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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. An electronic version of the publication with clickable links to all the URLs shown is available at http://www.mchoralhealth.org/materials/multiples/interchange.html.

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

2009 AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION DENTAL WORKFORCE MODEL: 2007–2030


This publication contains long-term projections of the oral health workforce in the United States, using statistical transition models for retirement, occupation change, location choice, specialty education, and death. The report provides national projections of the number of dentists (professionally active dentists and active private practitioners), dental school applicants, first-year dental school enrollments, and dental school graduates up to the year 2030.

Contact: American Dental Association, Catalog Sales, P.O. Box 776, St. Charles, IL 60174. Telephone: (800) 947-4746; fax: (888) 476-1880, must include credit card number; e-mail: catalog@ada.org; Web site: http://www.ada.org. $80 (members), $120 (nonmembers), plus shipping and handling.

DENTAL EXPENDITURES IN THE 10 LARGEST STATES, 2006


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 2006, and it compares the results to the national average in 2006. Highlights from the findings, the data source, 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: info@ahrq.gov; Web site: http://www.ahrq.gov. Available at http://www.meps.ahcpr.gov/mepsweb/data_files/publications/st263/stat263.pdf.

MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES AND ACCESS TO CARE


This fact sheet reviews findings on Medicaid beneficiaries’ access to care and Medicaid's role in supporting access for families with low incomes. Graphs present statistics on children's access to care, as measured by last dental visit, and broken down by health insurance status (employer or other private, Medicaid or other public, uninsured). Information on populations and key services covered by Medicaid but not covered by private insurance, cost barriers by insurance status, and opportunities to strengthen access in Medicaid is also provided.


UNITED STATES: HEAD START BY THE NUMBERS—2008 PIR PROFILE


This fact sheet is based on the 2008 Head Start Program Information Report data and includes statistical information on the Head Start, Early Head Start, and migrant/seasonal programs; participant demographics; families and child care; and staff, including teachers.

MEETINGS

MAINTAINING MOMENTUM THROUGH CONTINUITY OF CARE: FINDING DENTAL HOMES FOR AMERICA’S CHILDREN—SYMPOSIUM PROCEEDINGS


This book contains materials shared during the June 2009 symposium held in Chicago, Illinois, focusing on establishing dental homes for underserved children to ensure that they receive ongoing rather than episodic care. Contents include printed presentation slides on topics such as the history of Give Kids a Smile Day, providing dental homes through collaboration, making Medicaid work, the Head Start Dental Home Initiative, a case study from Philadelphia, and other examples of care continuity.


SPECIAL ISSUE ON CHILDREN’S ORAL HEALTH


This special issue of Academic Pediatrics contains background papers prepared for the American Academy of Pediatrics’ (AAP’s) National Summit on Children’s Oral Health held on November 7–8, 2008, in Chicago, Illinois. The issue includes commentaries on children’s oral health as a pediatric health priority, progress in children’s oral health since Oral Health in America: A Report of the Surgeon General was published in 2000, and scientific investments and improvements in oral health. The issue also addresses science and surveillance, access and barriers to care, the oral health workforce, and policy achievements and challenges.

Contact: Academic Pediatric Association, 6728 Old McLean Village Drive, McLean, VA 22101. Telephone: (703) 556-9222; fax: (703) 556-8729; e-mail: info@academicpeds.org; Web site: http://www.ambpeds.org.


SYMPOSIUM ON EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES IN AMERICAN INDIAN CHILDREN AND ALASKA NATIVE CHILDREN


This report presents proceedings from a symposium held on November 4, 2009, in Phoenix, Arizona, to examine early childhood caries (ECC) among American Indian (AI) and Alaska native (AN) children and identify strategies to improve their oral health. The report addresses the prevalence and severity of ECC, efforts to control it, and measures to define the burden of disease in AI/AN children. Contents include presentation summaries and next steps.


NATIONAL PROGRAMS

2010 NATIONAL CHILDREN’S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH CAMPAIGN


These campaign materials are available to help oral health teams, teachers, and parents raise awareness about the importance of oral health. Contents include posters for children, a program-planning guide, publicity resources, activity sheets for children, and classroom ideas and resources. The posters and activity sheets are available in English and Spanish.

Contact: American Dental Association, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611-2678. Telephone:
POLICY

BETTER HEALTH AT LOWER COSTS: POLICY OPTIONS FOR MANAGING CHILDHOOD TOOTH DECAY


This inaugural issue of TrendNotes describes the importance of preventing and managing dental caries in children. The issue addresses the oral health needs of children and families, system support for caries prevention and management, and core elements of a comprehensive system of care. Topics include caries in children; opportunities to address caries under the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act; the costs of caries for children, families, and the health care system; risk-based intervention; re-orienting systems to focus on caries as a chronic disease; and implications for policy and practice. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


ENGAGING PRIMARY CARE MEDICAL PROVIDERS IN CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH


This brief presents results from a survey of the 50 states and the District of Columbia on the use of primary care health professionals to increase access to oral health care for children. Topics include the status of children's oral health care; dental insurance; methods for early intervention (fluoride varnish, screening, risk assessment, anticipatory guidance) in primary care settings; and state policies to integrate preventive oral health care into primary care settings. A table outlines reimbursement for oral health services by primary care health professionals by state.

