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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

### 2008 DENTAL VISITS

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. 2010. *2008 Dental Visits*. Rockville, MD: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

This resource provides 2008 data on dental visits for a nationally representative household survey of the U.S. population. Content includes data files in ASCII and SAS transport formats, documentation, a codebook, SAS and SPSS programming statements, and questionnaires. The data files contain the following variables: the date of the visit, the type of provider seen, the reason for the visit, whether the visit was due to an accident, and whether medicines were prescribed.

**Contact:** MEPS Project Director. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, 540 Gaither Road, Suite 200, Rockville, MD 20850. Telephone: (301) 427-1406, (800) 358-9295 (AHRQ Clearinghouse); e-mail: [mepsprojectdirector@ahrq.hhs.gov](mailto:mepsprojectdirector@ahrq.hhs.gov); website: <http://www.ahrq.gov>. Available at [http://www.meps.ahrq.gov/mepsweb/data\\_stats/download\\_data\\_files\\_detail.jsp?cboPufNumber=HC-118B](http://www.meps.ahrq.gov/mepsweb/data_stats/download_data_files_detail.jsp?cboPufNumber=HC-118B).

### EARLY HEAD START PARTICIPANTS, PROGRAMS, FAMILIES, AND STAFF IN 2009

Hoffman E. 2010. *Early Head Start Participants, Programs, Families, and Staff in 2009*. Washington, DC: Center for Law and Social Policy. 2 pp.

This fact sheet uses data from the Head Start Program Information Report to describe the characteristics of children enrolled in Early Head Start and their families and the services provided to them. Data are presented on participants, families, programs, and staff. Topics include demographics, screenings, ongoing source of care, special needs, prenatal and postnatal health care, health insurance, oral examinations, mental health interventions, and follow-up services.

**Contact:** Center for Law and Social Policy, 1200 18th Street, N.W., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036. Telephone: (202) 906-8000; fax: (202) 842-2885; e-mail: [info@clasp.org](mailto:info@clasp.org); website: <http://www.clasp.org>. Available at <http://www.clasp.org/admin/site/publications/files/ehs-pir-2009.pdf>.

### HEAD START PARTICIPANTS, PROGRAMS, FAMILIES, AND STAFF IN 2009

Hoffman E. 2010. *Head Start Participants, Programs, Families, and Staff in 2009*. Washington, DC: Center for Law and Social Policy. 2 pp.

This fact sheet uses data from the Head Start Program Information Report to describe the characteristics of children enrolled in Head Start and their families and the services provided to them. Data are presented on participants, families, programs, and staff. Topics include screenings, health insurance, ongoing source of care, special needs, and race and ethnicity.

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### NEW HAMPSHIRE ORAL HEALTH DATA 2010

New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Oral Health Program. 2010. *New Hampshire Oral Health Data 2010*. Concord, NH: New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Oral Health Program. 57 pp.

This report focuses on the oral health status of adults and children in New Hampshire and their access to oral health care, including preventive services. It presents data on eight indicators from the National Oral Health Surveillance System: behavioral risk factors, fluoridation, hospital- and community-based oral health programs, school-based oral health programs, third-grade oral health survey, cancer registry and mortality from oral cancer, youth tobacco survey, and national oral health surveillance.

**Contact:** New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Oral Health Program, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301. Telephone: (603) 271-4741, (800) 852-3345, ext. 4741, (800) 735-2964 (TDD); fax: (603) 271-4506; website: <http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/dphs/bchs/rhpc/oral>. Available at <http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/bchs/rhpc/oral/documents/oralhealthdata.pdf>.

**ORAL HEALTH FACTS**

North Dakota Department of Health, Oral Health Program. 2009. *Oral Health Facts*. Bismark, ND: North Dakota Department of Health, Oral Health Program. 4 items.

This set of fact sheets focuses on oral health topics in North Dakota. The summary fact sheet discusses dental caries prevalence, dental sealants, access to oral health care, and the oral health work force. A second fact sheet outlines accomplishments for the state oral health program from 2008 to 2009. A third fact sheet provides statistics on dental visits and the prevalence of dental caries among students in grades 9–12. Another fact sheet focuses on the oral health needs of North Dakota children with special health care needs.

