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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.

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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

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS FOR PREVENTABLE DENTAL CONDITIONS IN CALIFORNIA


This snapshot documents the extent to which individuals without insurance or with insufficient insurance in California use the emergency department for preventable oral health conditions such as untreated tooth decay, dental abscesses, and periodontal disease. Topics also include capacity issues, financing of emergency department visits, and predictors. The report concludes with recommendations for developing a comprehensive dental safety net, improving insurance coverage, raising reimbursement rates, and promoting good oral health practices.


FOR 12 MILLION UNINSURED CHILDREN, HIGH BARRIERS TO DENTAL CARE

CS Mott Children's Hospital, National Poll on Children’s Health. 2009. For 12 Million Uninsured Children, High Barriers to Dental Care. Ann Arbor, MI: CS Mott Children’s Hospital, National Poll on Children’s Health. 2 pp.

This document reports data and findings from a national survey of parents with children (ages 3–17) about oral health care and oral health concerns for their children. Topics include use of oral health care, dental insurance, out-of-pocket costs for care, barriers to care, and unmet needs.

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ORAL HEALTH IN NEW HAMPSHIRE


This fact sheet summarizes data gathered in 2006 relating to oral health of adults in New Hampshire. Topics include dental visits, tooth loss, and insurance status.


TRENDS IN CHILD HEALTH 1997–2006: ASSESSING RACIAL/ETHNIC DISPARITIES IN UNMET DENTAL CARE NEEDS


This brief presents the prevalence of unmet oral health care needs among children and adolescents ages 18 and under who are African American, Hispanic, or white. Sociodemographic factors such as area of residence, marital status, family type, and educational attainment are also part of the comparison. The research methodology is discussed, along with findings, health insurance coverage, and overall implications.
MEETINGS

2008 PREVENTION SUMMIT: A SUMMARY PAPER—BRINGING EVIDENCE AND BEST PRACTICES INTO HEALTH CENTER DENTAL PROGRAMS: IMPROVING CHILDHOOD ORAL HEALTH


This paper summarizes a summit held on December 8, 2008, in Washington, DC, to focus on dental caries and periodontal disease in pregnant women, infants, children, and adolescents. Participants reviewed and recommended strategies that can be implemented in health centers and other safety net oral health programs.


ANNUAL PRE-CONFERENCE SYMPOSIUM AT THE NATIONAL ORAL HEALTH CONFERENCE—PARTICIPANT FOLDER


This participant folder contains materials from the American Association for Community Dental Programs’ pre-conference symposium held on April 19, 2009, in Portland, Oregon. Topics include a description of oral health programs in Portland and in Multnomah County; the American Dental Association access to care summit; capacity building; the New Zealand School Dental Nurse Program; updates on national, regional, and local Head Start activities; the dental home concept; the Children’s Health Insurance Program; and the Institute of Medicine’s workshop on the oral health work force. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS ORAL HEALTH FORUM: REPORT TO ASTDD ON THE ACTION PLAN AND BUDGET EXPENDITURES


This brief reports on two 2007 meetings to improve access to oral health care in children with special health care needs with a focus on improvements to the Medicaid/Denali KidCare program in Alaska. Contents include a meeting summary, an overview of recommendations and priorities, and strategies for the state oral health plan and next steps. Budget expenditures are also summarized. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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THE DENTAL HOME: SUMMARY FROM AN MCHB EXPERT MEETING

This report summarizes a meeting of experts held on September 18–19, 2008, in Washington, DC, to define the concept of a dental home. Topics include exploring the concept as it relates to the philosophy and goals of the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, relationships between the medical and dental home concepts, concepts defining and establishing dental homes, and identifying promising practices and programs for implementing dental homes. A companion presentation is also available. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


DEVELOPING AN ORAL HEALTH MEDICAID PORTABILITY MODEL FOR MIGRANT AND SEASONAL HEAD START CHILDREN: AN EXPERT MEETING—MEETING SUMMARY REPORT


This summary reports on a meeting held on March 10–11, 2008, in Washington, DC, on opportunities and challenges in addressing Medicaid eligibility and enrollment for children of migrant and seasonal farmworkers enrolled in Head Start. The report examines Medicaid portability (ability of Medicaid services to “follow the child” 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 and using Head Start programs as a mechanism for identifying and enrolling children in Medicaid. A companion presentation is also available. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


ENGAGING PROVIDERS TO IMPROVE PERINATAL AND INFANT ORAL HEALTH: INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES


This webinar, which was held on April 16, 2009, focuses on interventions designed to improve perinatal and infant oral health. Topics include preventing disease, assessing risk, and increasing access to care by engaging professionals who provide services for pregnant women, infants, and their families. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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FINAL REPORT FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES TO CSHCN STATE/TERRITORIAL ORAL HEALTH FORUMS


This brief reports on follow-up activities of meetings held in August 2008 in Washington to discuss implementation of the oral health action plan in the state. Forum outcomes are outlined with a budget. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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IMPROVING PERINATAL ORAL HEALTH: MOVING FORWARD—AN EXPERT MEETING, MEETING SUMMARY REPORT


This report summarizes the perinatal oral health meeting held on September 8, 2008, in Washington, DC. Topics include the role of the Maternal and Child Health Bureau in improving the oral health of pregnant women; an overview of needs by dentists, obstetricians and gynecologists, state policymakers, and consumers; strategies for approaches in improving oral health care during the perinatal period; and identifying areas for working in collaboration. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


KANSAS FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES TO CSHCN STATE/TERRITORIAL ORAL HEALTH FORUMS: FINAL REPORT


This report describes activities proposed and accomplished following the 2008 oral health forum on children with special health care needs in Kansas. It also lists partners in the work and immediate outcomes, and provides budget information. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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ORAL HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS: ACTION PLAN


This action plan describes activities to be conducted as follow-up to a forum held on May 22, 2007, in Washington, DC. The plan discusses the forum goals to (1) identify strategies for increasing access and improving the oral health system of care for children with special health care needs (CSHCN) and (2) address barriers to oral health care for CSHCN. Contents also include an overview of the forum planning process and evaluation. Tables present short- and long-term goals, timelines, and partners for activities designed to address barriers in the following areas: education, finance and reimbursement, work force development, accessibility and care coordination, and information management and care coordination. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


KANSAS FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES TO CSHCN State/Territorial Oral Health Forums: Final Report


This report describes activities proposed and accomplished following the 2008 oral health forum on children with special health care needs in Kansas. It also lists partners in the work and immediate outcomes, and provides budget information. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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ORAL HEALTH FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS: PRIORITIES FOR ACTION—RECOMMENDATIONS FROM AN MCHB EXPERT MEETING


This report summarizes a meeting held on April 15–18, 2008, in Washington, DC, to discuss strategies and key partners for improving the oral health of children with special health care needs and the oral health care delivery system for this population in three priority areas: medical home and dental home interface, education and training, and financing. A companion presentation is also available. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]
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ORAL HEALTH IN NEBRASKA: A FORUM OF FAMILIES AND PROFESSIONALS


This report discusses the activities of stakeholders in developing an action plan to address the oral health care needs of children with special health care needs (CSHCN) in Nebraska. Report contents outline the planning process; the forum held on August 12, 2008; issues specific to CSHCN; and next steps to develop an action plan. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MARCH 23–25, 2009 ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE SUMMIT


These proceedings summarize a meeting held on March 23–25, 2009, in Chicago, Illinois, to create a shared vision to improve the oral health of underserved populations throughout the nation and to develop a draft implementation plan for improving access to care. Topics include workforce development strategies, reorganization of the oral health delivery system, financing models, population-based prevention strategies and strengthening the public health infrastructure, improving oral health literacy through marketing, collaboration between the medical and dental communities, developing metrics for measuring and defining success, and building a sustainable infrastructure for communication and collaboration.

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TOPICAL FLUORIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HIGH-RISK CHILDREN: DEVELOPMENT OF DECISION SUPPORT MATRIX—RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MCHB EXPERT PANEL


This report and decision-support matrix summarize recommendations on the use of topical fluoride—toothpaste, varnish, mouth rinses, gels, and foams—in preventing and controlling tooth decay from an expert panel convened on October 22–23, 2007, in Washington, DC. Report contents include guiding questions, the development process, and a conclusion and next steps. The matrix was developed primarily for a non-oral-health audience—program staff and non-oral-health professionals in public health settings (e.g., child care centers, Head Start programs, WIC, primary care) who work with infants and young children from birth to age 6 who are at high risk for tooth decay. A companion presentation is also available. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

THE U.S. ORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE IN THE COMING DECADE: SUMMARY OF A WORKSHOP


This brief presents highlights of a workshop held on February 9–11, 2009, to consider the status of access to oral health services, what work force strategies can improve access, and how the regulation and structure of oral health care delivery can be improved to increase access. Topics also include an overview of challenges in the current system, work force innovations, and providing leadership.

