pp.

This report presents results from an oral health assessment of children from a sample of Alaskan kindergarten sites. Demographics and questionnaire variables are presented both in raw state and with weighted values, along with topics including Denali KidCare/Medicaid status and clinical variables for untreated dental caries, caries experience, and caries experience on primary maxillary anterior teeth. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**RESULTS OF THE ORAL HEALTH SURVEY OF ALASKAN THIRD GRADE CHILDREN, 2007: ALASKA ORAL HEALTH BASIC SCREENING SURVEY**

Hardison JD. 2007. *Results of the Oral Health Survey of Alaskan Third Grade Children, 2007: Alaska Oral Health Basic Screening Survey*. Anchorage, AK: Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Oral Health Program. 76 pp.

This report provides data on the visual oral health assessment and disease surveillance of students in third grade from a random sample of Alaska's elementary schools in 2004. Information is included for demographics; frequency of tooth pain; dental insurance, ability to obtain oral health care, and dental caries experience; variables and differences by region, gender, race, ethnicity, and dental insurance status; clinical variables such as untreated caries, caries experience, and sealants on permanent molars; and differences by Denali KidCare and Medicaid status. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**SNAPSHOT: HAVES AND HAVE-NOTS: A LOOK AT CHILDREN'S USE OF DENTAL CARE IN CALIFORNIA**

Pourat N. 2008. *Snapshot: Haves and Have-Nots: A Look at Children's Use of Dental Care in California*. Oakland, CA: California HealthCare Foundation. 19 pp.

This report examines racial and ethnic differences and other factors that contribute to disparities in oral health care for infants and children (from birth to age 11) using data from the 2005 California Health Interview Survey. Topics include tooth decay in children by age, race, and ethnicity; tooth decay in students in kindergarten and third grade; time since last dental visit; and

major contributing factors to disparities in occurrence of dental visits. Recommendations for eliminating disparities and information about the methodology are included.

**Contact:** California HealthCare Foundation, 1438 Webster Street, Suite 400, Oakland, CA 94612. Telephone: (510) 238-1040; fax: (510) 238-1388; Web site: <http://www.chcf.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.chcf.org/topics/download.cfm?pg=insurance&fn=DentalDisparitiesSnapshot07%2Epdf&pid=509607&itemid=133575>.

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**SURVEY OF THE ORAL HEALTH STATUS OF MARYLAND SCHOOL CHILDREN, 2005-2006**

Manski RJ, Chen H, Chenette RR, Coller S. 2007. *Survey of the Oral Health Status of Maryland School Children, 2005-2006*. Baltimore, MD: University of Maryland Dental School. 61 pp.

This report summarizes a survey (oral screening and oral health questionnaire) conducted to assess the oral health status and service needs of students in kindergarten and third grade in Maryland. It includes background and purpose, methods, results, and discussion. The report addresses challenges to the study and assistance received in conducting the study. Appendices include a supply request form, an examination form, a report card, a survey questionnaire, frequently asked questions, and a consent form and letter. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

**Contact:** Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Family Health Administration, Office of Oral Health, 201 West Preston Street, Room 306, Baltimore, MD 21201. Telephone: (410) 767-5300; fax: (410) 333-7106; Web site: <http://www.fha.state.md.us/oralhealth>. Available at no charge from the Web site at [http://www.fha.state.md.us/oralhealth/pdf/Oral\\_Health\\_Survey\\_Report.pdf](http://www.fha.state.md.us/oralhealth/pdf/Oral_Health_Survey_Report.pdf).

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**TOWARD A STRONGER ORAL HEALTH SAFETY NET: ORAL HEALTH CARE IN MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS**

Catalyst Institute. 2007. *Toward a Stronger Oral Health Safety Net: Oral Health Care in Massachusetts Community Health Centers*. Westborough, MA: Catalyst Institute. 13 pp.

This report presents findings from a survey to collect information about community health center dental programs in Massachusetts and to identify the challenges program directors face and the factors that impede timely and effective care. It includes the survey aim and methods, capacity and access, work force, services, leadership profile, and leadership experience.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### CD-ROM SERIES: ORAL HEALTH AND NUTRITION

University of Washington Institute on Aging. 2007. *CD-ROM Series: Oral Health and Nutrition*. Seattle, WA: University of Washington Institute on Aging. 5 CD-ROMs.

This series of five CD-ROMs contains short vignettes on oral health topics. Four of the CD-ROMs are intended for use with the following audiences: pregnant women, parents of children ages 2 to 4, children ages 7 to 11, and older adults. Topics include the importance of diet and nutrition to oral health, dental visits during pregnancy, caring for an infant's mouth, oral hygiene, and the link between oral health and overall health. The fifth CD-ROM is intended for oral health professionals and discusses cultural competence, including information on education, communicating through an interpreter, health beliefs, and Medicaid. All of the CD-ROMs, with the exception of the one for oral health professionals, contain both English and Spanish versions.

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### FLUORIDE VARNISH

North Dakota Health Department, Oral Health Program. 2007. *Fluoride Varnish*. Bismarck, ND: North Dakota Health Department, Oral Health Program. 9 items.

This section of the North Dakota Oral Health Program Web site contains resources on fluoride varnish. Contents include a brochure for parents of young children, a research brief on the evidence base for fluoride varnish, a reference guide for health professionals, Medicaid reimbursement guidelines, the North Dakota legal authorities to apply fluoride varnish, a sample parental consent form, a sample standing medical order, and a list of supplies. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

**Contact:** Kimberlie Yineman. North Dakota Department of Health, Oral Health Program, 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Department 301, Bismarck, ND 58505-0200. Telephone: (800) 472-2286; (701) 328-2356; fax: (701) 328-1412; e-mail: [kyineman@nd.gov](mailto:kyineman@nd.gov); Web site: <http://www.ndhealth.gov/oralhealth>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.ndhealth.gov/oralhealth/FluorideVarnish.htm>.

### ORAL COMPLICATIONS OF SYSTEMIC DISEASES

National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research. 2008. *Oral Complications of Systemic Diseases*. Bethesda, MD: National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research.

This section of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research's (NIDCR's) Web site contains information and resources for health professionals and consumers about managing and preventing oral complications of cancer treatment, developmental disabilities, diabetes mellitus, heart disease, and HIV and AIDS. Contents include NIDCR publications in English and Spanish, news releases and articles, reports from meetings, and information about clinical trials. Information from other government agencies and additional resources are provided.

**Contact:** National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, National Institutes of Health, Building 31, Room 2C39, 31 Center Drive, MSC2290, Bethesda, MD 20892. Telephone: (301) 496-4261; fax: (301) 496-9988; e-mail: [nidcrinfo@mail.nih.gov](mailto:nidcrinfo@mail.nih.gov); Web site: <http://www.nidcr.nih.gov>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.nidcr.nih.gov/OralHealth/OralHealthInformation/SystemicDiseases>.



## MEETINGS

### 1ST ANNUAL TOHSS GRANTEE MEETING: MAXIMIZING POTENTIAL

Maternal and Child Health Bureau. 2008. *1st Annual TOHSS Grantee Meeting: Maximizing Potential*. Rockville, MD: Maternal and Child Health Bureau. 60 pp.

This participant binder contains materials from the Targeted Oral Health Service Systems (TOHSS) Grantee Meeting held on March 10–12, 2008, in Baltimore, Maryland. The purpose of the meeting was to gain a shared understanding of the TOHSS mission, showcase best practices and lessons learned, and strengthen networking and active participation within and among states. Contents include the meeting presentation handouts that provide information on program evaluation and strategies for best practices. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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### AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY DENTAL PROGRAMS PRE-CONFERENCE SYMPOSIUM

American Association for Community Dental Programs. 2008. *American Association for Community Dental Programs Pre-Conference Symposium*. Cincinnati, OH: American Association for Community Dental Programs. 12 items.