Contact: National Academy for State Health Policy, 10 Free Street, Second Floor, Portland, ME 04101. Telephone: (207) 874-6524; (202) 903-0101; fax: (207)
KEY CONCERNS IN ORAL HEALTH TODAY: WHITE PAPERS


This compilation includes white papers on themes from annual meetings held in 2006, 2007, and 2008. It provides information about the Institute for Oral Health, how to get involved, and leadership. Topics include oral health in aging America, periodontal disease and diabetes, and oral health care during early childhood. Each section includes an introduction, expert presentations, and calls to action.

Contact: Institute for Oral Health, P.O. Box 75025, Seattle, WA 98175-0025. Telephone: (206) 528-7360; e-mail: info@iohwa.org; Web site: http://www.iohwa.org. Available at http://www.iohwa.org/institute-for-oral-health-themes.htm.

MEDICAID: STATE AND FEDERAL ACTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO IMPROVE CHILDREN’S ACCESS TO DENTAL SERVICES, BUT GAPS REMAIN


This report presents state strategies to monitor and improve access to oral health care for children enrolled in Medicaid and actions taken by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services since 2007 to improve oversight of Medicaid oral health services for children. Topics include methods to monitor the provision of services, measures to monitor access to services, statewide utilization goals, access standards for services provided under Medicaid managed care, actions to educate families on the importance of oral health care and to recruit oral health professionals, barriers that hinder state initiatives to improve access to services, and state–reported best practices for improving care.

Contact: Government Accountability Office, 441 G Street, N.W., Room LM, Washington, DC 20548. Telephone: (202) 512-3000; e-mail: contact@gao.gov.

FLUORIDE VARNISH


This policy statement supports the use of fluoride varnish—beginning with tooth eruption—for individuals at moderate to high risk for tooth decay, as an effective adjunct in programs designed to reduce lifetime dental caries experience. Topics include the impact of dental caries on health over the life span, dental caries control, systemic and topical fluoride methods, caries reduction attributable to fluoride varnish, caries risk assessment, and fluoride varnish safety and efficacy.

Contact: Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors, 1838 Fieldcrest Drive, Sparks, NV 89434. Telephone: (775) 626-5008; fax: (775) 626-9268; e-mail: cwood@astdd.org; Web site: http://www.astdd.org. Available at http://www.astdd.org/docs/FluorideVarnishPolicyStatement(ECFebruary12010).pdf.

IMPROVING EPSDT PERIODICITY SCHEDULES TO PROMOTE HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT


This brief summarizes findings from a review of state Web sites and from an informal survey of state Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment program (EPSDT) coordinators to identify the extent to which states were changing Medicaid policies to incorporate the Bright Futures guidelines published in 2007 into their programs, with a specific focus on the 30-month well-child visit (EPSDT screen). Information on how state Medicaid agencies can facilitate adoption of improved standards of care, including oral health care, and opportunities for improvement are included.

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**DENTAL WORKFORCE RESEARCH FACT SHEET FINAL.pdf?n=971.**

**MEDICAID COVERAGE OF DENTAL CARE FOR PREGNANT WOMEN**


This policy brief examines state Medicaid oral health coverage for pregnant women. Topics include the importance of oral health during pregnancy, oral health care utilization, and state recommendations to improve access to oral health care for pregnant women enrolled in Medicaid. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


**MID-LEVEL DENTAL CARE PROFESSIONALS: PROVEN AND EFFECTIVE (REV. ED.)**


This document describes ways in which states are considering creating new oral health professionals similar to nurse practitioners and physician assistants. Topics include increasing access to oral health care in underserved areas; success in preventing oral emergencies; quality of care, competency, and safety; and attitudes among dentists.


**REIMBURSING PHYSICIANS FOR FLUORIDE VARNISH: A COST-EFFECTIVE SOLUTION TO IMPROVING ACCESS**


This fact sheet promotes the medical office as a setting to deliver preventive oral health services, including assessment, anticipatory guidance, and the application of fluoride varnish. It discusses what fluoride varnish is, its importance in reducing the risk for early childhood caries, and its cost-effectiveness. The fact sheet also provides a map showing states that provide Medicaid reimbursement for oral health assessment and fluoride varnish.


**RESOURCE HIGHLIGHTS**


This series of guides for professionals highlights resources on oral health topics. Each guide focuses on a specific topic and includes selected journal articles, materials, and Web sites. Topics include dental home, early childhood caries, fluoride varnish, fluoridated community water, Head Start, health literacy, pregnancy and periodontal health, and school-based and school-linked services. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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RETAIL DENTAL CLINICS: A VIABLE MODEL FOR THE UNDERSERVED?


This report discusses the factors that support or inhibit the emergence of retail oral health clinics, in California and elsewhere, to reduce disparities in oral health. Topics include retail health care as a model; the retail clinic model; demand for retail clinics, including diagnostic and preventive care guidelines; the business model; options for federally qualified health centers; quality of care; regulatory issues; lessons from similar models; and conclusions and issues for consideration. A companion document discusses the financial model and viability of the retail clinic.


TRAINING NEW DENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS IN THE U.S.


This paper addresses training considerations for a variety of new mid-level oral health professionals within the contexts of their scope, supervision, and placement. It examines training experiences, internationally and in the United States, of current personnel and considers the underlying motives and goals of establishing these new professionals. The paper begins with a taxonomy of oral health professionals and explains the types of procedures inherent in oral health care. Discussion then focuses on training of conventional, unconventional, and proposed oral health professionals in the United States and conventional professionals from selected international locations. Additional topics include policy issues relevant to instituting dental therapists in the United States, goal setting, and criteria for developing training programs.


PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION, TOOLS, AND TRAINING

BE AN ORAL HEALTH CHAMPION [BOOKLET AND POSTER]


This booklet and poster were developed for Head Start staff. The booklet helps Head Start teachers become aware of problems children with poor oral health may experience and provides them with ideas to promote oral health and prevent oral disease in young children. The poster highlights key ideas shared in the booklet. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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BRIGHT SMILES MONTANA: HEALTHY SMILES ARE HAPPY SMILES! DENTAL PROFESSIONALS


This Web site provides information for professionals on Montana's Access to Baby and Child Dentistry program to establish a dental home and provide preventive services to children at highest risk for oral disease. Additional resources include information about the program's goals and partners and its enhanced reimbursement system, as well as about caries risk assessment. Resources on fluoride (fluoridation map, prescription guidelines, water testing, fluoride varnish application) and perinatal and infant oral health (PowerPoint and clinical guidelines) are also provided. Training slides and a calendar are included.

Contact: Bright Smiles Montana, P.O. Box 1154, Helena, MT 59264. Telephone: (406) 443-2061, (800) 257-4988; fax: (406) 443-1546; e-mail: info@BrightSmilesMontana.com; Web site: http://www.BrightSmilesMontana.com. Available at http://www.brightsmilesmontana.com/index.php.

CARIES PREVENTION, RISK ASSESSMENT, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT


This curriculum was developed for clinicians working in safety net oral health clinics in Ohio. The series of five modules provides a framework for assessing an individual's risk for dental caries and determining prevention, treatment, and education strategies based on that individual's risk category. The modules also include information about caries prevention, examination, restorative treatment, and recall intervals.

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DENTAL HEALTH SCREENING AND FLUORIDE VARNISH APPLICATION


This course provides training in oral health screening and fluoride varnish application for primary care health professionals. The course covers etiology and prevention of dental caries, strategies for prevention, oral health screening, lift-the-lip examination (video clip), fluoride-varnish-application procedure (video clip), and the billing process. The course was designed to be used in conjunction with the book An Atlas of Common Dental Pathology for Primary Care Medical Professionals and educational materials for health professionals. It is also available on CD-ROM.

Contact: Amos Deinard. University of Minnesota Medical School, Office of Education, B-663, Mayo, 420 Delaware Street, S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55455. Telephone: (612) 624-8101, (612) 638-0700, ext. 212; fax: (612) 626-4200, (612) 627-4205; e-mail: deina001@umn.edu; Web site: http://www.meded.umn.edu. Available at http://www.oralhealthzone.umn.edu. The course is also available on CD-ROM. The Atlas and other printed educational materials are available for $28.50, plus shipping and handling.

FLUORIDE VARNISH: AN EFFECTIVE TOOL FOR PREVENTING DENTAL CARIES


This fact sheet provides background about recommendations for fluoride varnish application, the effectiveness of fluoride varnish in preventing dental caries, and regulations governing the prescription and application of fluoride varnish. In addition, the fact sheet offers information about fluoride varnish uses, effectiveness, safety, service delivery, and reimbursement. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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are available at no charge and can be ordered at http://
www.mchoralhealth.org/order. The fact sheet is also
available at http://www.mchoralhealth.org/PDFs/
FlVarnishfactsheet.pdf.

**FLUORIDE VARNISH: A RESOURCE GUIDE**


This guide provides information about the use and application of fluoride varnish. The resource guide is divided into three sections. The first section lists journal articles appearing in the peer-reviewed literature from January 2007 to December 2009 and also includes a few seminal articles published earlier. The second section describes materials published from 2002 to 2009, including brochures, fact sheets, protocols, policy briefs, reports, guides, manuals, and kits. The third section lists federal agencies, resource centers, and professional associations that may serve as resources. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**GUIDELINES FOR ORAL HEALTH CARE IN PREGNANCY**


This document provides guidelines and recommendations for continuing to provide oral health care to women during their pregnancies. It discusses treatment considerations related to hypertension, diabetes, the use of heparin, and the risk of aspiration, and the need for correct client positioning during oral health procedures. A chart summarizes recommendations during various pregnancy stages and provides some warnings.

**Contact:** Northwest Center to Reduce Oral Health Disparities, University of Washington School of Dentistry, Health Sciences B-530, Box 357480, Seattle, WA 98195. Telephone: (206) 543-5599; fax: (206) 685-8024; e-mail: nacrohd@u.washington.edu; Web site: http://depts.washington.edu/nacrohd. Available at http://depts.washington.edu/nacrohd/sites/default/files/oral_health_pregnancy_0.pdf.

**INTO THE MOUTHS OF BABES: NC DENTAL SCREENING AND VARNISH PROJECT—TOOLKIT FOR PROJECT PARTICIPANTS**


This toolkit is intended for use by health professionals trained to deliver preventive oral health services (including oral screening, parent or caregiver education, and fluoride varnish application) to infants and children from birth to age 3½ as part of North Carolina’s Into the Mouths of Babes program. Contents include presentation slides on fluoride varnish and the training agenda, fluoride varnish guidelines and helpful hints, and information on supplies and Medicaid reimbursement. Educational materials for parents and encounter forms are provided in English and Spanish. Train-the-trainer program requirements and other resources for professionals are also included. DVDs, posters (in English and Spanish), and a program newsletter are also available.