**Contact:** North Dakota Department of Health, Oral Health Program, 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Department 301, Bismarck, ND 58505-0200. Telephone: (800) 472-2286, (701) 328-2356; fax: (701) 328-1412; e-mail: [kyineman@nd.gov](mailto:kyineman@nd.gov); website: <http://www.ndhealth.gov/oralhealth>. Available at <http://www.ndhealth.gov/oralhealth/factsheets.htm>.

**PUBLIC HEALTH SUPERVISION DENTAL HYGIENIST SERVICES**

Iowa Department of Public Health, Oral Health Bureau. 2004–2009. *Public Health Supervision Dental Hygienist Services*. Des Moines, IA: Iowa Department of Public Health, Oral Health Bureau. Annual.

This series reports on services provided by dental hygienists working with dentists under a collaborative public health supervision agreement in Iowa. Data include the number of hygienists and dentists with an agreement in place, the type and number of services provided, the number of clients served (by service type and by client age), and the number of referrals for routine vs. urgent care.

**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; website: [http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hpcdp/oral\\_health.asp](http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hpcdp/oral_health.asp). Available at [http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hpcdp/common/pdf/oral\\_health/2009\\_ph\\_services.pdf](http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hpcdp/common/pdf/oral_health/2009_ph_services.pdf) (2009) and [http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hpcdp/oral\\_health\\_reports.asp](http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hpcdp/oral_health_reports.asp) (prior years).

**SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS: NATIONAL CENSUS SCHOOL YEAR 2007–2008**

Stozer J, Juszczak L, Ammerman A. 2010. *School-Based Health Centers: National Census School Year 2007–2008*. Washington, DC: National Assembly on School-Based Health Care. 8 pp.

This document summarizes findings from the School-Based Health Centers (SBHCs) National Census with data collected from October 2008 through October 2009. It explains the role of SBHCs in meeting the needs of underserved children and adolescents; presents trend data on demographics, staffing, operations, prevention activities, clinical services, and policies; and provides a national database of programs. The document also includes a map indicating the number of school-based linked and mobile health centers in each state in the United States.

**Contact:** National Assembly on School-Based Health Care, 1100 G Street, N.W., Suite 735, Washington, DC 20005. Telephone: (202) 638-5872, (888) 286-8727; fax: (202) 638-5879; e-mail: [info@nasbhc.org](mailto:info@nasbhc.org); website: <http://www.nasbhc.org>. Available at <http://www.nasbhc.org/atf/cf/%7Bcd9949f2-2761-42fb-bc7a-cee165c701d9%7D/NASBHC%202007-08%20CENSUS%20REPORT%20FINAL.PDF>.

**NATIONAL PROGRAMS**

**2009 ANNUAL REPORT**

Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 2010. *2009 Annual Report*. Sparks, NV: Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 9 pp.

This report summarizes the activities of the association throughout 2008. Topics include the National Oral Health Conference, the National Oral Health Leadership Institute, *Healthy People 2020*, health care reform, and state oral health program competencies and guidelines. Activities related to policy development, advocacy, and technical assistance are described. Information about publications and personnel is also included. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**2011 NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH CAMPAIGN**

American Dental Association. 2010. *2011 National Children's Dental Health Month Campaign*. Chicago, IL: American Dental Association, Division of Communications.

These campaign materials are designed to help oral health teams, teachers, and parents raise awareness about the importance of oral health during National Children's Dental Health Month (February). Contents include posters for children and adolescents, a program-planning guide, publicity resources, activity sheets for children, and presentation resources. The materials are available in English and Spanish.

**Contact:** American Dental Association, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611-2678. Telephone: (312) 440-2500; fax: (312) 440-7494; e-mail: [info@ada.org](mailto:info@ada.org); website: <http://www.ada.org>. Available at <http://www.ada.org/2934.aspx>.

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**HEALTH LITERACY IN DENTISTRY: ACTION PLAN 2010–2015**

American Dental Association, Council on Access, Prevention and Interprofessional Relations. 2009. *Health Literacy in Dentistry: Action Plan 2010–2015*. Chicago, IL: American Dental Association. 9 pp.

This document outlines a strategic action plan to set principles, goals, and strategies to provide guidance to the association and its councils and commission, oral health professionals, policymakers, and others to improve health literacy. The plan provides background discussion about health literacy and outlines the plan's vision; purpose; strategic focus areas; and goals, objectives, and strategies.