This participant folder contains materials from the American Association for Community Dental Programs' pre-conference symposium held on April 27, 2008, in Miami, Florida. Topics include federal oral health activities and their impact on local programs, using standardized assessments by dental hygienists and collaboration to establish dental homes for children enrolled in Head Start programs, collecting and using data to improve local program planning and evaluation, and the impact of changes in state practice acts on access to care at the local level. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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### AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE ORAL HEALTH ACCESS SUMMIT: SUMMARY REPORT

American Dental Association. 2008. *American Indian and Alaska Native Oral Health Access Summit: Summary Report*. Chicago, IL: American Dental Association. 50 pp.

This report summarizes the process, content, and outcomes of the American Indian–Alaska Native Oral Health Access Summit held on November 12–13, 2007, in Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico. The report outlines the discussion on improving the oral health status and oral health care of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI-AN) communities. It includes an introduction, methods, stakeholder group discussions, and outcomes. Topics include the knowledge, attitudes, and practices related to the past, present, and future oral health of AI-AN populations; the history of their health care; and the burden of oral disease among AI-AN children.

**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](mailto:info@ada.org); Web site: <http://www.ada.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at [http://www.ada.org/prof/resources/topics/topics\\_access\\_alaska\\_summit.pdf](http://www.ada.org/prof/resources/topics/topics_access_alaska_summit.pdf).

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

Jackson BR. 2008. *District of Columbia Final Report: Follow-up Activities to EHS/HS State/Territorial Oral Health Forums*. Washington, DC: District of Columbia Head Start Collaboration Project. 4 pp.

This final report describes follow-up activities to an Early Head Start and Head Start oral health forum held on July 20, 2004, in Washington, DC, to improve oral health by promoting education and prevention, increasing coverage and access, enhancing the dental work force, and improving quality of data and surveillance. It includes an overview of activities accomplished, immediate outcomes, and additional follow-up activities planned, as well as a budget explanation. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]



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

MacDonald R. 2008. *Final Report Vermont Department of Health: Follow-up Activities to EHS/HS State/Territorial Oral Health Forum*. Burlington, VT: Vermont Department of Health. 2 pp.

Brownrigg C. 2008. *New Mexico Final Report: Follow-up Activities to EHS/HS State/Territorial Oral Health Forums*. Santa Fe, NM: Department of Children, Youth and Families, New Mexico Head Start-State Collaboration Office. 4 pp.

This report outlines follow-up activities to an Early Head Start and Head Start oral health forum held on May 13, 2005, in Quechee, Vermont. The focus of the forum was the provision of oral examinations and preventive oral health services. Report contents include a description of activities accomplished, immediate outcomes, additional follow-up activities planned, needs for additional resources to accomplish other follow-up activities, and a budget explanation. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

This report describes follow-up activities to an Early Head Start and Head Start oral health forum held on May 8–9, 2003, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The forum focused on activities to expand fluoride varnish clinics to other Head Start sites in Santa Fe County during 2006–2007. The report describes services conducted by Presbyterian Medical Services and provides an overview of the process of establishing services, partners, in-kind support, immediate outcomes, additional follow-up activities planned, and the need for resources to accomplish other follow-up activities. A budget explanation is also included. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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 HEALTH FORUMS**

Kirkland E. 2008. *Nebraska Final Report: Follow-up Activities to EHS/HS State/Territorial Oral Health Forums*. Lincoln, NE: Nebraska Department of Education, Head Start-State Collaboration Office. 5 pp.

Haupt K. 2008. *North Carolina Progress Report: Follow-up Activities to EHS/HS State/Territorial Oral Health Forums*. Raleigh, NC: North Carolina Oral Health Section. 2 pp.

This report describes follow-up activities to an Early Head Start and Head Start oral health forum held in Nebraska. The forum focused on survey development and analysis of data on the perinatal oral health needs of mothers enrolled in Early Head Start. Contents include activities accomplished, immediate outcomes, additional follow-up activities planned, and a budget

This report describes follow-up activities to an Early Head Start and Head Start oral health forum held in North Carolina. Contents include activities proposed, activities accomplished, immediate outcomes, additional follow-up activities planned, the need for resources to accomplish additional activities, and a budget explanation. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**NORTH DAKOTA CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH CONFERENCE: MAPPING THE FUTURE FOR ACCESS**

Mouden LD. 2007. *North Dakota Children's Oral Health Conference: Mapping the Future for Access*. Bismarck, ND: North Dakota Department of Health, Oral Health Program. 19 pp.

This document reports the activities and outcomes of the North Dakota Children's Oral Health Conference held on November 2, 2007, in Fargo, North Dakota. The purpose of the conference was to bring together oral health advocates to discuss issues, learn about state and national initiatives, and facilitate critical thinking about the state's ongoing policy. An overview of the keynote presentation and panel discussion is provided. Group discussions about priorities and opportunities for policy change or systems development are also summarized. Facilitator instructions and worksheets used for the group discussions are included as appendices. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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Yineman K. 2008. *North Dakota Final Report: Follow-up Activities to EHS/HS State/Territorial Oral Health Forums*. Bismarck, ND: North Dakota Department of Health, Oral Health Program. 3 pp.

This report describes follow-up activities to an Early Head Start and Head Start oral health forum (survey and videoconference) held on April 29, 2003, in North Dakota to train health professionals and oral health consultants to provide fluoride varnish to children enrolled in Early Head Start and Head Start programs. An overview is provided of activities accomplished, immediate outcomes, resources needed to accomplish other follow-up activities, and a budget explanation. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**ORAL HEALTH FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS: PRIORITIES FOR ACTION**

Altarum Institute. 2008. *Oral Health for Children with Special Health Care Needs: Priorities for Action*. Washington, DC: Altarum Institute. 60 pp.

This participant folder contains materials from an expert meeting held on April 14–15, 2008, in Washington, DC, to identify and address oral health priorities for children with special health care needs. Priority areas include medical home/dental home interface, training and education, and finance. Folder contents include priorities, objectives, and sample strategies for action; speaker PowerPoint slides; and a guide for workgroup sessions. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**PARTNERSHIPS PROMOTING ORAL HEALTH FOR HEAD START CHILDREN: REGION I MEETING PROCEEDINGS AND REPORT**

Administration for Children and Families, Office of Head Start, Region I. 2007. *Partnerships Promoting Oral Health for Head Start Children: Region I Meeting Proceedings and Report*. Boston, MA: Administration for Children and Families, Office of Head Start, Region I. 30 pp.

This document contains the proceedings and report from the regional Head Start all-grantee meeting held on October 22–24, 2006, in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The purpose of the meeting was to bring Region 1 grantees together with key stakeholders to provide an opportunity for oral health promotion, networking, education and training, infrastructure development, expansion of the oral health provider network, and technical assistance. Contents include background on the Head Start Oral Health Initiative, a keynote, Region 1 oral health initiatives, conclusions, and recommendations. A synopsis of strategies for engaging oral health professionals, Head Start staff, and families in promoting child oral health in Head Start and expanding grantee capacity for health programming and legislative advocacy is included. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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

Veschusio C. 2008. *South Carolina Final Report: Follow-up Activities to EHS/HS State/Territorial Oral Health Forums*. Columbia, SC: South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. 3 pp.

This report describes activities conducted in follow-up to the Early Head Start and Head Start oral health forum held on April 3, 2003, in Columbia, South Carolina. Topics include activities proposed and accomplished, immediate outcomes, and a budget explanation. Future activities and the resources needed to accomplish them are also discussed. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**SUMMARY OF HEAD START ORAL HEALTH FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES FROM ASTDD 2006–2007 FUNDING**

Guerink K. 2008. *Summary of Head Start Oral Health Follow-up Activities from ASTDD 2006–2007 Funding*. New Bern, NC: Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 3 pp.

This report presents information on activities conducted by 10 states that received funding in 2006 and 2007 as a follow-up to state oral health action plans developed at Head Start oral health forums held since 2000. The report includes a list of sample activities conducted; a chart showing how many states conducted each type of activity, amounts of additional or matching funds received, and which organizations contributed the funds; and information about the need for additional resources. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**POLICY**

**ACCESS TO ORAL HEALTH CARE DURING THE PERINATAL PERIOD: A POLICY BRIEF**

Brown A. 2008. *Access to Oral Health Care During the Perinatal Period: A Policy Brief*. Washington, DC: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center. 8 pp.