**Contact:** Kelly Close. North Carolina Oral Health Section, 1910 Mail Service Center, 5505 Six Forks Road, Raleigh, NC 27699-1910. Telephone: (919) 707-5485; e-mail: Kelly.Close@dhhs.nc.gov; Web site: http://www.communityhealth.dhhs.state.nc.us/dental. Available at no charge to program participants; also available at http://www.communityhealth.dhhs.state.nc.us/dental/IMB_Toolkit.htm (toolkit).
LIFETIME SMILES BEGIN EARLY: TIPS FOR HEALTHY TEETH


This set of fact sheets provides anticipatory guidance for the oral health of infants, young children, and adolescents in six age ranges: birth to 6 months, 6 to 12 months, 12 to 36 months, and ages 3 to 5, 5 to 10, and 10 to 21. Topics include oral hygiene, dental visits, fluoride, nutrition, and injury prevention.

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; Web site: http://www.ndhealth.gov/oralhealth. Available at http://www.ndhealth.gov/OralHealth/FactSheets.htm.

MARYLAND’S MOUTHS MATTER: FLUORIDE VARNISH AND ORAL HEALTH SCREENING PROGRAMS FOR KIDS—TRAINING FOR EPSDT PROVIDERS IN MARYLAND


This course is designed to provide Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment medical providers (i.e., physicians, nurse practitioners) and other health professionals in Maryland with knowledge and skills to reduce the incidence of dental caries among children ages 3 and under and to contribute to the establishment of a dental home. The series of four modules provides information on the role of medical providers in children’s oral health. Also included is a description of the dental caries process and instructions on how to conduct a dental caries risk assessment. Finally, the modules address the provision of anticipatory guidance, application of fluoride varnish, and importance of referring young children to a dentist. [Partially funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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THE ORAL HEALTH ATLAS: MAPPING A NEGLECTED GLOBAL HEALTH ISSUE


This atlas provides a snapshot of the status and challenges of oral health globally. It looks at solutions and reflects the importance of multiple approaches to improving oral health, promotes integration and collaboration, and requires that efforts be made both to alter personal behavior and to inform population policy. The book is divided into seven parts, the first of which includes an introduction to the importance of oral health, teeth for life, and the link between oral health and general health. Part 2 discusses burdens and inequalities in tooth decay, dental caries, gum disease, oral cancer, and other conditions. Part 3 addresses risk factors resulting from the environment, diet, and socioeconomic status. Solutions are outlined in part 4, including individuals’ behavior and choices, fluoride use, treatments, oral health, and primary care and advocacy and integration. Part 5 provides an overview of the oral health work force and its challenges. Part 6 talks about actors and organizations involved in providing treatment and advocacy. Part 7 provides a history of dentistry, a scorecard on current oral health issues in global health, and a discussion of the future.

Contact: FDI World Dental Federation, Tour de Cointrin, 1216 Cointrin, Avenue Louie Casai 84, Case Postale 3, Geneve, Switzerland. Telephone: (41) 22 560 81 50; fax: (41) 22 560 81 40; e-mail: info@worlddental.org; Web site: http://www.fdiworldental.org. 35 Euro. Document code: ISBN 978-0-9539261-6-9.

ORAL HEALTH CARE FOR PREGNANT WOMEN

This document presents clinical practice guidelines for the oral health care of women who are pregnant in South Carolina. The document contains data on infant mortality and preterm birth and the use of oral health care and counseling in South Carolina and recommendations for health professionals. Topics include strategies to improve access to oral health care during pregnancy, key oral health messages for pregnant women, and the oral health assessment. Recommendations for oral health professionals on conducting a health history, risk assessment, and oral examination; treating pregnant women; managing oral disease; and knowing when to consult a prenatal health professional are provided. Referral forms are included.


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


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


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ORAL HEALTH RESOURCE GUIDE FOR CHILDREN AGES 0–5


This guide lists and describes entities that produce materials for use in educating expectant parents and parents of children from birth to age 5 in Arizona about oral health topics. It describes materials in a variety of formats such as training modules, posters, brochures, links, handouts, parent information, videos, English- and Spanish-language materials, manuals, presentation slides, flip charts, tip cards, and curricula. Topics include oral health training for health professionals, continuing education in pediatric oral health, anticipatory guidance, infant and young child oral health screening, fluoride, early childhood caries, and oral hygiene.


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PAIN AND SUFFERING SHOULD NOT BE AN OPTION: SCHOOL-BASED AND SCHOOL-LINKED ORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS


This fact sheet provides information about the importance of good oral health during childhood and adolescence. Topics discussed include school readiness, disparities, oral trauma, nutrition, dental sealants, fluoride varnish, and school-based and school-linked oral health services. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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A PEDIATRIC GUIDE TO CHILDREN’S ORAL HEALTH: FLIP CHART AND REFERENCE GUIDE


This flipchart is designed to help pediatricians and other child health professionals conduct oral health assessments and educate clients. Topics include primary tooth eruption and shedding; cavity risk assessment and recognizing early childhood caries; anticipatory guidance on toothbrushing, feeding, and nonnutritive sucking; and fluoride modalities and treatments. The companion reference guide provides additional information about topics such as tooth structure, anticipatory guidance, management of oral infection and pain, oral trauma, tooth injury, fracture, oral soft tissue trauma, injury prevention, congenital oral anomalies, and oral health for children with special health care needs. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


PREVENTION OF 2009 H1N1 INFLUENZA TRANSMISSION IN DENTAL HEALTH CARE SETTINGS


This fact sheet provides guidelines in preventing the transmission of H1N1 influenza in oral health care settings. Topics include how the virus is transmitted, symptoms of influenza and H1N1, how to control transmission of influenza viruses, and recommendations for the oral health care environment and personnel.