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THE U.S. ORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE IN THE COMING DECADE: WORKSHOP SUMMARY


This report summarizes a workshop held on February 9–11, 2009, in Washington DC, to discuss the capacity of the oral health work force to provide access to oral health services. It discusses the status of access to services, work force strategies to improve access to services, and regulations and the structure of the system to improve services. Contents also include work force demographics and future trends, delivery systems, ethical principles and obligations related to increasing access, the international experience, and reframing the system.


THE ASSOCIATION OF STATE AND TERRITORIAL DENTAL DIRECTORS: LEADERSHIP FOR STATE ORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS


This document summarizes recommendations to support state programs in promoting oral health policies, increasing awareness of oral health issues, and assisting in the development of initiatives for preventing and controlling oral diseases. [Fundied by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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ASSOCIATION OF STATE AND TERRITORIAL DENTAL DIRECTORS (ASTDD) HEAD START ORAL HEALTH PROJECT: EVALUATION REPORT, 2001–2008


This report provides a summary of activities conducted by the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors and states for the period 2001–2008 in support of Head Start oral health collaboration, as well as evaluation strategies and outcomes. Contents include background on the collaborative partnerships, evaluation methodology, continuing needs, benefits, and lessons learned. Recommendations for continued support of oral health activities in Early Head Start and Head Start are discussed. A summary is also available. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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DENTAL PARTNERSHIPS: RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS PROGRAM—COMMUNITY BASED DENTAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM


This report reviews calendar years 2004, 2005, and 2006 accomplishments and strategies for delivering oral health care to people living with HIV by grantees funded under the Health Resources and Services Administration's Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program. Contents include filling gaps in HIV oral health care, partnership activities, state program profiles, and tools. Contacts and program requirements are included.

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ORAL HEALTH: PREVENTING CAVITIES, GUM DISEASE, AND TOOTH LOSS (REV. ED.)


This fact sheet provides overviews of (1) oral health problems among children, adolescents, and adults in the United States and (2) the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC’s) efforts to improve oral health throughout the nation. Topics include the burden of oral disease, CDC’s response to support state-based programs, monitoring oral health status, providing education and sharing expertise, supporting prevention science and new approaches, guiding infection control in dentistry, and oral cancer. Success stories from Colorado, New York, and South Carolina are included.
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ORAL HEALTH DISPARITIES COLLABORATIVE IMPLEMENTATION MANUAL


This manual provides an overview of the Health Resources and Services Administration’s Oral Health Disparities Pilot launched in 2005. The care model is described as it relates to the improvement of perinatal oral health and the treatment and prevention of early childhood caries. Contents describe lessons learned, oral health and medical primary care integration, the business case for oral health, a guide to getting started, and information about improving dental practice efficiency. Also included is Steps to Success, a compilation of change concepts and ideas for improving the oral health status of infants and children from birth through age 5 and pregnant women.

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PROGRAM REVIEW: 2008


This report provides an overview of the activities and accomplishments of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Oral Health. 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.


POLICY

THE CHILDREN’S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2009: OVERVIEW AND SUMMARY


This report provides an overview of elements of the Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) of 2009 and a summary of provisions. Topics include financing and funding for states, reaching children who are eligible but unenrolled, eligibility rules for children and pregnant women, coverage of parents and adults, premium assistance, benefits and access (including a new requirement that CHIP plans include dental coverage), and child health quality. Information on the implementation dates of CHIPRA provisions, CHIP funding levels, and state-specific allotments for fiscal years 2009–2013 is included.

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CHIP REAUTHORIZATION: RENEWED SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN’S ORAL HEALTH


This brief describes the dental insurance coverage included in the reauthorized Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). It also describes provisions for the dental wrap-around option, mandatory performance reporting, quality assurance, new parent education, allowance of public-private contracting, oral health access and mid-level provider study, mandatory information for beneficiaries, education and outreach about health insurance options, and the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission.


CHIPRA 101: OVERVIEW OF THE CHIP REAUTHORIZATION LEGISLATION


This brief examines federal legislation enacted in 2009 to renew and expand the scope of the Children’s Health Insurance Program and describes how the new provisions will affect implementation. Topics include funding, eligibility, getting more children enrolled (express lane eligibility/auto-enrollment, outreach grants, interpretation and translation services), and improving children’s health (oral health benefits, mental health parity, and quality improvements).