This policy brief provides an overview of the major barriers to addressing women's oral health needs during the perinatal period. It provides examples of strategies to

promote the use of guidelines during the perinatal period, expand opportunities for professional and consumer education, increase dental insurance coverage, and integrate oral health care as a part of routine perinatal care. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**ACCESS, USE, AND COSTS OF DENTAL SERVICES IN THE HEALTHY KIDS PROGRAM**

Hughes D. 2007. *Access, Use, and Costs of Dental Services in the Healthy Kids Program*. Washington, DC: Urban Institute. 7 pp.

This policy brief provides data on access to and use of oral health services among children in the Healthy Kids program in San Mateo County, California, that provides subsidized health and dental insurance to children from families with incomes below 400 percent of the federal poverty level who are ineligible for Medi-Cal (the federal-state insurance program for children from families with low incomes) and Healthy Families (California's State Children's Health Insurance Program) due to family income or documentation status. The brief also provides examples of how a local program has instituted policies and practices designed to increase use of oral health services among children in Healthy Kids. Topics include the costs of services and the types and number of oral health professionals serving children.

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**CRITICAL SERVICES FOR OUR CHILDREN: INTEGRATING MENTAL AND ORAL HEALTH INTO PRIMARY CARE**

Grantmakers in Health. 2008. *Critical Services for Our Children: Integrating Mental and Oral Health into Primary Care*. Washington, DC: Grantmakers in Health. 27 pp.

This issue brief summarizes a discussion among grantmakers and health services researchers about improving the pediatric health care system by better integrating oral and mental health services into primary care. The issue brief is based on a Grantmakers in Health Issue Dialogue held on April 17, 2007, that focused on strategies for reducing fragmentation of services and explored opportunities for health funders. Topics include challenges to an integrated children's health system and examples of how health funders are addressing the problems.

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**THE EFFECTS OF MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT RATES ON ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE**

Borchgrevink A, Snyder A, Gehshan S. 2008. *The Effects of Medicaid Reimbursement Rates on Access to Dental Care*. Portland, ME: National Academy for State Health Policy. 32 pp.

This report presents findings from a study to assess the effects of raising Medicaid reimbursement rates on access to oral health care in six states (Alabama, Michigan, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and Washington) and to compare these states' experiences to California's. Topics include reforms in the six study states to provide dental benefits through state-run Medicaid programs and carve-out programs; common elements of state reforms (catalysts, collaboration, program administration, and consumer education); assessing the impact of increased reimbursement rates; and California reimbursement rates and administrative concerns. The appendix contains a bibliography of studies reviewed.

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**INCREASING ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE IN MEDICAID: DOES RAISING PROVIDER RATES WORK?**

Borchgrevink A, Snyder A, Gehshan S. 2008. *Increasing Access to Dental Care in Medicaid: Does Raising Provider Rates Work?* Oakland, CA: California HealthCare Foundation. 6 pp., 36 printed slides.

This issue brief examines the results of state efforts to increase Medicaid rates for dentists, while also overhauling administrative processes and working to forge stronger ties with oral health professionals and other stakeholders. Topics include the results of the reforms and whether states' efforts to improve administration and outreach mattered as much as the rate increases in improving access to Medicaid dental care. Background research and conclusions, the importance of reimbursement, events leading to state Medicaid reforms, and the circumstances surrounding California's reform efforts are discussed. Tables present selected state-level data on dental reforms and their effects on service use and provider participation; changes in Medicaid dental payments and utilization; and Medicaid fee-for-service reimbursement rates for dental examinations.

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**KANSAS HEALTH REFORM: OPTIONS FOR ADDING DENTAL BENEFITS**

Snyder A, Gehshan S. 2007. *Kansas Health Reform: Options for Adding Dental Benefits*. Portland, ME: National Academy for State Health Policy. 46 pp.

This paper discusses three options for including dental benefits in Kansas's health care reform plan: expanding dental benefits under Medicaid, offering private dental insurance, or offering a combined product similar to the Massachusetts "Connector" plan. The paper also discusses oral health disparities in Kansas and nation-

wide and three states' (Maine's, Massachusetts', and Vermont's) experiences with oral health care reform.

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**MEDICAID PORTABILITY IN THE CONTEXT OF ORAL HEALTH CARE FOR HEAD START-ENROLLED CHILDREN IN MIGRANT FARMWORKER FAMILIES**

Rosenbaum S. 2008. *Medicaid Portability in the Context of Oral Health Care for Head Start-Enrolled Children in Migrant Farmworker Families*. Washington, DC: George Washington University, School of Public Health and Health Services. 10 pp.

This analysis examines opportunities and challenges in addressing Medicaid eligibility and enrollment for children of migrant and seasonal farmworkers. It examines Medicaid portability, that is, the ability of Medicaid to follow children from one state to another. The analysis presents an overview of Medicaid eligibility and enrollment and approaches to increasing Medicaid enrollment and portability for children in Migrant and Seasonal Head Start programs, using Head Start programs as a mechanism for identifying and enrolling children in Medicaid. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**MINNESOTA COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE HEAD START ORAL HEALTH MODEL: A STRONG START AND GUIDE FOR THE FUTURE**

Minnesota Head Start Association, Minnesota Dental Association, Minnesota Dental Hygienists' Association, Apple Tree Dental, and Pfeffer M. 2008. *Minnesota Community Collaborative Practice Head Start Oral Health Model: A Strong Start and Guide for the Future*. Duluth, MN: Minnesota Head Start Association. 4 pp.

This document describes Minnesota's efforts to implement the Community Collaborative Practice Head Start Oral Health Model to expand the role of allied oral health professionals to increase compliance with the federal Head Start program performance standards. It includes a timeline of policy and regulatory initiatives, evaluation methods, key findings, conclusions, and recommendations. It also presents Minnesota Head Start program performance standard reporting data as it compares with national data; data on preventive services for Head Start children provided by collaborative dental hygienists; and data on (1) the value of the services of both dentists and collaborative practice dental hygienists, (2) the value of working with a collaborative practice agreement, (3) difficulty in finding medical care and oral health care for children, and (4) program interest in developing the collaborative practice model, as perceived by Head Start health coordinators.

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**NEW MODELS OF DENTAL EDUCATION: THE MACY STUDY REPORT**

Formicola AJ, ed. 2008. New models of dental education: The Macy study report. *Journal of Dental Education* 72(2, suppl.):1-139.

This supplement to the *Journal of Dental Education* presents the results of a 3-year study to examine the financial feasibility of new models of dental education. The supplement also provides information about the study's follow-up convocation held on April 22-24, 2007, in Atlanta, Georgia. The supplement contains the papers presented at the convocation and summarizes the discussions, previous publications from the study, and papers describing the academic challenges confronting dental education and the dental school accreditation system.

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**ONE YEAR LATER: MEDICAID'S RESPONSE TO SYSTEMIC PROBLEMS REVEALED BY THE DEATH OF DEAMONTE DRIVER**

Crall JJ. 2008. *One Year Later: Medicaid's Response to Systemic Problems Revealed by the Death of Deamonte Driver*. Unpublished document. 11 pp.

This document presents written testimony submitted on behalf of the American Academy for Pediatric Dentistry for the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Domestic Policy Subcommittee Hearing held on February 14, 2008, in Washington, DC. The purpose of the testimony was to provide information to state officials about aspects of the oral health care delivery system and how it relates to Medicaid policies. Statements are organized into three sections: (1) significance of oral health to overall health, (2) the importance of reimbursement rates to ensuring access to oral health care among children in Medicaid, and (3) comment on CMS's redaction of the section on Policy Guidance Relating to Provider Reimbursement and Managed Care Oversight written for the *Guide to Children's Dental Care in Medicaid*. Statistical data on Medicaid dental expenditures, purchasing power, and market analysis are included.

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**ORAL HEALTH: WHO CARES? WHO SHOULD CARE?**

Treadwell HM, Casares C, Norris K. 2007. *Oral Health: Who Cares? Who Should Care?* Atlanta, GA: Community Voices: Health Care for the Underserved. 20 pp.