Contact: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road, Atlanta, GA 30333. Telephone: (404) 639-3534, (800) 311-3435; e-mail: cdc@cdcinfo.gov; Web site: http://www.cdc.gov. Available at http://www.cdc.gov/ORALHEALTH/infectioncontrol/factsheets/2009_h1n1.htm.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

BABY TEETH ARE IMPORTANT


This poster provides reminders about why healthy primary teeth are important to children’s health and development. The poster, which is part of a media campaign to inform parents in New York State, is also available in English and Spanish.

DENTAL DO’S (REV.)


This brochure for parents explains how to prepare their child for the first visit to the dentist. It describes words and actions that can help to create a positive experience for children. Information about obtaining low-cost or no-cost insurance is included. The brochure is printed in English on one side and in Spanish on the other.


DENTAL SEALANTS


This brochure for parents explains what dental sealants are and how they are used. It also addresses when a child’s teeth should be sealed and how long sealants last. Information on low-cost or no-cost insurance is also provided. The brochure is printed in English on one side and in Spanish on the other.


FIRST AID FOR DENTAL EMERGENCIES

This fact sheet gives advice on handling oral health emergencies. Topics include first aid for bleeding after losing a primary tooth; broken braces and wires; broken teeth; cut or bitten tongue, lip, or cheek; knocked-out permanent tooth; possible broken jaw; and toothache or abscess.

Contact: Rebecca King, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, Oral Health Section, 1910 Mail Service Center, 5505 Six Forks Road, Raleigh, NC 27699-1910. Telephone: (919) 707-5480; fax: (919) 870-4805; e-mail: rebecca.king@ncmail.net; Web site: http://www.communityhealth.dhhs.state.nc.us/dental. Available at http://www.communityhealth.dhhs.state.nc.us/dental/ed_resources/First_Aid_for_Dental_Emergencies_letter.pdf.

FRIDAY’S CHILD: SPECIAL ORAL HEALTH EDITION


This newsletter for families focuses on oral health for children with special health care needs (CSHCN). Topics include an oral health partnership in Kansas created to provide CSHCN with access to appropriate oral health services and to provide oral health education for their families. The newsletter also includes a brief review of oral health provisions in the Children’s Health Insurance Program.

Contact: Family Voices, 2340 Alamo Drive, S.E., Suite 102, Albuquerque, NM 87106. Telephone: (505) 872-4774, (888) 835-5669; fax: (505) 872-4780; e-mail: kidshealth@familyvoices.org; Web site: http://www.familyvoices.org. Available at http://www.familyvoices.org/pub/fc/FC_2009-09-09.pdf.

HEALTHY FOODS FOR A HEALTHY SMILE


This brochure provides tips on selecting foods and drinks for optimal oral health. Topics include how some foods and drinks increase the risk for tooth decay and how others may help to reduce it; the importance of limiting between-meal snacks, soft drinks, and other drinks high in sugar; and the need for regular tooth-brushing and flossing. The brochure is printed in English on one side and in Spanish on the other.


HEALTHY SMILES: A FAMILY GUIDE


This guidebook provides parents and caregivers with tips on how to ensure a healthy smile and a healthy child. It provides guidance on oral hygiene for infants, toddlers and preschoolers, and children ages 4 and older. Other topics include healthy eating for healthy teeth, toothbrushing, taking a child to the dentist, and questions to ask the dentist.


HEALTHYCHILDREN.ORG


This Web site is designed for families seeking child and adolescent health information consistent with the American Academy of Pediatrics’ (AAP’s) policies and guidelines. The site contains information on topics compiled from AAP parenting books, education materials, and fact sheets. Content is organized into the following sections: Ages and Stages (prenatal to young adult), Healthy Living, Safety and Prevention, Family Life, Health Issues, News, and Tips and Tools. The site is also searchable by keyword, topic, age, or gender. An Ask the Pediatrician corner provides a searchable database of health issues. The Hot Topics area presents news and guidance on medication safety alerts, product recalls, and information generated by AAP, such as policy statements and public-awareness campaigns.
Families may also opt to register with the site, customize the view, and receive information specific to their needs.


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### HOW TO PROTECT YOUR BABY’S TEETH FROM CAVITIES


This fact sheet for new parents addresses how to prevent dental caries in infants, even before teeth appear. It provides tips on good oral hygiene for mothers during and after pregnancy, as well as tips on care of infants’ gums and teeth. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


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### THE LIFE OF A TOOTH: A VISUAL TIMELINE


This timeline provides information for consumers on oral health and oral health care throughout life. Topics include developmental events, interaction with dentists, and oral hygiene.


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### PREGNANCY AND DENTAL CARE MINI POSTER AND WALLET CARD


This mini-poster and wallet card remind pregnant women in New York State of the importance of healthy teeth and gums and visiting the dentist or dental hygienist during pregnancy. Information on the relationship between germs in the mouth, tooth decay, and infant health is provided.


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### QUESTIONS ABOUT FLUORIDE VARNISH


This brochure for consumers provides information about fluoride varnish. Topics include how varnish is applied, how long it lasts, who benefits, and its safety for infants and young children at increased risk for tooth decay, children with special health care needs, and women who are pregnant. Information on low-cost or no-cost insurance is also provided. The brochure is printed in English on one side and in Spanish on the other.