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COMMUNITY WATER FLUORIDATION


This position statement provides an overview of community water fluoridation, including a review of the scientific evidence and program cost-effectiveness, a discussion of national recommendations, and examples of how several state public health agencies are striving to ensure optimal community water fluoridation coverage. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


THE CRISIS IN RURAL DENTISTRY


This policy brief presents information on the supply of dentists working in rural areas and strategies to increase the number. Data are presented on the number of general dentists per capita in urban, large rural, small rural, and isolated small rural areas as well as the percentage of general dentists ages 56 and older.

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THE DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE: FAILING TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE UNDERSERVED

This brief describes the importance of and need for improving the public oral health infrastructure to serve the needs of disadvantaged groups and to improve the integration of oral and general health. It provides recommendations for improving the public oral health presence in government, support for research and for community-based prevention and health-promotion programs, support for new models for an oral health/public health work force, and improved policies.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS IN IMPLEMENTING THE DENTAL HOME FOR ALL YOUNG CHILDREN**


This paper explores environmental forces relevant to adopting and implementing the dental home for children. Topics include the advent of “social medicine”; early childhood caries risk and disease management; oral health and oral health care disparities; perceived need for oral health services and barriers to dental home utilization; dentistry as a profession; and dental-system capacity for children, including those with special health care needs. Additional items include program and cost implications and logic models. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**HELP WANTED: A POLICY MAKER’S GUIDE TO NEW DENTAL PROVIDERS**


This report presents findings from a literature review and interviews with experts about three proposals for new oral health professional types: dental therapists, community oral health coordinators, and advanced dental hygiene practitioners. Topics include research needed to develop a new oral health professional type, options for new oral health professionals, implementation steps for developing new provider models, and tools for work force development. An issue brief is also available.


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**INCREASING ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE IN MEDICAID: TARGETED PROGRAMS FOR FOUR POPULATIONS**


This policy brief describes strategies that several states have used to address the oral health needs of Medicaid beneficiaries, including young children, pregnant women, people with developmental disabilities, and people living in rural areas. The brief also examines ways that California’s state agencies (including Denti-Cal, the state’s Medical dental program), dental associations, and universities have explored these issues, and additional steps the state might take to build on its efforts.

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OFF TO A GOOD START: 2009 POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS


This document offers research- and evidence-based policy recommendations to improve Iowa's child health services. Goals include increasing access to and use of social, emotional, mental, and preventive health services; the number of children with medical and dental homes; the number of children with health care coverage; and access to and use of preventive health services and prenatal care services for women and men of reproductive age.


ORAL HEALTH COVERAGE AND CARE FOR LOW-INCOME CHILDREN: THE ROLE OF MEDICAID AND CHIP


This policy brief provides an overview of oral health care access and insurance coverage for children from families with low incomes. It describes how problems obtaining oral health care disproportionately affect children from families with low incomes and from minority groups. It also discusses the fact that Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program are major sources of oral health coverage for children from families with low incomes and the dental benefits guaranteed under the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009.


PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION, TOOLS, AND TRAINING

ASTDD BASIC SCREENING SURVEY FOR CHILDREN PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION PACKET

Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors, with Ohio Department of Health. 2008. ASTDD Basic Screening Survey for Children Planning and Implementation Packet. Jefferson City, MO: Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors; Columbus, OH: Ohio Department of Health. 5 items.

This packet contains information for planning and conducting an oral health screening of adults and preschool- and school-age children. Contents include a CD-ROM, a DVD, and reference guides. The CD-ROM contains a planning guide, a presentation for examiner training, Epi Info files for data entry and analysis, and guidance and resources on Institutional Review Board and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act compliance. The DVD contains examiner-training videos for oral- and non-oral-health professionals. The reference guides, one each for preschool, school-age, and adult dentition, present oral health indicators and photographs of the scoring criteria. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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


This newsletter is a periodic publication of the American Association for Community Dental Programs to communicate information to the membership. Topics in the July 2009 issue include oral health programs in
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CARIES RISK ASSESSMENT FORMS


These instructions and risk-assessment forms assist health professionals in screening and communicating with clients about dental caries. Forms, which include screening topics, are provided for infants and children from birth through age 6 and for children age 6 and older. The instructions provide background on the development of the risk-assessment forms; factors in low, medium, and high risk for developing caries; and information about fluoride exposure, sugary or starchy foods and beverages, clients with special health care needs, and medications that reduce salivary flow. A usage survey for health professionals is also included.