This policy brief presents data on oral health in the United States and specifically in Georgia and identifies action steps to address inequities across the state. Topics include the status of oral health in the general population, the impact of inadequate oral health care on racial and ethnic populations, the oral health needs and care of individuals in jails and prisons, and work force diversity and oral health disparities. A conclusion specifies opportunities for action in the areas of work force, access to care, and leadership.

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**PA 161—MAKING ORAL HEALTH CARE ACCESSIBLE IN MICHIGAN**

Michigan Dental Hygienists' Association. 2007. *PA 161—Making Oral Health Care Accessible in Michigan*. Okemos, MI: Michigan Dental Hygienists' Association. 2 pp.

The flyer describes three programs provided by dental hygienists in the community as a result of Michigan Public Act 161, which allows dental hygienists approved by the Michigan Department of Community Health to provide preventive oral health care without a dentist's prior authorization in a variety of public health settings, including federally qualified health centers. The following services are described: (1) oral health assessments and preventive care provided to residents of a long-term care facility; (2) portable oral health care for individuals unable to access care in traditional clinical settings, such as individuals enrolled in Medicaid or Head Start; and (3) on-site preventive oral health care for elderly populations.

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**PUTTING TEETH INTO HEALTH CARE REFORM**

Diringer J, Bonalos K. 2007. *Putting Teeth into Health Care Reform*. Oakland, CA: Dental Health Foundation; Sacramento, CA: California Primary Care Association. 12 pp.

This policy brief focuses on the importance of including oral health in health care reform efforts, the extent of current dental coverage, barriers to utilization, and policy considerations for improving the oral health of Californians. Topics include cost savings from providing periodontal treatment, populations that disproportionately experience barriers in accessing routine oral health

care, dental coverage and medical coverage rates in California, and Denti-Cal rates vs. general practice rates for selected procedures.

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**REGISTERED DENTAL HYGIENISTS IN ALTERNATIVE PRACTICE: INCREASING ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE IN CALIFORNIA**

Mertz E. 2008. *Registered Dental Hygienists in Alternative Practice: Increasing Access to Dental Care in California*. San Francisco, CA: University of California, San Francisco, Center for the Health Professions. 58 pp.; executive summary, 7 pp.

This paper presents findings from a study to explore ways that policy modifications may improve utilization of the registered dental hygienist-advanced practice (RDHAP) work force and to examine the evolution of RDHAP practices and their progress toward expanding access to care for vulnerable populations. The paper provides a historical overview of the development of RDHAP, a review of relevant legislation, and profiles of the RDHAP work force and experience. The paper also includes recommendations, conclusions, a glossary, and a form for documenting a relationship between an RDHAP and a dentist.

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**STATE HEALTH REFORM: HOW DO DENTAL BENEFITS FIT IN?—OPTIONS FOR POLICY MAKERS**

Snyder A, Gehshan S. 2008. *State Health Reform: How Do Dental Benefits Fit In?—Options for Policy Makers*. Portland, ME: National Academy for State Health Policy. 50 pp.

This report explores how states can include dental benefits within a health care reform plan. Topics include oral health status, experiences of selected states (Maine, Massachusetts, Vermont) in including oral health in health care reform, and dental insurance in the United States. Three options states can consider for improving oral health are examined: (1) a benefit package based on a public insurance model, like Medicaid; (2) a private insurance model, like the federal employee health plan; and (3) a combination of the two approaches.

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**PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

**BABY ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM KIT**

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry, Department of Pediatric Dentistry. 2008. *Baby Oral Health Program Kit*. Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry, Department of Pediatric Dentistry. 1 v.

This kit provides technique demonstrations and educational materials to help oral health professionals become comfortable with and competent in providing preventive oral health services to infants and young children. Contents include a DVD that offers an overview of early childhood caries and focuses on developing interviewing skills with caregivers, educating caregivers on oral-health-related issues, and conducting an oral examination of infants and young children. Additional contents include (1) an outline of the DVD, (2) a form for discussing how to implement Baby Oral Health Program in clinical practice, (3) a guide to early childhood development and its implications for pediatric oral health care, (4) a flip chart to help educate caregivers in the dental office, (5) a form for new client encounters,

(6) a resource list for the dental team and caregivers, and (7) information about an optional 2-hour continuing dental education credit that can be obtained through the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry.

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

American Association for Community Dental Programs, ed. April 2008. *The Bellwether: Leading Local Efforts to Improve the Nation's Oral Health* (No. 2). 6 pp.

This newsletter is a periodic publication of the American Association for Community Dental Programs (AACDP) to communicate information to the membership. Topics in the April 2008 issue include AACDP's annual meeting held on April 26–27, 2008, in Miami, Florida; expanded dental hygiene practice in Kansas, Michigan, and Minnesota; the Community-Based Dental Hygiene discussion list; and the online Ohio Dental Safety Net Information Center. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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

Clark M, Holt K. 2008. *Dentists 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 dentists 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 in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**EVIDENCE-BASED CLINICAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE USE OF PIT-AND-FISSURE SEALANTS: A REPORT OF THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION COUNCIL ON SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS**

American Dental Association Council on Scientific Affairs. 2008. Evidence-based clinical recommendations for the use of pit-and-fissure sealants: A report of the American Dental Association Council on Scientific Affairs. *Journal of the American Dental Association* 139(3):257-268.

This article presents clinical recommendations for use of pit-and fissure sealants developed by an expert panel convened by the American Dental Association Council on Scientific Affairs. Information is presented on the use of dental sealants, dental caries and the role of pit-and-fissure sealants in primary and secondary prevention, types of sealant materials and placement techniques, and clinical questions regarding pit-and-fissure sealants. Panel conclusions about sealants for caries prevention, placing sealants over early (noncavitated) lesions, sealant materials, and sealant-placement techniques are provided. Recommendations for future research are also summarized.

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**FLUORIDE VARNISH: AN EVIDENCE-BASED APPROACH**

Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors, Fluorides Committee. 2007. *Fluoride Varnish: An Evidence-Based Approach*. New Bern, NC: Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 15 pp.

This brief provides questions and responses to present the best available evidence to help professionals design and evaluate community-based programs that use fluoride varnish. Topics include a definition of fluoride varnish, how fluoride prevents tooth decay, advantages of fluoride varnish over other professionally applied fluorides, how dental caries in primary and permanent teeth can be prevented, how often fluoride varnish should be applied, Food and Drug Administration approval, fluoride varnish safety, whether fluoride varnish contributes to fluorosis, and what could improve the cost-effectiveness of community-based programs. Appendices include a chart outlining fluoride varnish products and a summary of evidence-based clinical recommendations.

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**GUIDELINES FOR ORAL HEALTH SCREENING IN OHIO'S SCHOOLS**

Ohio Department of Health Bureau of Oral Health Services. 2007. *Guidelines for Oral Health Screening in Ohio's Schools*. Columbus, OH: Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Oral Health Services. 3 items.

This kit contains materials to guide school nurses in conducting oral screenings of students in Ohio schools. Content includes a booklet, a DVD, and a pocket guide. The booklet provides guidance on which grade levels should participate, preparation for screening, infection control, disposal procedure, screening setup and technique, confidentiality, and documenting oral observations. A list of resources, sample forms, and a parent letter are also included. The DVD uses live action and scripted frames to guide school-based oral screening. The pocket guide presents tooth-eruption charts and photographs depicting categories of treatment need (no obvious dental problems, early dental visit needed, immediate dental visit needed) and other oral observations.

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**HEALTH AND SAFETY IN THE CHILD CARE SETTING:  
PROMOTING CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH—  
A CURRICULUM FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND  
CHILD CARE PROVIDERS**

Boyer-Chu, L. 2007. *Health and Safety in the Child Care Setting: Promoting Children's Oral Health—A Curriculum for Health Professionals and Child Care Providers* (upd. ed.). Oakland, CA: California Health Program. 76 pp.