**Contact:** Iowa Department of Public Health, Oral Health Bureau, Lucas State Office Building, 321 East 12th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319. Telephone: (515) 281-3733, (866) 528-4020; fax: (515) 242-6384; Web site: http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hpcdp/oral_health.asp. Available at http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hpcdp/common/pdf/oral_health/fluoride_questions.pdf.
**SODA IS BAD FOR YOUR TEETH**


This brochure for adolescents describes the harmful effects exposure to carbonated beverages that contain sugar, such as soda, may have on teeth. Topics include tooth decay, sugar and acid in soda, risks in drinking diet soda, and other harmful effects of soda.


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**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT . . . FLUORIDE VARNISH**


This brochure for parents and other caregivers provides information on the use of fluoride varnish to prevent or reduce tooth decay in children. Topics include what fluoride varnish is and why it is recommended, its safety and use, how it is applied and how often, and after-care tips. Other topics include the importance of primary teeth and tips to prevent tooth decay in children.


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**WHY WORRY ABOUT BABY TEETH?**


This brochure for expectant and new parents and other caregivers emphasizes the importance of primary teeth to overall health. Topics include diet, nutrition, and tooth decay; caring for an infant’s gums and teeth; and family oral health. The brochure is available in English and Spanish.

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**STATE AND LOCAL PROGRAMS**

**2009 HEAD START ORAL HEALTH SURVEY REPORT**


This report describes the process and results of the spring 2009 open-mouth survey of children enrolled in the Iowa Head Start program. Contents include a description of the objectives, methods, and results, and a discussion of the baseline survey and how Iowa compared to national averages. Statistical data are provided on age, race/ethnicity, and oral health status. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

**2009 THIRD GRADE OPEN MOUTH SURVEY REPORT**


This report describes the process for conducting an oral health survey of students in third grade in Iowa during Spring 2009, as well as survey results. The survey results were used to evaluate a national performance measure (dental sealants) for the Title V child health program. Contents include data and a discussion of oral health status indicators and payment sources relative to race and ethnicity in 2009 compared with indicators and sources in 2006.


**ACCESS TO PEDIATRIC ORAL HEALTH SERVICES IN LANE COUNTY, OREGON: FINAL REPORT**


This report describes activities conducted by the Latino Medical Access Coalition from April 2004 through February 2009 to address barriers to oral health services for children in Lane County, Oregon, from families who have low incomes and are uninsured. Contents include the project’s goals and objectives, methodology, coordination, evaluation, and results and outcomes. Topics include (1) establishing on-site prevention programs (oral screening and education by advanced practice dental hygienists) in public settings serving the target population, (2) promoting fluoride varnish application in medical clinics, and (3) facilitating access to dentists in federally qualified community health centers for restorative treatment and ongoing care. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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

**CALIFORNIA HEAD START CHILD OUTCOMES BULLETIN: 2010**


This brief reports on improvements in child development for children participating in California Head Start programs. It discusses increases found in child development levels regardless of language and ethnicity across all domains and the impact of Head Start preschool on school readiness in the state. Information about the study data, analysis, and limitations is provided.

**Contact:** California Head Start Association, 1107 Ninth Street, Suite 301, Sacramento, CA 95814. Telephone: (916) 444-7760; fax: (916) 444-2257; e-mail: lucia@ochsinc.org; Web site: http://www.caheadstart.org. Available at http://caheadstart.org/California_Head_Start_Child_Outcomes_Bulletin_2010.pdf.

**CHILDREN’S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH 2010**


This folder contains program-planning materials designed for use by state health officers and oral health program coordinators in promoting National Children’s Dental Health Month activities in Maryland. The materials, which may be adapted for local use, include the following: a proclamation template; press releases; public service announcements; lab experiments, activity worksheets, and posters (in English and Spanish) from the National Museum of Dentistry and the American Dental Association; Web resources; an instruction sheet for the game Dental Jeopardy; and a print materials request form.

**Contact:** Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Office of Oral Health, 201 West Preston Street, Room 306, Baltimore, MD 21201. Telephone: (410) 767-5300; fax: (410) 333-7106; Web site: http://fha.maryland.gov/oralhealth/cohm.cfm.
COUNTY LEVEL ORAL HEALTH STATUS DATA: 2008–2009


This fact sheet provides county-level statistics on oral health status for North Carolina based on a 2008–2009 survey of children in kindergarten and grade 5. The fact sheet provides average values per child and school for numbers screened and percentage of children found with untreated tooth decay or with dental sealants.


CREATING A HEALTHIER MISSOURI: A STATEWIDE ORAL HEALTH PLAN


This plan identifies Missouri’s most critical oral health challenges and presents strategies for improving oral health education, access to care, work force development, and public policy issues. Contents include an executive summary; background on the status of oral health in the state; focus areas including education and community awareness, access to care, work force and training, and public policy; and an outline of the implementation plan. Goals and strategies are provided for each of the focus areas.

Contact: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Primary Care and Rural Health, Oral Health Program, P.O. Box 570, Jefferson City, MO 65102. Telephone: (573) 751–6219, (800) 891–7415; fax: (573) 522–8146; e-mail: info@dshs.mo.gov; Web site: http://www.dhss.mo.gov/oralhealth. Available at http://www.dhss.mo.gov/oralhealth/OralHealthPlan.pdf.

FINAL REPORT


This report describes the purpose and methods used in developing a strategic plan to improve the oral health of Oklahoma children and their families. Contents include recommendations in prevention, education programs, and access to care. It discusses community water fluoridation, fluoride varnish, and sealant programs; state health department and public school programs; and oral health work force issues and public and private oral health services delivery. Additional information is provided about oral health professionals’ response to state disasters and about children with special health care needs. Also included are a sample model community fluoridation program, a map of Oklahoma counties covered by oral health educators, and other resources for oral health care in the state.