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**INTRODUCING THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES INITIATIVE**

Indian Health Service, Division of Oral Health. 2010. *Introducing the Indian Health Service Early Childhood Caries Initiative*. Rockville, MD: Indian Health Service, Division of Oral Health. 16 pp.

This brief describes an Indian Health Service initiative to prevent dental caries in young children and promote an interdisciplinary approach to early intervention. Program components include early oral health assessment, fluoride varnish and dental sealants, interim therapeutic restoration, and surveillance. The brief describes the importance of prevention and early intervention, the initiative's goals and objectives, and best practices for pregnant women, infants, and young children.

**Contact:** Indian Health Service, Division of Oral Health, 801 Thompson Avenue, Suite 300, Rockville, MD 20852. Telephone: (301) 443-1106, (800) IHS-DENT (447-3368); fax: (301) 594-6610; e-mail: [dental.jobs@ihs.gov](mailto:dental.jobs@ihs.gov); website: <http://www.ihs.gov/MedicalPrograms/Dental/index.cfm>. Available at <http://www.doh.ihs.gov/documents/ecc/IHSDentalExplorerECCInitiative.pdf>.

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

National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. 2010. *Oral Health: Preventing Cavities, Gum Disease, and Tooth Loss* (rev. ed.). Atlanta, GA: National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. 3 items.

These documents provide an overview of the burden of oral disease in the United States and federal and state efforts to address it. Topics include the efforts of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to support state-based programs, monitor oral health status, provide education and share expertise, support prevention science and new approaches, guide infection control in dentistry, and prevent oral cancer. Stories and example programs from states are also included.

**Contact:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Oral Health, 4770 Buford Highway, N.E., Mailstop F-10, Atlanta, GA 30341-3717. Telephone: (770) 488-6054; e-mail: [OralHealth@cdc.gov](mailto:OralHealth@cdc.gov); website: <http://www.cdc.gov/OralHealth>. Available at <http://www.cdc.gov/chronicdisease/resources/publications/AAG/doh.htm#aag>.

**PROMOTING AND ENHANCING THE ORAL HEALTH OF THE PUBLIC: HHS ORAL HEALTH INITIATIVE 2010**

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. 2010. *Promoting and Enhancing the Oral Health of the Public: HHS Oral Health Initiative 2010*. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. 11 pp.

This report describes an initiative by eight agencies of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to use a systems approach to create and finance programs to emphasize oral health promotion and disease prevention, increase access to care, enhance the oral health work force, and eliminate oral health disparities. Contents include information from nine different programs, including a description of the public health significance of the program, the area of focus, and the DHHS contact.

**Contact:** Health Resources and Services Administration, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Telephone: (888) 275-4772 (HRSA Information Center); fax: (301) 443-1246; e-mail: [ask@hrsa.gov](mailto:ask@hrsa.gov); website: <http://www.hrsa.gov>. Available at <http://www.hrsa.gov/publichealth/clinical/oralhealth/hhsinitiative.pdf>.

**POLICY**

**CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH**

National Conference of State Legislatures. 2010. *Children's Oral Health*. Denver, CO: National Conference of State Legislatures.

This resource examines children's oral health and the role that state legislators can play in improving it. Topics include Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program, access to services, work force issues, and prevention and awareness.

**Contact:** National Conference of State Legislatures, 7700 East First Place, Denver, CO 80230. Telephone: (303) 364-7700; fax: (303) 364-7800; e-mail: [nclnet-admin@ncl.org](mailto:nclnet-admin@ncl.org); website: <http://www.ncl.org>. Available at <http://www.ncl.org/IssuesResearch/Health/ChildrensOralHealthPolicyIssuesOverview/tabid/14495/Default.aspx>.

**CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH BENEFITS**

Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured. 2010. *Children's Oral Health Benefits*. Washington, DC: Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured. 4 pp.

This brief describes state requirements and options in the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act aimed at improving the oral health of children in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program. Topics include (1) providing dental benefits through a state-defined benefit package or adopting benefits equal to those in a benchmark plan and (2) providing supplemental coverage to children who have other health insurance through an employer-sponsored or other group health plan but have inadequate or no oral health benefits under that coverage.

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**COMMUNITY WATER FLUORIDATION POLICY STATEMENT**

Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 2009. *Community Water Fluoridation Policy Statement*. Sparks, NV: Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 2 pp.