This curriculum is written for health professionals and child care providers in California to promote oral health for infants and young children. Lessons address oral development, oral habits, health and oral hygiene, fluoridation, diet and nutrition, and injury prevention and care. Contents include an overview for trainers, a section on oral health basics, a wrap-around and wrap-up section, and lists of organizational resources and educational materials. Appendices include a caries-risk-assessment tool, a map of fluoridated areas by zip code, a brochure for parents, and an evaluation questionnaire.

**Contact:** California Childcare Health Program, 1950 Addison Street, Suite 107, Berkeley, CA 94704. Telephone: (510) 204-0930; fax: (510) 204-0931; Web site: <http://www.ucsfchildcarehealth.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at [http://www.ucsfchildcarehealth.org/pdfs/Curricula/oral%20health\\_11\\_v7.pdf](http://www.ucsfchildcarehealth.org/pdfs/Curricula/oral%20health_11_v7.pdf).

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**HOW CAN HEAD START STAFF, DENTAL  
PROFESSIONALS, AND CHILD HEALTH ADVOCATES  
AND POLICYMAKERS HELP?**

Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Oral Health Services. 2007. *How Can Head Start Staff, Dental Professionals, and Child Health Advocates and Policymakers Help?* Columbus, OH: Ohio Department of Health. 2 pp.

This brochure provides tips for improving the oral health of children enrolled in Head Start. It presents information about Head Start along with information

about oral health status and service needs among children in Head Start in Ohio.

**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/53BFF5EF7FDE479FA82AE5A1A9AB3ABB/HSAdvocacy.pdf>.

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**REBRANDING A FOUNDATION: THE BIRTH OF HEALTHY  
SMILES, HEALTHY CHILDREN—THE FOUNDATION OF  
THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY**

Edsey KK, Vitas RA. 2007. Rebranding a foundation: The birth of Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children—The Foundation of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. *Forum* 91(10):30-33.

This article describes a 2-year campaign undertaken by the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry to increase public oral health messaging and engage individuals in supporting children's health causes beyond those in organized dentistry. The authors describe efforts to (1) research and compile materials on planning and branding; (2) develop a strategic plan; (3) conduct a strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats analysis of foundation objectives and programs relative to its mission; (4) produce communications mechanisms; (5) address legal considerations; and (6) reveal the new brand.

**Contact:** Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children: The Foundation of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Suite 1700, Chicago, IL 60611-2637. Telephone: (312) 337-2169; fax: (312) 337-6329; e-mail: [hshc@aapd.org](mailto:hshc@aapd.org); Web site: <http://www.aapd.org/foundation>. Available at no charge from the Web site at [http://www.aapd.org/foundation/pdfs/2007/Edsey\\_Vitas.pdf](http://www.aapd.org/foundation/pdfs/2007/Edsey_Vitas.pdf).

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**STANDARDS OF PRACTICE FOR PUBLIC DENTAL  
HEALTH (8TH ED.)**

Hayes S, Edwards E. 2007. *Standards of Practice for Public Dental Health* (8th ed.). Nashville, TN: Tennessee Department of Health, Oral Health Services Section. 387 pp.

This manual serves as a reference source for policies, procedures, guidelines, and standards for public oral health practice in Tennessee. Contents include (1) information for public health dental clinics, (2) dental public health forms, (3) a quality-assurance review instrument, (4) protocols for the management of medical emergencies, (5) infection-control policies and procedures, (6) additional recommendations and guidelines, (7) American Dental Association statements, (8) rules of the Tennessee Board of Dentistry, and (9) the Tennessee Dental Practice Act.

**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; (616) 741-3111; 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://health.state.tn.us/oralhealth/pdf/Contents.pdf>.

## PROGRAMS

### FINAL REPORT: 4-H DENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE

West Virginia University Extension Service. 2007. *Final Report: 4-H Dental Health Initiative*. Morgantown, WV: West Virginia University Extension Service and Oral Health Program, West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources. 12 items.

This report describes the 2007 activities of a program aimed at involving children and adolescents in improving oral health in West Virginia through 4-H clubs. Products of the initiative include a dental visit reminder sticker, a CD-ROM containing oral health resources for the 4-H health planner, oral health awareness booklets (one for students and another for 4-H leaders), tip sheets on nutrition and oral health, and posters with oral health care messages. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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### FUTURE SMILES DENTAL CLINIC: STATE ORAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE SYSTEMS (SOHCS) GRANT—FINAL NARRATIVE REPORT

Mouden L. 2007. *Future Smiles Dental Clinic: State Oral Health Collaborative Systems (SOHCS) Grant—Final Narrative Report*. Little Rock, AR: Arkansas Department of Health, Office of Oral Health. 13 pp.

This report summarizes efforts to increase access to oral health care for a target population of children in the Little Rock, Arkansas, school district with funding from the State Oral Health Collaborative Systems grant for the period September 1, 2004, to August 31, 2007. The report contains information on the purpose, goals and objectives, methods, evaluation, workplan, and regional and national significance of the Future Smiles project. Selected topics include establishing a dental clinic, developing a steering committee, providing comprehensive preventive (screenings and dental sealants) and restorative oral health services in the school-based setting, and providing education for children and their parents on the importance of optimal oral health. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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### THE GEORGIA DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS: 78 YEARS OF PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

Georgia Department of Human Resources, Oral Health Section. 2007. *The Georgia Dental Public Health Programs: 78 Years of Public-Private Partnerships*. Atlanta, GA: Georgia Department of Human Resources, Oral Health Section. 1 CD-ROM.

This CD-ROM provides information about the Georgia Oral Health Prevention Program and a selection of resources to assist policymakers and others in improving access to oral health care for Georgia residents. Contents include presentations from the Georgia Oral Health Summit held on November 21, 2005; an overview of the Georgia Access to Dental Services grant; and information on best practices pilot projects. Information about national and state projects, Head Start resources, guidelines for infection control, a list



of public health discussion groups, and educational resources are also included. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**GEORGIA ORAL HEALTH PREVENTION PROGRAM FLUORIDE VARNISH MANUAL: RESOURCES AND INFORMATION**

Koskela L. 2008. *Georgia Oral Health Prevention Program Fluoride Varnish Manual: Resources and Information*. Atlanta, GA: Georgia Department of Human Resources, Division of Public Health. 20 pp.

This manual provides information for health professionals on the use and application of fluoride varnish in public oral health programs in Georgia. Guidance specific to Georgia along with resources that have been developed nationally are presented. Topics include the advantages, benefits, use, and application of fluoride varnish; and who may apply fluoride varnish in Georgia. Supporting evidence; information on ordering fluoride varnish; billing information for Medicaid, PeachCare (the State Children's Health Insurance Program), and care management organizations; consent forms and samples; information for parents on fluoride varnish; a list of fluoride varnish programs; and resources are also included. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

**Contact:** Linda Koskela. Georgia Department of Human Resources, Oral Health Section, Two Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, GA 30303-3186. Telephone: (404) 657-6639; e-mail: [llkoskela@dhr.state.ga.us](mailto:llkoskela@dhr.state.ga.us); Web site: <http://health.state.ga.us/programs/oral/index.asp>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://health.state.ga.us/pdfs/familyhealth/oral/fluoride manual.pdf>.

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

Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Oral Health Program. 2007. *Guidelines for a School Based Fluoride Mouthrinse Program* (rev. ed.). Helena, MT: Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Oral Health Program. 14 pp.

This document provides guidelines for implementing Montana's school-based Fluoride Mouthrinse (FMR) Program. Topics include tooth decay and fluoride, program facts, obtaining support and consent, supplies, personnel, training staff and volunteers, conducting the mouthrinse program, steps of fluoride mouthrinsing, methods of delivery, recordkeeping, and monitoring activities. Appendices include a sample parent consent form and certificate of appreciation. The participant data form for the 2007-2008 school year is also included. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

**Contact:** Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Oral Health Program, 1218 East Sixth Avenue, Helena, MT 59620. Telephone: (406) 444-0276; Web site: <http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/PHSD/family-health/oral-health/family-oralHealth-index.shtml>. Available at no charge from the Web site at [http://www.mchoralhealth.org/PDFs/MT\\_FMR Guidelines.pdf](http://www.mchoralhealth.org/PDFs/MT_FMR Guidelines.pdf).