GROWING HEALTHY SMILES IN THE CHILD CARE SETTING: IMPLEMENTING A TOOTH BRUSHING PROGRAM TO PROMOTE ORAL HEALTH AND PREVENT TOOTH DECAY


This guide helps individuals working in child care settings in Massachusetts comply with regulations to promote oral health and prevent tooth decay. It reviews the causes of tooth decay, risk factors, and prevention strategies; discusses the importance of toothbrushing and provides tips on safely implementing a program, and offers resources on other toothbrushing programs and oral health teaching tools and lessons for young children.
THE IMPACT OF FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS ON ORAL HEALTH SERVICES IN CALIFORNIA


This fact sheet details select American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 programs related to oral health and oral health professionals. Included are adoption incentives for electronic health records (EHRs) for practices and clinics that treat Medi-Cal and Medicare beneficiaries; a state-sponsored loan program for the purchase or enhancement of an EHR system; scholarships for education and training; increased federal matching funds for Denti-Cal, California’s Medicaid dental program; and funds for prevention and wellness care, research, and federally qualified health centers.


IDPH SCHOOL-BASED SEALANT PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT: SCHOOL YEAR 2008–2009


This chart provides statistics for several school-based dental sealant programs in Iowa. Results for five agencies indicate the number of children examined, the number of children receiving sealants, the total number of sealants placed, the total number of sealants placed on children covered by Medicaid, the number of children with a history of tooth decay, the number of children covered by Medicaid with a history of tooth decay, the number of children with untreated decay, the number of children covered by Medicaid with untreated decay, the number of children with private insurance, the number of children with no dental insurance, and the number of children covered by Medicaid.


INSIDE I-SMILE 2009: AN UPDATE ON IOWA’S DENTAL HOME INITIATIVE FOR CHILDREN


This booklet reports on I-Smile, a project to ensure that children in Iowa’s Medicaid program have a dental home. Contents include the program’s history; data on services for children from birth to age 5 who are enrolled in Medicaid; impact summaries and brief discussions based on the data, including policy and program implications; and stories reported by I-Smile coordinators.

IOWA: DENTAL HYGIENIST PUBLIC HEALTH SUPERVISION REPORTING FORM


This form and instructions are used to report services provided by dental hygienists working under public health supervision in Iowa. Data collected includes the public health setting and service type. Service type data are stratified by location of service delivery and as the total number of individuals served by age and the total number of hygienist hours. Referrals to dentists are categorized by the age of the individual served and by the type of care (regular or urgent).


I-SMILE DENTAL HOME INITIATIVE


This brief presents recommendations for policymakers to improve children’s oral health in Iowa. Topics include oral disease prevention and health promotion, access to oral health care, and Iowa’s I-Smile dental home approach to help families get oral health care. The recommendations address systems of care, standards of care, work force, reimbursement, and loan repayment.


MARYLAND ORAL HEALTH RESOURCE GUIDE


This guide is intended to assist individuals, consumer groups, and government agencies in finding affordable and appropriate oral health care services in Maryland and the immediate surrounding regions. The guide contains information on programs or public facilities that provide discounted or special oral health services, organized by county or jurisdiction. Information is included on services for individuals and families living with HIV and AIDS, those who are homebound, those who have special health care needs, and those enrolled in Maryland Medical Assistance.


OPERATIONS MANUAL FOR HEALTH CENTER ORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS: CHAPTER ONE—HEALTH CENTER FUNDAMENTALS


This manual shares information among health center oral health teams for operating a program with quality oral health services for underserved populations. It provides an overview of regulations that govern health centers, how health centers fit into a larger system of health care, the importance of recognizing that oral health is an integral part of primary care, and a description of common terms used to reference oral health programs in health centers. Additional topics include funding, staffing, cultural competence, needs assessment, client care scope of service, contracting with external professionals, and quality management.

Contact: National Network for Oral Health Access, PMB 329, 3700 Quebec Street, Unit 100, Denver, CO 80207-1639. Telephone: (303) 957-0635; fax: (866)
ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION


This guide provides age-appropriate oral health education materials for teachers of children in Montana in grades 1–5. Each section focuses on one grade level and provides a summary of objectives and resources as well as talking points, handouts, coloring pages, games, illustrations, and lessons. Topics include the importance of teeth and oral hygiene, understanding tooth development, tooth decay and prevention, and nutrition.


ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM: 2009 ANNUAL REPORT


This report describes the goals and results of the oral health program in Missouri. Topics include prevention services, surveillance, fluoride mouthrinse services, clinical services, education and outreach, public water fluoridation, activities associated with a grant funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration, state task force and assessment, and network and coalition activity.

Contact: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Oral Health Program, Primary Care and Rural Health, P.O. Box 570, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0570. Telephone: (573) 751-6219, (800) 891-7415; fax: (573) 522-8146; e-mail: info@dhss.mo.gov; Web site: http://www.dhss.mo.gov/oralhealth. Available at http://www.dhss.mo.gov/oralhealth/Oral_Health_Annual_Report_2009.pdf.