This policy statement supports community water fluoridation in all public water systems throughout the United States. The statement describes the problem of dental caries, the role of community water fluoridation in reducing caries in populations, and the contributions of federal agencies and professional organizations to the progress toward and quality of community water fluoridation.

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**THE COST OF DELAY: DISCUSSION OF POLICIES IMPACTING CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH (PARTICIPANT FOLDER)**

Pew Center on the States. 2010. *The Cost of Delay: Discussion of Policies Impacting Children's Oral Health* (participant folder). Washington, DC: Pew Charitable Trusts. 6 items.

This participant folder contains materials from a Congressional briefing held on February 23, 2010, in Washington, DC, to discuss the prevalence of early childhood caries and children's access to oral health care. Contents include a fact sheet, a brief, a press release, a report, the meeting agenda, and a packet of state oral health policy descriptions. The report describes the need for low-cost solutions and discusses four proven strategies for preventing early childhood caries, including dental sealants, community water fluoridation, improvements in Medicaid, and increasing the number of oral health professionals.

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**THE COST OF DELAY: STATE DENTAL POLICIES FAIL ONE IN FIVE CHILDREN**

Pew Center on the States. 2010. *The Cost of Delay: State Dental Policies Fail One in Five Children*. Washington, DC: Pew Charitable Trusts.

This report presents an assessment of all 50 states and the District of Columbia, using an A to F scale, on whether and how well they are employing eight policy approaches to ensure oral health and access to care for children. The policies fall into four groups: cost-effective ways to help prevent problems from occurring (dental sealants and community water fluoridation); improvements in Medicaid that enable and motivate dentists to treat children from families with low incomes; innovative work force models that expand the number of qualified providers; and information (collecting data, gauging progress, and improving performance). Individual state fact sheets are also available.

**Contact:** Pew Charitable Trusts, One Commerce Square, 2005 Market Street, Suite 1700, Philadelphia, PA 19103-7077. Telephone: (215) 575-9050; fax: (215) 575-4939; e-mail: [info@pewtrusts.org](mailto:info@pewtrusts.org); website: <http://www.pewtrusts.org>. Available at <http://www.pewcenteronthestates.org/costofdelay>.

**DENTAL AND MENTAL HEALTH BENEFIT: IMPROVEMENTS IN CHIPRA**

Parisi L, Bruno R. 2010. *Dental and Mental Health Benefit: Improvements in CHIPRA*. Washington, DC: Families USA. 7 pp.

This brief describes provisions in the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009, explains what states must do to comply with the law, and discusses the options that states have to expand access to oral health and mental health care for children from families with low incomes. Topics include mandatory and optional dental benefits, optional wrap-around coverage, quality and access to oral health care, and mental health parity. Action steps for states are included.

**Contact:** Families USA, 1201 New York Avenue, N.W., Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20005-6100. Telephone: (202) 628-3030; fax: (202) 347-2417; e-mail: [info@familiesusa.org](mailto:info@familiesusa.org); website: <http://www.familiesusa.org>. Available at <http://www.familiesusa.org/assets/pdfs/chipra/Mental-and-Dental-Benefits.pdf>.

**DENTAL COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN UNDER PENNSYLVANIA MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

Costlow MR, Lave JR. 2010. *Dental Coverage for Children Under Pennsylvania Medical Assistance*. Pittsburgh, PA: Pennsylvania Medicaid Policy Center. 16 pp.

This report describes dental coverage for children enrolled in Medicaid in Pennsylvania, including eligibility requirements, services, delivery of care, expenditures, and access to and quality of services. It also discusses state initiatives to increase the number of Medical Assistance providers who deliver oral health services.

**Contact:** Pennsylvania Medicaid Policy Center, University of Pittsburgh, 130 DeSoto Street, A616, Pittsburgh, PA 15260. Telephone: (412) 624-3104; e-mail: [pmpec@pitt.edu](mailto:pmpec@pitt.edu); website: <http://www.PAMedicaid.pitt.edu>. Available at [http://www.pamedicaid.pitt.edu/documents/Dental\\_rp\\_10\\_8\\_.pdf](http://www.pamedicaid.pitt.edu/documents/Dental_rp_10_8_.pdf).

**DISPARITIES IN CHILDREN’S HEALTH AND HEALTH COVERAGE**

Children’s Defense Fund, Healthy Child Campaign. 2009. *Disparities in Children’s Health and Health Coverage*. Washington, DC: Children’s Defense Fund. 2 pp.