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

Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 2007. *Guidelines for State and Territorial Oral Health Programs* (rev. ed.). New Bern, NC: Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 47 pp.

These guidelines are intended for use by public health agency officials and administrators in developing and operating state oral health programs. The guidelines address oral health issues, capacity and infrastructure, and essential public health services to promote oral health, including assessment, policy development, and assurance. Also included are essential elements to build infrastructure and capacity for state oral health programs.

**Contact:** Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors, 105 Westerly Road, New Bern, NC 28560. Telephone: (252) 637-6333; fax: (252) 637-3343; e-mail: [dperkins@astdd.org](mailto: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>.

**HEAD START: A MORE COMPREHENSIVE RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND DATA IMPROVEMENTS COULD FURTHER STRENGTHEN PROGRAM OVERSIGHT**

Government Accountability Office. 2008. *Head Start: A More Comprehensive Risk Management Strategy and Data Improvements Could Further Strengthen Program Oversight*. Washington, DC: Government Accountability Office. 36 pp.

This report examines the Administration for Children and Families' (ACF's) progress related to the oversight of local organizations that receive Head Start program grants and the grantees' financial management. Also examined are ACF's progress in conducting a risk assessment of the Head Start program and ensuring the accuracy and reliability of data from its annual Program Information Report survey of grantees, ACF's efforts to improve its on-site monitoring processes, and ACF's use of data to improve oversight and help grantees meet performance standards.

**Contact:** Government Accountability Office, 441 G Street, N.W., Room LM, Washington, DC 20548. Telephone: (202) 512-6000; fax: (202) 512-6061; Web site: <http://www.gao.gov>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d08221.pdf>.

**HELP ME SMILE: ORAL HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT PROTOCOLS, TRAINING MODULES, AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR USE WITH FAMILIES OF YOUNG CHILDREN (2ND ED.)**

Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Oral Health Services. 2007. *Help Me Smile: Oral Health Risk Assessment Protocols, Training Modules, and Educational Materials for Use with Families of Young Children* (2nd ed.). Columbus, OH: Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Oral Health Services. 3 items.

This curriculum provides materials for lay health workers and health professionals to use in promoting oral health for pregnant women and families with young children. The materials are divided into the following sections: adult/caregiver, infancy, toddler, early childhood, school age, and adolescence. Topics include fluoride in the water, oral hygiene, nutrition, dental sealants, oral injury, mouthguards, tobacco, oral cancer, oral piercings, "lift-the-lip" protocols for young children, dental home, and tooth decay. Also included are instructions for obtaining a fluoride analysis of a water sample. A CD-ROM with all the materials is also

included. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**KY ORAL HEALTH SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM: PDA TRAINING**

Burklow C. 2007. *KY Oral Health Surveillance Program: PDA Training*. Frankfort, KY: University of Kentucky College of Dentistry. 1 CD-ROM.

This CD-ROM contains software and a training tool developed for screening students in third and ninth grades in Kentucky as part of an overall assessment and surveillance of children's and adolescents' oral health. Contents include (1) software for collecting data using a personal digital assistant (PDA) and (2) a presentation for training PDA software users. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**MEETING STATE MCH NEEDS: A SUMMARY OF STATE PRIORITIES AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Freeman VA, Guild PA. 2008. *Meeting State MCH Needs: A Summary of State Priorities and Performance Measures*. Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research. 59 pp.

This report reviews changes in state and jurisdictional priority maternal and child health (MCH) needs and how performance is measured in meeting those needs. It includes background information on state MCH priority setting and performance reporting, a comparison

of priority needs, a description of other needs identified by states in the needs-assessment process, and a review of state performance measures. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

**Contact:** University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research, 725 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, CB# 7590, Chapel Hill, NC 27599. Telephone: (919) 966-5011; e-mail: [web@schsr.unc.edu](mailto:web@schsr.unc.edu); Web site: <http://www.schsr.unc.edu>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.mchtaproject.com/Y1%20Final%20Rpt.pdf>.

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**ORAL HEALTH PROMOTION, PREVENTION, AND TREATMENT STRATEGIES FOR HEAD START FAMILIES: EARLY FINDINGS FROM THE ORAL HEALTH INITIATIVE EVALUATION—VOLUME I: FINAL INTERIM REPORT**

Del Grosso P, Brown A, Zaveri H, Silva S, Zimmerman B, Hopewell A, Paulsell D. 2007. *Oral Health Promotion, Prevention, and Treatment Strategies for Head Start Families: Early Findings from the Oral Health Initiative Evaluation—Volume I: Final Interim Report*. Princeton, NJ: Mathematica Policy Research. 100 pp.

This report describes oral-health-promotion strategies developed by Early Head Start, Head Start, and Migrant and Seasonal Head Start programs with supplemental grant funding from the Office of Head Start. The report discusses Oral Health Initiative planning and design, identifying grantees for site visits, using the RE-AIM analysis, and early implementation experiences. The appendices contain a telephone-interview protocol, record-keeping system data fields, and RE-AIM tables.

**Contact:** Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W., Seventh Floor West, Washington, DC 20447. Web site: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/opre/index.html>. Available at no charge from the Web site at [http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/opre/hs/eval\\_oral\\_health/reports/early\\_findings\\_vol1/early\\_findings\\_vol1.pdf](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/opre/hs/eval_oral_health/reports/early_findings_vol1/early_findings_vol1.pdf).

**ORAL HEALTH PROMOTION, PREVENTION, AND TREATMENT STRATEGIES FOR HEAD START FAMILIES: EARLY FINDINGS FROM THE ORAL HEALTH INITIATIVE EVALUATION—VOLUME II: SITE PROFILES**

Del Grosso P, Brown A, Zaveri H, Silva S, Zimmerman B, Hopewell A, Paulsell D. 2007. *Oral Health Promotion, Prevention, and Treatment Strategies for Head Start Families: Early Findings from the Oral Health Initiative Evaluation—Volume II: Site Profiles*. Princeton, NJ: Mathematica Policy Research. 134 pp.

This document profiles Early Head Start, Head Start, and Migrant and Seasonal Head Start programs that received supplemental grant funding from the Office of Head Start to design and implement oral-health-promotion models that meet the needs of the communities and populations they serve. Topics include the target population and community needs, goals and design, community partners, staffing structure, and services provided through the Oral Health Initiative.

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**PROGRAM REVIEW: 2007**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Oral Health. 2007. *Program Review: 2007*. Atlanta, GA: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Oral Health. Annual.

This report provides an overview of the activities and accomplishments of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Oral Health. The report includes an organization chart, a staff list, and a division profile. Priorities are outlined, and accomplishments are presented. Topics include capacity-building in state programs and in monitoring; efforts to strengthen prevention strategies; and dissemination of data, findings, and effective prevention policies. Additional sections include selected state examples, future directions, publications, and scientific observations.

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**RUSH 2 BRUSH WV**

Valley Health. 2007. *Rush 2 Brush WV*. Huntington, WV: Valley Health.

This Web site presents information and resources from a West Virginia program designed to improve and expand oral health education and public awareness statewide. Content includes information about West Virginia's oral health program, Be a Smart Mouth, which comprises the following three components: (1) a social marketing campaign to educate West Virginians about the importance of oral health to overall health; (2) expansion of the West Virginia Pediatric Oral Health Program to provide oral health education for all community health centers and primary care centers in the state; and (3) promotion of the Oral Health Educators Program to expand education and screening in Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and schools statewide. In addition to information about the campaign, the Web site contains facts about oral health care for infants and children, tips to prevent early childhood caries, and links to materials on topics such as oral health care for infants, how to care for a child's teeth, diet and snacking, and fluorides. Campaign posters are also available. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

**Contact:** Valley Health, 2585 Third Avenue, Huntington, WV 25703. Telephone: (304) 525-3334; fax: (304) 525-3338; e-mail: [info@valleyhealth.org](mailto:info@valleyhealth.org). Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.rush2brushwv.com>.