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COMING HOME: THE PATIENT-CENTERED MEDICAL-DENTAL HOME IN PRIMARY CARE TRAINING—SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND TO CONGRESS


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EARLY CHILDHOOD ORAL HEALTH


This book focuses on the importance of prevention, early intervention, and management of early childhood caries. It discusses the epidemiology of dental caries in young children, managing and arresting caries, the use of fluoride, examining infants and young children, caries-risk assessment, anticipatory guidance, the role of the dental home, community programs and oral health, the health team, and building a practice that is friendly to infants and young children.


IHS HEAD START: START HEALTHY. GROW HEALTHY ORAL HEALTH TOOL KIT


This tool kit provides information and resources to assist Head Start program staff in meeting the oral-health-related program performance standards and planning and implementing interventions to promote oral health in American Indian and Alaska Native children and their families. Contents include a booklet of ideas and resources; a booklet on best practices for oral health prevention and early intervention; sample forms for assessment, treatment, and topical fluoride application; posters on first aid for dental emergencies and oral health promotion; and a quick reference guide on classroom toothbrushing. Materials are also available on a CD-ROM.


NATIONAL SMILE MONTH HANDBOOK 2009


This handbook provides information and resources to help plan for National Smile Month. Contents address developing campaign messages and budgets, planning a date and venue for an event, and promoting and registering an event. Activity ideas, research and statistics, and educational materials are provided.


ORAL HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS: A GUIDE FOR FAMILY MEMBERS/CAREGIVERS AND DENTAL PROVIDERS


This guide discusses oral health considerations for children with special health care needs for families and other caregivers and oral health professionals in Oklahoma. Contents include cognitive, communication, and social disabilities; mobility and physical disabilities; seizure disorders; cerebral palsy and other neuromuscular disorders; aversions (oral and touch); damaging oral habits, oral defects, tracheostomy, and trauma; medicines that affect teeth and gums; the first dental appointment; a checklist for going to the dentist; oral health care strategies; and behavior management during dental treatment. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

PROMOTING ORAL HEALTH IN SCHOOLS: A RESOURCE GUIDE


This guide provides resources to prevent oral disease and promote oral health in children and adolescents in school settings. The guide is divided into three sections. The first section lists journal articles appearing in the literature from January 2007 to January 2009. The second section describes recent materials, including brochures, fact sheets, guidelines, curricula, and reports. The third section lists federal agencies, policy and resource centers, professional associations, and voluntary organizations that may serve as resources. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


PROTECTING ALL CHILDREN’S TEETH (PACT): A PEDIATRIC ORAL HEALTH TRAINING PROGRAM


This module is designed to raise awareness among pediatricians and other health professionals about the importance of oral health in infants, children, and adolescents; to increase the health professionals’ competence in providing oral health guidance and preventive care; and to encourage a shared responsibility for oral health. Topics include basic anatomy, oral development, screening, dental caries, preventive care, fluoride, special needs, oral habits, pathology, injury, oral findings, systemic diseases, and adolescent health.


PROUD TO BE BOTTLE FREE


This flipchart and brochure are designed to facilitate discussion between nutritionists and parents in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) about weaning from the bottle. The flipchart comprises two-sided education tabs, each with a counselor view and a client view. The counselor view contains a series of open-ended questions to guide conversation, and the client view displays a related visual. Topics include healthy teeth and weight, iron deficiency, bottle use, what to expect when weaning from bottle to cup, juice, and calcium. The brochure, which contains a condensed version of the information presented in the flipchart, is available in English and Spanish.

Contact: Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University, Department of Family and Social Medicine, 1300 Morris Park Avenue, Room 100, Bronx, NY 10461. Telephone: (718) 430-2900; (718) 430-4085; fax: (718) 430-8816; kbonuck@aecom.yu.edu; Web site: http://www.aecom.yu.edu/dfs/idxsm/page.aspx. Available at http://proudtobebottlefree.com/index_files/Page722.htm.

SCHOOL-BASED DENTAL SEALANT PROGRAM MANUAL


This manual provides professional recommendations and states’ expectations for school-based sealant programs.
funded by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). Contents include local program operations, regulatory compliance, compliance with ODH policies, sealant program eligibility, sample program forms, clinical materials and methods, retention checks, Medicaid billing and collection performance benchmarks and performance standards, reporting, ODH program reviews, and compliance with other ODH requirements.