This fact sheet discusses disparities in health and health insurance coverage for infants, children, and adolescents in minority groups compared with their counterparts. Information is presented in the following areas: prenatal care, low birthweight, and infant mortality; oral health; asthma; lead poisoning; and childhood obesity.

**Contact:** Children’s Defense Fund, 25 E Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20001. Telephone: (202) 628-8787, (800) 233-1200; e-mail: [cdinfo@childrensdefense.org](mailto:cdinfo@childrensdefense.org); website: <http://www.childrensdefense.org/site/PageServer>. Available at <http://www.childrensdefense.org/child-research-data-publications/data/childrens-health-disparities-factsheet.pdf>.

**HOW PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS CAN IMPROVE ORAL HEALTH**

New Jersey Smiles. 2010. *How Primary Care Providers Can Improve Oral Health*. Hamilton, NJ: Center for Health Care Strategies. 2 pp.

This fact sheet discusses what dental caries is, the epidemic levels of caries in children nationwide and in New Jersey, guidance that primary care health professionals can give to parents and other caregivers, and further actions primary care health professionals can take. A chart provides recommendations for primary care health professional action and for oral health services for children from birth to age 11 months, ages 12 to 36 months, and ages 3 to 5.

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**IMPROVING ACCESS TO PERINATAL ORAL HEALTH CARE: STRATEGIES AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR HEALTH PLANS**

Buerlein J, Peabody H, Santoro K. 2010. *Improving Access to Perinatal Oral Health Care: Strategies and Considerations for Health Plans*. Washington, DC: National Institute for Health Care Management Foundation and Children’s Dental Health Project. 15 pp.

This issue brief explores how oral health practices and utilization of oral health care among pregnant women may affect a woman’s overall health, her birth outcomes, and the oral health of her children. Guidelines and statements are reviewed, and barriers that limit utilization of perinatal oral health care are explained. The brief describes opportunities for health plans to remove barriers to ensure that all pregnant women have access to oral health care during pregnancy. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**OPPORTUNITIES FOR PREVENTING CHILDHOOD DENTAL CARIES THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF HEALTH CARE REFORM**

VanLandeghem K. 2010. *Opportunities for Preventing Childhood Dental Caries Through Implementation of Health Care Reform (TrendNotes, August 2010)*. Washington, DC: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Policy Center. 11 pp.

This issue of *TrendNotes* discusses the significance of health care reform to children’s oral health and provides an overview of the oral health provisions contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). Topics include access, coverage, and financing; prevention; work force and training; infrastructure, monitoring, and quality; and other PPACA provisions that can improve the oral health system. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**ORAL HEALTH CHECKUP: PROGRESS IN TOUGH FISCAL TIMES?**

Shirk C. 2010. *Oral Health Checkup: Progress in Tough Fiscal Times?* Washington, DC: National Health Policy Forum. 18 pp.

This issue brief reviews sources of dental coverage for families with low incomes and challenges these programs face. The brief discusses progress among state Medicaid initiatives in improving children's access to and use of oral health services. The brief also examines the potential effects of economic conditions on coverage for families with low incomes.

**Contact:** National Health Policy Forum, George Washington University, 2131 K Street, N.W., Suite 500, Washington, DC 20037. Telephone: (202) 872-1390; fax: (202) 862-9837; e-mail: [nhpf@gwu.edu](mailto:nhpf@gwu.edu); website: <http://www.nhpf.org>. Available at [http://www.nhpf.org/library/issue-briefs/IB836\\_OralHealthCheckup\\_03-29-2010.pdf](http://www.nhpf.org/library/issue-briefs/IB836_OralHealthCheckup_03-29-2010.pdf).

**ORAL HEALTH PLAN FOR MASSACHUSETTS 2010–2015**

Better Oral Health for Massachusetts Coalition. 2010. *Oral Health Plan for Massachusetts 2010–2015*. Boston, MA: Better Oral Health for Massachusetts Coalition. 21 pp.

This paper presents a plan to improve oral health for all Massachusetts residents by enhancing assessment and surveillance of oral health needs and programs. It also advocates for policies that improve oral health; expanding prevention efforts to improve oral health, especially among the state's most vulnerable residents; and strengthening the oral health work force and making services more accessible to underserved residents and communities.