**SEAL INDIANA FINAL REPORT: STATE ORAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE SYSTEMS GRANT PROGRAM (SOHCS)**

Yoder KM. 2008. *SEAL INDIANA Final Report: State Oral Health Collaborative Systems Grant Program (SOHCS)*. Indianapolis, IN: Indiana Department of Health. 5 pp.

This report summarizes Indiana's progress in implementing SEAL INDIANA, a statewide mobile dental sealant innovation, with funding from the State Oral Health Collaborative Systems grant for the period

September 1, 2003, through August 31, 2007. Program background and information on the project goals and achievements and fulfillment of performance measures are discussed. Topics include collaboration between the Indiana University School of Dentistry, dentists, and the Indiana State Department of Health; the provision of oral health services (examinations, dental sealants, fluoride varnish) and dental homes for children who live in rural and urban areas; service-learning experiences for dental and dental hygiene students; and research to promote oral health and access to care. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**THREE INDEPENDENT EVALUATIONS OF HEALTHY KIDS PROGRAMS FIND DRAMATIC GAINS IN WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

Trenholm C, Howell E, Hill I, Hughes D. 2007. *Three Independent Evaluations of Healthy Kids Programs Find Dramatic Gains in Well-Being of Children and Families*. Princeton, NJ: Mathematica Policy Research. 4 pp.

This brief presents highlights from evaluations of the Healthy Kids programs in three California counties—Los Angeles, San Mateo, and Santa Clara. These programs provide children from families with low incomes—but who are ineligible for California's two major state insurance programs—with comprehensive health-insurance coverage, including medical and oral health care, prescription drugs, and mental health services. The brief describes positive impacts that the Healthy Kids program has had on children, including improvements in their access to and use of medical services and reductions in their unmet need for care. A description of the study methods is included.

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## PUBLIC EDUCATION

### HEALTHY TEETH & HAPPY SMILES: INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

University of Michigan School of Dentistry and Mott Children's Health Center. 2008. *Healthy Teeth & Happy Smiles: Information for Parents*. Flint, MI: University of Michigan School of Dentistry and Mott Children's Health Center.

This Web site contains information and resources for parents about keeping their infant's or child's teeth healthy. Content includes information on primary and permanent teeth, gums, tooth anatomy, and taking children to the dentist. The site also provides lists of children's books and other relevant Web sites. Additional resources address nutrition; healthy snacks; oral health habits (pacifiers, gum, tooth grinding, thumb sucking); and oral health problems (tooth sensitivity, bad breath, and canker sores).

**Contact:** University of Michigan, School of Dentistry, 1011 North University Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1078. Telephone: (734) 763-6933; e-mail: [jmastery@umich.edu](mailto:jmastery@umich.edu); Web site: <http://www.dent.umich.edu>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.dent.umich.edu/teachoralhealth/parents>.

### MOUTH WISE DENTAL-HEALTH EDUCATION: K-5 CURRICULUM

Florida Dental Association. 2008. *Mouth Wise Dental-Health Education: K-5 Curriculum*. Tallahassee, FL: Florida Dental Association.

This curriculum is designed to teach students in kindergarten through fifth grade about the benefits of good oral health practices and the role of the dentist (and staff) in protecting clients' overall health and well-being. The curriculum includes five modules: Meet Your Mouth, Let's Talk Teeth, The Plaque Attack, Tips for Terrific Teeth, and A Trip to the Dentist's Office. The modules are supplemented by teaching objectives, vocabulary, review guides, and other materials in print and video on the Web site.

**Contact:** Florida Dental Association, 1113 East Tennessee Street, Tallahassee, FL 32308. Telephone: (850) 681-3629; e-mail: [fda@floridadental.org](mailto:fda@floridadental.org); Web site: <http://www.floridadental.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://floridadental.org/public/MouthWise/k5.html>.

### MOUTH WISE DENTAL-HEALTH EDUCATION: MIDDLE SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Florida Dental Association. 2008. *Mouth Wise Dental-Health Education: Middle School Curriculum*. Tallahassee, FL: Florida Dental Association. 50 pp.

This curriculum is designed to teach students in sixth through eighth grade about the importance of oral health care. Contents include four modules, each of which is targeted to a specific grade level: Nutrition and Soda Consumption (sixth grade), Use of Mouthguards (seventh grade), Smokeless Tobacco (seventh grade), and Oral Piercing (eighth grade). Each module includes a presentation and script, a lesson plan, and a quiz.

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### ORAL HEALTH MESSAGES FOR PARENTS AND OTHER CAREGIVERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Beam P. 2007. *Oral Health Messages for Parents and Other Caregivers of Young Children*. Atlanta, GA: Georgia Oral Health Prevention Program. 9 items.

These materials are intended for use in delivering oral health messages to parents and other caregivers of young children in Georgia. Contents include church fans, laminated cards, and a parent guide. Each fan or card contains information on one of four oral health topics, including primary and permanent teeth, fluorides, tooth decay, and early childhood caries. The parent guide describes Georgia's Oral Health Prevention Program services and provides information on the oral health status and care of young children. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**PARENT'S CHECKLIST FOR GOOD DENTAL HEALTH PRACTICES IN CHILD CARE**

National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care and Early Education. 2008. *Parent's Checklist for Good Dental Health Practices in Child Care*. Aurora, CO: National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care and Early Education. 2 pp.

This checklist encourages parents to look at the oral health practices their children are experiencing in child care and early education settings. It is also designed for use by early childhood and health professionals in influencing the quality of oral practices in child care. Topics include foods, toothbrushing, preventing tooth decay, safety issues, and dental emergencies. Tips on teaching opportunities for children ages 2 and older, how parents can help caregivers promote good oral health, and how to find a dentist are included. A list of additional materials and organizations and space for parents to write the name of their child's oral health professional are also provided.

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**READY, SET, BRUSH**

Mitter M. 2008. *Ready, Set, Brush*. Pleasantville, NY: Reader's Digest Children's Books. 12 pp.

This book is designed to help young children and their parents and other caregivers learn about and discuss important oral health behaviors. Information about when and how to brush, the use of fluoride toothpaste, and the dentist's role in oral health is provided.

**Contact:** Sesame Street Store, P.O. Box 2284, South Burlington, VT 05407-2284. Telephone: (800) 931-5907; e-mail: [sesamestore@ordering.com](mailto:sesamestore@ordering.com); Web site: <http://store.sesameworkshop.org>. \$11.99, plus shipping and handling.

**TWO HEALTHY SMILES: TIPS TO KEEP YOUR MOUTH AND YOUR BABY HEALTHY**

Holt K, Clark M. 2008. *Two Healthy Smiles: Tips to Keep Your Mouth and Your Baby Healthy*. Washington, DC: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center.

This brochure is designed to educate women about the importance of oral hygiene and oral care during pregnancy. Topics include brushing, flossing, eating healthy foods, and getting dental checkups and treatment. Additional topics include the impact of hormonal changes during pregnancy on gum health, caring for an infant's gums and teeth, and finding a dentist. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**YOUR MOUTH MATTERS CAMPAIGN**

Oral Health Kansas. 2008. *Your Mouth Matters Campaign*. Topeka, KS: Oral Health Kansas; Overland Park, KS: Dental Plan for Kansas Foundation. 9 items.

This folder contains resources from a child-oral-health awareness campaign in Kansas. Contents include (1) a poster illustrating dental development from birth to age 17; (2) postcards on the impact of poor oral health on school-age children, the importance of good oral health to overall health and child development, and supporting healthy food options in schools; (3) a booklet of facts to encourage conversations about oral health; and (4) fact sheets on public policy priorities, extended care permits, Medicaid dental coverage for adults, and oral health care for older adults. A series of television commercials is also available at no charge from the Oral Health Kansas Web site. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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from the Oral Health Kansas Web site at <http://www.oralhealthkansas.org/resources-mouth.html>.

## STATE REPORTS

### ALASKA ORAL HEALTH PLAN: 2008–2012

Whistler BJ. 2007. *Alaska Oral Health Plan: 2008–2012*. Juneau, AK: Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Section of Women's, Children's and Family Health. 45 pp.