**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; Web site: http://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhPrograms/ohs/oral/oral1.aspx. Available at http://www.odh.ohio.gov/ASSETS/AE87CDDD4956643FA54853F3BAD600A4/Manual%20with%20active%20linksFINAL.pdf.

**PUBLIC EDUCATION**

**A HEALTHY MOUTH FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS: A PARENT’S GUIDE**


This brochure provides information on oral hygiene for children with special health care needs in Virginia. Topics include increased oral health disease risks for this population; the importance of prevention; partnering with oral health and medical professionals; brushing, flossing, and use of fluoride; and the importance of establishing a dental home. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


**A HEALTHY SMILE FOR YOU AND YOUR BABY: TIPS TO KEEP YOUR BABY HEALTHY**


This brochure is designed to educate new and expecting parents about the importance of oral hygiene and oral care during infancy. Topics include caring for an infant’s gums and teeth, giving healthy foods, and getting a dental checkup by age 1. Additional topics include the importance of primary teeth, tips to help parents keep their own mouths healthy, and resources for finding a dentist. The brochure is available in English and Spanish. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

**Contact:** National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center, Box 571272, Washington, DC 20057-1272. Telephone: (202) 784-9771; fax: (202) 784-9777; e-mail: OHRCinfo@georgetown.edu; Web site: http://www.mchoralhealth.org. Available at http://www.mchoralhealth.org/materials/consumerbrochures.html.

**A HEALTHY SMILE FOR YOU AND YOUR YOUNG CHILD: TIPS TO KEEP YOUR CHILD HEALTHY**


This brochure is designed to educate parents and other caregivers of young children about oral hygiene and oral care during early childhood. Topics include toothbrushing, flossing, eating healthy foods, and getting dental checkups and treatment. Additional topics include the importance of primary teeth, tips to help parents keep their own mouths healthy, and resources for finding a dentist. The brochure is available in English and Spanish. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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KEEP YOUR BABY SMILING ... PREVENT EARLY CHILDHOOD CAVITIES


This brochure for parents provides advice on preventing early childhood cavities. Topics include bedtime bottle and pacifier practices, how sweet drinks can cause tooth decay, oral hygiene for infants, and ways to comfort infants at bedtime. The brochure is also available in Spanish.


ORAL HEALTH CARE TIPS FOR: CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS (CSHCN)


This fact sheet for parents provides strategies for oral health care of infants and young children with special health care needs. Topics include oral hygiene, positioning and adaptations, use of fluoride, visiting the dentist, and feeding and diet. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


SHOW ME YOUR SMILE!


This brochure and fact sheet provide information on oral health and oral disease prevention during pregnancy and early childhood (from birth through age 5). Contents include oral health and general health, tips on nutrition and diet, the use of fluorides, and prenatal oral health care. Tips for assessing oral conditions in young children, reducing bacteria transfer, and preventing early childhood caries are also provided. A discussion of the importance of primary teeth to a child's future oral health, a tooth-eruption chart, and photographs depicting the stages of tooth decay are included. The brochure is available in English and Spanish.

Contact: Missouri Coalition for Oral Health, 1400 Rock Quarry Road, Columbia, MO 65211-3280. Telephone: (573) 673-9675; e-mail: info@mocoh.org; Web site: http://www.oralhealthmissouri.org. Available at http://www.oralhealthmissouri.org/mx/hm.asp?id=showmesmile.

TWO HEALTHY SMILES: TIPS TO KEEP YOU AND YOUR BABY HEALTHY


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

VISITING THE DENTIST: CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS


This brochure provides information for children with special health care needs and their parents. It describes what to expect on the first dental visit, oral hygiene, common dental treatments and positioning at the dental office, establishing a dental home, and how to find an oral health professional. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


WAY TO GROW! STRONG BONES AND TEETH


This book and lesson plans are designed to help young children, their parents, and their caregivers learn about the importance of strong bones and teeth. Topics include oral hygiene and oral care, dental visits, nutrition, and outdoor play. The book, which parents and other caregivers can read to children, is printed in English and Spanish. Tips to guide discussion are included. The lesson plans are intended for use by health educators in working with parents and other caregivers of young children.