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**ORAL HISTORIES: REPORT FROM A DENTAL FAIR FOR UNINSURED ADULTS**

Perry M, Lewis M, Paradise J. 2009. *Oral Histories: Report from a Dental Fair for Uninsured Adults*. Washington, DC: Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured. 9 pp.

This report profiles patients who attended an oral health fair in rural Virginia to highlight the impact that lack of coverage for oral health services has on adults. It discusses how adults without insurance have vast oral health care needs; how untreated oral health problems can have serious health, employment, and social consequences; and the relationship between inadequate benefits and unmet health care needs.

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**PEDIATRIC ORAL HEALTH ACTION PLAN FOR NEW JERSEY'S CHILDREN AGES 0–6**

New Jersey Oral Health Coalition, Pediatric Oral Health Committee. 2009. *Pediatric Oral Health Action Plan for New Jersey's Children Ages 0–6*. Hamilton, NJ: Center for Health Care Strategies. 8 pp.

This document describes an action plan for improving the oral health of New Jersey's infants and young children (from birth through age 6) with emphasis on those who are minorities or from families with low incomes. Topics include a review of the status of oral health in infants and young children and a summary of the pediatric oral health forum, held in May 2007, and its goals and recommendations. Action plan contents include addressing challenges and recommendations in (1) access to care, (2) education, (3) preventive services, (4) state leadership and advocacy, and (5) administrative structures to monitor the quality of services.

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**THE POLICY TOOL GUIDEBOOK: STEPS FOR CREATING A SUCCESSFUL ORAL HEALTH POLICY TOOL SESSION**

Frosh M. 2009. *The Policy Tool Guidebook: Steps for Creating a Successful Oral Health Policy Tool Session*. Washington, DC: Children’s Dental Health Project; Atlanta, GA: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Oral Health. 43 pp.

This two-part policy tool is designed to support a facilitated process for state oral health stakeholders to collectively make decisions about priorities based on suggested criteria. It also provides a planning checklist to move forward strategically. Part one assists state oral health programs in assessing opportunities for socio-political, policy, and systems change. It considers scientific data collection, professional judgment, community input, and feasibility in needs assessment and policy development to improve oral health resources and services. Part two focuses on developing policy actions or systems-development plans to take advantage of or create new opportunities to advance the public’s oral health. The guidebook contains a series of templates that can be reproduced and adapted to meet specific project needs.

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**PUTTING THE MOUTH BACK IN THE BODY: IMPROVING ORAL HEALTH ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH**

Flieger SP, Doonan MT. 2009. *Putting the Mouth Back in the Body: Improving Oral Health Across the Commonwealth*. Waltham, MA: Massachusetts Health Policy Forum. 46 pp.

This paper describes the oral health status of Massachusetts residents as well as future policy directions to improve oral health in the state. Topics include addressing improvements to the MassHealth oral health program, innovative fluoride and dental sealant programs for children, the oral health needs of vulnerable seniors, opportunities for integration and capacity enhancements in the work force, and policy advancements at the state and national levels.

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**THE REDESIGN OF PRIMARY CARE AND IMPLICATIONS FOR TRAINING: 8TH ANNUAL REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND TO THE U.S. CONGRESS**

Advisory Committee on Training in Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry. 2010. *The Redesign of Primary Care and Implications for Training: 8th Annual Report to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and to the U.S. Congress*. Rockville, MD: Bureau of Health Professions, Division of Medicine and Dentistry. 36 pp.

This annual report to the secretary describes activities of the Advisory Committee on Training in Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry, including findings and recommendations made by the advisory committee concerning the activities under Title VII, section 747. Recommendations are presented in two groups: (1) those designed to bring about direct improvement in Title VII, section 747, programs and (2) those addressing federal policies necessary to support primary care as the backbone of the health care system. Topics include the crisis in primary care, Title VII and related health care work force programs, problems, opportunities for improvement, and the benefits of adopting the recommendations.

**Contact:** Bureau of Health Professions, 5600 Fishers Lane, Parklawn Building, Room 8-05, Rockville, MD 20857. Telephone: (301) 443-5794; fax: (301) 443-2111; website: <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov>. Available at [http://www.im.org/PolicyAndAdvocacy/PolicyIssues/Workforce/Documents/8thReportFinal1-15-2010%20\\_2.pdf](http://www.im.org/PolicyAndAdvocacy/PolicyIssues/Workforce/Documents/8thReportFinal1-15-2010%20_2.pdf).