This document presents recommendations and actions for changes in Alaska's Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program from the state oral health forums on Head Start and children with special health care needs. The document presents information on national and Alaska health objectives for the year 2010; child and adolescent oral health; adult and senior oral health; oral health disparities; community water fluoridation and fluorides; the dental work force; infection control in the dental office; the Alaska Dental Action Committee; the Alaska Oral Health Program; goals, strategies, and recommendations; and an action plan. The appendices contain data sources and a summary of 2004 and 2005 Alaska oral health assessments.

**Contact:** Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Oral Health Program, 4701 Business Park Boulevard, Building J, Suite 20, Anchorage, AK 99503-7123. Telephone: (907) 465-8628; Web site: <http://www.hss.state.ak.us/dph/wcfh/oralhealth>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.hss.state.ak.us/dph/wcfh/Oralhealth/docs/Oral-Health-Plan.pdf>.

### THE ARIZONA STATE ORAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE SYSTEMS GRANT

Flieger J. 2007. *The Arizona State Oral Health Collaborative Systems Grant*. Phoenix, AZ: Arizona Department of Health Services, Office of Oral Health. 6 pp.

This report describes the activities of an Arizona program to expand the dental public health capacity in several local communities by providing personnel and training to implement strategic plans and oral health improvement plans. Report contents include a description of the purpose of the project, a narrative outlining three objectives, and a review of the overall impact of the project. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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### CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH CARE ACCESS PROGRAM FOR THE MARSHALL ISLANDS: END-OF-PROJECT FINAL REPORT

Tut O. 2007. *Children's Oral Health Care Access Program for the Marshall Islands: End-of-Project Final Report*. Majuro, Marshall Islands: Ministry of Health. 16 pp.

This report summarizes the Republic of the Marshall Islands' efforts to stabilize state oral health program activity, better integrate oral health into maternal and child health programs, and address women's and children's cross-cutting oral health needs with funding from the State Oral Health Collaborative Systems grant for the period September 30, 2003, to August 31, 2007. The report contains information on the problem, goals and objectives, methodology, coordination, and evaluation. Additional information is included on the project's experience, regional and national significance, challenges and barriers, and products. Topics include screening, co-pay reduction, and oral health education for pregnant women; toothbrush distribution to pregnant women and infants and young children ages 6 months to 3 years; interdisciplinary education and training for dental assistants and nurses; and development of culturally sensitive messages using community-based focus groups. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**END OF PROJECT FINAL REPORT**

Alves-Dunkerson J. 2007. *End of Project Final Report*. Olympia, WA: Washington State Department of Health, Oral Health Program. 7 pp.

This report summarizes the goals and objectives, accomplishments, and impact of a project to enhance the infrastructure and visibility of the Washington State Oral Health Program within the Office of Maternal and Child Health with funding from the State Oral Health Collaborative Systems grant for the period September 1, 2004, to August 31, 2007. Topics include developing, disseminating, and evaluating a strategic plan; conducting an oral health needs assessment; and developing and disseminating oral-health-education materials. Project objectives and activities are presented and include the date the activity was, or is expected to be, accomplished; new linkages (partnerships) formed; and impact on sustainability. The report concludes with a list of evaluation measures for the final year of the grant period and a list of products. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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

Hagen-Buss A. 2007. *Final Progress Report: Children's Oral Healthcare Access Program*. Helena, MT: Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. 27 pp., 27 attachments.

This report summarizes Montana's efforts to improve and stabilize the state oral health system, assess children's oral health needs, and ensure a comprehensive system of oral health care with funding from the State Oral Health Collaborative Systems grant for the period September 1, 2003, through August 31, 2007. Project accomplishments and challenges pertaining to the Montana dental summits, Oral Health Alliance, and oral health plan are discussed. Additional topics include the Early Head Start and Head Start oral health forum, legislative activities, the *School Oral Health Assessment Report of Findings*, the Make Your Smile Count screening

project, initiating and sustaining a medical and dental collaborative, an oral health media campaign, the Miles for Healthy Smiles program, a school-based fluoride mouthrinse program, Basic Screening Surveys, a survey of dental hygienists and dental assistants, and Give Kids a Smile Day. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**GEORGIA ACCESS TO DENTAL SERVICES/GADS III: END OF PROJECT FINAL REPORT**

Koskela LL. 2007. *Georgia Access to Dental Services/GADS III: End of Project Final Report*. Atlanta, GA: Georgia Oral Health Prevention Program. 6 pp.

This report describes activities conducted from 2003 to 2007 to increase oral health prevention and treatment services available in Georgia, especially for participants in Medicaid and PeachCare, the state Medicaid program. The report presents objectives and strategies to achieve these objectives and discusses evaluation and the impact and continuation of activities. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**HEALTHY TEETH—HEALTHY CHILDREN PROJECT: END OF PROJECT REPORT (NARRATIVE)**

Longhurst T. 2007. *Healthy Teeth—Healthy Children Project: End of Project Report (Narrative)*. Laramie, WY: Wyoming Institute for Disabilities. 10 pp.

This report describes project activities conducted from 2003 to 2007 designed to improve the oral health of

Wyoming's young children and their families. The report summarizes original goals and objectives, progress, weaknesses and strengths, impact, and additional funds needed to sustain the activities. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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#### HEALTHY TEETH = HEALTHY KIDS: A PLAN TO IMPROVE THE ORAL HEALTH OF MILWAUKEE CHILDREN

Crespin M, Frazer T, Murphy MK, Okunseri C, Ordians K, Post AC, Willis E. 2007. *Healthy Teeth = Healthy Kids: A Plan to Improve the Oral Health of Milwaukee Children*. Milwaukee, WI: Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin. 37 pp.

This document serves as a blueprint for local and state action to improve the oral health care of children in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Topics include the cause for concern, the development process, and the community's role. Recommendations for reducing the proportion of children in Milwaukee with urgent oral health needs, increasing the capacity of clinics and private practices to treat uninsured and Medicaid populations, increasing the number of children who have access to school-based oral health programs, and making the assessment of children's oral health a more integral part of overall health supervision. Appendices include a summary of focus group results, a model and budget for school-based oral health teams, an inventory of oral health services and programs serving children in Milwaukee, data on Milwaukee Medicaid utilization, and a fee schedule comparison.

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#### MONTANA 2005–2006 STUDY OF ORAL HEALTH NEEDS: 3RD GRADERS AND HEAD START CHILDREN

Everitte R. 2007. *Montana 2005–2006 Study of Oral Health Needs: 3rd Graders and Head Start Children*. Helena, MT: Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Oral Health Program. 31 pp.

This report presents findings from oral health screenings of students in third grade in selected elementary schools and those attending Head Start programs in Montana. The study, conducted between February and May 2006 with funding from Montana's State Oral Health Collaborative Systems grant for the period 2004–2007, assessed children's oral health needs. Topics include sampling methodology, clinical methodology, user information, demographic analysis, discussion, complex analyses, and limitations. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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#### NORTH DAKOTA STATE ORAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE SYSTEMS GRANT: END OF PROJECT FINAL REPORT

Yineman K. 2008. *North Dakota State Oral Health Collaborative Systems Grant: End of Project Final Report*. Bismarck, ND: North Dakota Department of Health, Oral Health Program. 8 pp.; conference summary, 19 pp.

This report summarizes North Dakota's progress in building oral health awareness, education, and community consensus into programs with funding from the State Oral Health Collaborative Systems grant for the period September 1, 2004, through August 31, 2007. Contents include the project's goal, objectives, accomplishments, and constraints. Topics include educating primary care health professionals about the importance of oral health, facilitating oral health education, and assessing the oral health of elementary school students. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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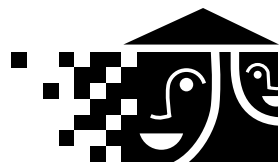
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Davis H. 2007. *Reducing Oral Health Disparities Through Increased Collaboration and Awareness: End of Project Final Report*. Tallahassee, FL: Florida Department of Health. 6 pp.

This report describes the activities of a Florida program to facilitate collaborative partnerships working toward increasing awareness of oral health issues among the public and policymakers. Content includes a description of the project's purpose, progress on objectives and recommendations, and continued support. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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