STATE AND LOCAL PROGRAMS

2008 NEVADA STATE ORAL HEALTH PLAN


This report describes the statewide plan to improve oral health in Nevada. It provides recommendations in state leadership, access to treatment services, and prevention and health education. It also includes a summary of the oral health planning process; the 2008 summit agenda, goals, and objectives; an outline of next steps; an implementation tracking grid; and a timeline. Additional contents include a summary of the 2004 state oral health plan goals and objectives.


ANALYSIS OF PIERCE COUNTY PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT 2008


This report describes a community-based event held on October 15, 2008, in Pierce County, Oregon, to increase awareness about homelessness and provide access to health and social services for individuals and families who are homeless. Topics include an overview of the event; the evaluation methodology; and a synopsis of a range of health, social, and financial support services provided during the event, including oral health screening, examination, and referral. The report analyzes the structure, process, and outcomes of the project; discusses the general demographics of the population served; identifies areas for improvement in the future; and addresses limitations of the analysis.

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FIRST 5 COMMISSION INVESTMENTS IN ORAL HEALTH 2005–2009


This report presents findings from a survey of county commissioners in California conducted in December 2008 to collect information on current and historical investments in oral health. Topics include oral-health-related services and programs, how much is invested, and the number of infants and children from birth to age 5 who are served; oral health products; barriers to meeting infants’ and children’s oral health needs; efforts to reach non-English-speaking, rural, and special needs populations; continuity of care; evidence for effective strategies; and partners.


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FLUORIDE MOUTHRISE MONITORS’ TRAINING PROGRAM (REV. ED.)


This training manual provides instruction for conducting and monitoring a school fluoride mouthrinse program in Massachusetts. Topics include an overview of the program, funding, fluoride, fluorosis, and demonstrations (storage, preparation, dispensation, practice, distribution, and safety). The appendices contain sample notices, permission slips, reports, and forms; information on fluoride retention, systemic vs. nonsystemic fluoride, and fluoride toxicity; and the post-test.


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FLUORIDE VARNISH AND ORAL HEALTH SCREENING TRAINING FOR EARLY AND PERIODIC SCREENING, DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT (EPSDT) MEDICAL PROVIDERS IN MARYLAND


This participant binder contains materials for a fluoride varnish and oral health screening training program for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment medical professionals in Maryland. Contents include presentation slides; Medicaid reimbursement information; sample forms for referrals, consent forms, and standing orders; supply information; and information about available resources. Also included are program brochures; a pre-test/survey; and a guidebook on procedures, policies, and protocols.


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FLUORIDE VARNISH MANUAL: HAPPY CHILD, BRIGHT SMILE


This manual serves as a resource guide for implementing a fluoride varnish program in Texas. It contains information about the advantages of fluoride varnish, the protocol for applying fluoride varnish, and application. A resource list, including the various types of fluoride varnish, ordering information, and costs, is included. Also provided are sample documents such as program reporting forms, parent letters, and handouts. Instructions are supplemented with photographs.

Contact: Texas Department of State Health Services, Oral Health Program, 1100 West 49th Street, Mail Code 1938, Austin, TX 78756-3199. Telephone: (512) 458-7323; fax: (512) 458-7256; Web site: http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/dental/default.shtm. Available at
GREAT FACES, GREAT SMILES: ORAL HEALTH PLAN FOR SOUTH DAKOTA


This plan addresses the burden of oral disease in South Dakota and identifies goals, objectives, and strategies for surveillance, prevention, the work force, and access to oral health care. The plan is divided into five goals, each with objectives and strategies, actions steps, and timelines that will be implemented by identified parties. The overview of oral health in South Dakota highlights oral health for children and adults, access to care, demographics, children’s third grade screening results, oral cancer, and community water fluoridation. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


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


This document provides guidelines for implementing a school-based fluoride mouthrinse program in Montana. Topics include tooth decay and fluoride, program facts, obtaining support and consent, supplies, personnel, training staff and volunteers, conducting the program, steps of fluoride mouthrinsing, methods of delivery, recordkeeping, and monitoring activities. Appendices include a sample parent consent form and a certificate of appreciation. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


I-SMILE DENTAL HOME INITIATIVE PROGRAM MATERIALS


These program materials are part of consumer outreach activities for the Iowa oral health program, I-Smile. Contents include a booklet titled Inside I-Smile: A Look at Iowa’s Dental Home Initiative for Children. The booklet outlines the program’s history and gives a county-by-county summary of program activities. Also included are giveaway items such as pens and note pads, postcards, stickers, and flyers, each preprinted with program information.