PROJECT READY SMILE: EVALUATION STATUS REPORT


This report presents findings from an evaluation of Project Ready Smile. The project provides oral health screening, preventive care services (e.g., fluoride varnish), education, referral, and care for infants and young children from birth to age 5 enrolled in selected early childhood centers that serve low-income, minority, and under-insured families in five counties in the Kansas City metropolitan area and in one additional county, Allen County. Report topics include evaluation objectives and activities, participant demographics, insurance and oral health status, referral and follow-up, and parent knowledge. Comparisons of Head Start and non–Head Start sites, children with and without dental caries, and parental knowledge and oral health status between first and second screenings are included. Results from satisfaction surveys of dentists and early childhood care centers are also discussed.


PUBLIC HEALTH SUPERVISION AGREEMENT


This form and checklist are used to report to the Iowa Bureau of Oral Health a collaborative agreement between a dentist and a dental hygienist to allow the hygienist to provide services to individuals in public health settings before being examined by a dentist. Data include parties to the agreement; locations where
Contents include frequently asked questions, a screening certificate, and an exemption form. Information on rules and reporting is provided. A flyer for parents and guardians (in English and Spanish) is also included.


SEAL A SMILE TEXAS STYLE: A SEALANT MANUAL FOR THE ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM (REV. ED.)


This manual provides a description of the mission and goals of the Texas Dental Sealant program to identify children at high risk for dental caries and provide preventive services, including dental sealants, and treatment referrals. Topics also include partnerships and collaborations, a map of oral health coalitions in Texas, planning and preparation for school sealant clinics, sealant program barriers and challenges, an equipment and supplies checklist, an illustrated guide to portable equipment, and referral and follow-up tips. The appendix contains sample letters and forms.

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; e-mail: customerservice@deltadentalok.org; Web site: http://www.deltadentalok.org. Available at http://www.deltadentalok.org/site_docs/DDOK_FND_Resource-Guide.pdf.

STEPS TO IMPROVE ORAL HEALTH IN KENTUCKY


This document describes a law passed in Kentucky in 2008 that requires families with children ages 5 or 6 who are enrolling in public school for the first time...
to show proof of an oral health examination. Topics include the legislation’s purpose and objectives, incentives and groups affected, and legislators and other stakeholders in Kentucky. The document also describes issues related to the adoption, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of the law, as well as expected outcomes.

**Contact:** Emory University Rollins School of Public Health, Grace Crum Rollins Building, 1518 Clifton Road, Atlanta, GA 30322. Web site: [http://www.sph.emory.edu](http://www.sph.emory.edu). Available at [http://www.hpm.org/survey/us/a13/5](http://www.hpm.org/survey/us/a13/5).

### STRATEGIC AND IMPLEMENTATION PLANS OF THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH’S TASK FORCE ON ORAL HEALTH AND ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE


This report contains recommendations and plans for providing oral health services to individuals in Ohio to ensure good oral health. Topics include community-based and community-wide disease prevention, financial barriers, care-delivery system (work force, safety-net programs, and primary care and other health professionals), public awareness, individuals with special health care needs, diversity and cultural competence, and partnership. Two appendices provide a summary of the regional meetings that describes the dominant themes and comments made by attendees, as well as presentations.

**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](http://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhPrograms/ohs/oral/oral1.aspx). Available at [http://www.odh.ohio.gov/ASSETS/A7E6677E524F47D48ED46D7D6AEFEF60/DTF2009FINAL11_04.pdf](http://www.odh.ohio.gov/ASSETS/A7E6677E524F47D48ED46D7D6AEFEF60/DTF2009FINAL11_04.pdf).

### WASHINGTON STATE COLLABORATIVE ORAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN: 2009–2014


This document is the state plan designed to address the oral health needs of Washington residents. The document outlines plans to identify the needs of the population and to leverage existing resources to promote prevention and access to care. A vision and guiding principles are described in six strategic areas: (1) system infrastructure, (2) data, (3) health promotion, (4) disease prevention, (5) access to care, and (6) implementation and sustainability. Goals and objectives are provided for each strategic area.

**Contact:** Washington State Oral Health Coalition, P.O. Box 75374, Seattle, WA 98175. E-mail: info@ws-ohc.org; Web site: [http://www.ws-ohc.org](http://www.ws-ohc.org). Available at [http://www.ws-ohc.org/plan.htm](http://www.ws-ohc.org/plan.htm).

### WASHINGTON STATE’S ORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE


This report presents information on the Washington oral health workforce and factors that affect the future. The report describes oral health professionals, their characteristics, major factors affecting the future supply of the work force, and the impact on underserved populations, and it provides a discussion and policy options. Additional sections include a sample survey questionnaire for dentists and dental hygienists in Washington, a summary of findings, and a description of survey analysis methods.

**Contact:** WWAMI Center for Health Workforce Studies, University of Washington School of Medicine, Department of Family Medicine, Box 354982, Seattle, WA 98195-4982. Telephone: (206) 685-6679; fax: (206) 616-4768; e-mail: chws@fammed.washington.edu; Web site: [http://depts.washington.edu/uwchw](http://depts.washington.edu/uwchw). Available at [http://depts.washington.edu/uwrhrc/uploads/CHWS_FR130_Skillman.pdf](http://depts.washington.edu/uwrhrc/uploads/CHWS_FR130_Skillman.pdf).
WISCONSIN FINAL REPORT FORMAT: FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES TO EHS/HS STATE/TERRITORIAL ORAL HEALTH FORUMS


This brief reports on follow-up activities of a forum held in September 2009 in Wisconsin Dells to discuss needs and issues for developing an oral health action plan for Early Head Start and Head Start enrollees in the state. Forum activities and additional follow-up are outlined with a budget. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]