Contact: Iowa Department of Public Health, Oral Health Bureau, 321 East 12th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319. Telephone: (515) 281-3733, (866) 528-4020;
NORTH DAKOTA ORAL HEALTH SURVEILLANCE PLAN, 2007–2013


This document reports on the history, objectives, and rationale of the oral health surveillance system in North Dakota. Information is provided on the system structure, including goals, objectives, activities, the surveillance logic model, indicators and measures, and data collection. Also discussed are system sustainability, describing collaboration and integration efforts, the data flow chart, functions of the advisory committee, and resource utilization and efficiency. Contents also include a chart outlining the communication plan from 2008 to 2013.


MANAGING CALIFORNIA’S MEDICAID DENTAL PROGRAM: LESSONS FROM OTHER STATES


This report examines how several states administer their oral health programs and identifies considerations to help improve access to oral health care services for Medi-Cal beneficiaries in California. Contents include a nationwide view of oral health care access and disparities, a review of Medicaid dental access in California, Medicaid dental administration in Michigan, Rhode Island, and Virginia; examples of state contracts with managed care plans to provide dental benefits in Arizona and New Jersey; and a description of the Healthy Families Dental Program in California.


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ORAL HEALTH CASE MANAGEMENT.protocols AND TOOLS


This guide provides information for the Smile in Style Dental Health Program in San Bernardino County, California. It includes a case-management script, including questions to ask the client or family member, and an outline of other insurance scenarios available for oral health care. Sample letters are also provided for parent or guardian notification and permission.

Contact: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center, Box 571272, Washington, DC 20057-
PARTNERING TO SEAL-A-SMILE: A REPORT ON THE SUCCESS OF WISCONSIN SCHOOL-BASED DENTAL SEALANT PROGRAMS


This report describes successes of the Seal-a-Smile program, which provided school-based oral health services to children in Wisconsin during the period 2005–2007. Contents include a review of the need for dental-caries-prevention services in the state; use of the program’s oral health services (dental sealants and topical fluoride) and education services; the methodology used to collect statewide data and evaluate the program; and key findings, conclusions, and recommendations. County-by-county data and the program logic model are included.


REPORT OF THE GOVERNOR’S TASK FORCE ON EXPANDING ACCESS TO ORAL HEALTH CARE FOR MAINE PEOPLE TO THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES


This report describes oral health access problems in Maine and efforts to expand access. Topics include the governor’s charge to the task force; legislative and budgetary issues; efforts to address reimbursement, public safety and quality, work force, finance, health and wellness promotion, and service expansion; and recommended action steps. Additional information includes definitions of oral health professional types in Maine, state oral health improvement plan goals and strategies, a
description of school-based and school-linked oral health programs, water fluoridation requirements, and legislation extending oral health services to pregnant women and new mothers in the state MaineCare program.

**Contact:** Maine Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, 35 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333. Telephone: (207) 624-8500; (888) 577-6690; fax: (207) 624-8690. Available at http://www.maine.gov/pfr/legislative/documents/Oral%20Health%20Task%20Force%20Report%20December%202008.pdf.

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**SCHOOL BASED FLUORIDE MOUTHRINSE PROGRAM: TO PROMOTE ORAL HEALTH AND REDUCE TOOTH DECAY**


This fact sheet describes a population-based prevention program to provide fluoride mouthrinse (FMR) to students in kindergarten through sixth grade in Montana who do not have access to optimal levels of fluoride in community water. Contents include information on the dental caries process and the benefits of fluoride, FMR program goals, fluoride mouthrinse program data, and other oral health services provided by schools participating in the FMR program. Recommended individual-level practices to promote oral health and reduce tooth decay are also presented.


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**SCHOOL-BASED DENTAL SEALANT PROGRAMS IN OHIO**


This curriculum is designed to provide school-based dental sealant program staff with an understanding of the history, operations, and underlying principles of programs funded by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). Contents include guidelines for infection control; tooth selection and assessment for dental sealants; the dental sealant application process; and program operations, with an emphasis on the specific requirements that apply to programs funded by ODH. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**UPDATE ON ORAL HEALTH SERVICES**


This report describes efforts to prevent and control oral diseases in Tennessee. It discusses community water fluoridation, the fluoride varnish initiative, oral health services offered through public oral health clinical facilities, the school-based oral health prevention project, mobile dental clinics, oral health funding initiatives, and distribution of information.