**REIMBURSING MEDICAL PROVIDERS FOR PREVENTIVE ORAL HEALTH SERVICES: STATE POLICY OPTIONS**

Hanlon C. 2010. *Reimbursing Medical Providers for Preventive Oral Health Services: State Policy Options*. Portland, ME: National Academy for State Health Policy; Washington, DC: Pew Center on the States. 27 pp.

This report is intended to help states that are considering adopting policies to increase children's access to preventive oral health services by reimbursing primary care health professionals for services such as fluoride varnish application, oral examination or screening, oral health risk assessment, and/or caregiver education. Contents include policy design and implementation considerations and lessons learned from interviews in states (Iowa, Minnesota, North Carolina, Utah, and Washington). Topics include service components and reimbursement, training, legislation and regulation, evaluation, and stakeholder collaboration.

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**SPECIAL CARE ORAL HEALTH SERVICES: A NORTH CAROLINA COMMITMENT—SESSION LAW 2009-100**

Special Care Dentistry Advisory Group. 2010. *Special Care Oral Health Services: A North Carolina Commitment—Session Law 2009-100*. Raleigh, NC: North Carolina Division of Public Health, Oral Health Section. 26 pp.

This report examines oral health care options for populations in North Carolina requiring special care dentistry and suggests ways to improve these services. Topics include consumer, provider and payer, and system issues. Recommendations are provided in the areas of advocacy, professional development, reimbursement, clinical program expansion, and health services research.

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**SPECIAL ISSUE: IMPROVING ORAL HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SYSTEMS THROUGH WORKFORCE INNOVATIONS**

Weyent R, Mertz B, eds. 2010. Special issue: Improving oral health care delivery systems through workforce innovations. *Journal of Public Health Dentistry* 70(Suppl. 1):1-65.

This special issue examines the oral health care delivery system's performance in meeting the needs of specific populations and explores the role of the work force in improving care delivery. Topics include stimulating and evaluating innovation and change in the oral health care delivery system, deficits in the current system, and arguments and proposals for improvements. The issue also addresses oral health disparities, services to dependent people in institutional settings, and services in rural America.

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**THE STATUS OF ORAL DISEASE IN MASSACHUSETTS: A GREAT UNMET NEED 2009**

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Office of Oral Health. 2009. *The Status of Oral Disease in Massachusetts: A Great Unmet Need 2009*. Boston, MA: Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Office of Oral Health. 96 pp.

This report for decision-makers and oral health stakeholders summarizes information on the burden of oral disease in Massachusetts. The report addresses the burden of oral disease throughout the lifespan and, specifically, within certain populations. Additional topics include state and national objectives, prevention, and work force and capacity.

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**STRATEGIES FOR SUSTAINING AND ENHANCING PREVENTION OF CHILDHOOD TOOTH DECAY DURING CHALLENGING TIMES**

VanLandeghem K, Edelstein B. 2010. *Strategies for Sustaining and Enhancing Prevention of Childhood Tooth Decay During Challenging Times* (*TrendNotes*, April 2010). Washington, DC: National Oral Health Policy Center. 13 pp.

This issue of *TrendNotes* focuses on childhood dental caries and maintaining programs in the face of budget cuts to school health programs. It discusses trends; policy solutions; state budget cuts threatening advancement in prevention; sustaining core elements of comprehensive systems of care and caries prevention through systems reforms, policymaking, and programming integration; strengthening access to oral health care services; creating new sources of revenue; and improving oral health surveillance and reporting. An additional section discusses opportunities for reforming several federal programs.

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**USE OF EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS FOR CONDITIONS RELATED TO POOR ORAL HEALTH CARE: FINAL REPORT**

Shortridge EF, Moore JR. 2010. *Use of Emergency Departments for Conditions Related to Poor Oral Health Care: Final Report*. Bethesda, MD: NORC Walsh Center for Rural Health Analysis. 41 pp.

This analysis examines patterns of oral-health-care seeking in emergency departments (EDs). The authors look at ED claims data in seven states—Arizona, Florida, Iowa, Maryland, Utah, Vermont, and Wisconsin—to understand between- and within-state differences in ED use. Topics include state differences in the types of oral conditions that lead individuals to seek care in EDs, differences in rural vs. urban areas, and differences in patterns of oral-health-care seeking in EDs associated with state Medicaid policy.

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e-mail: <http://www.norc.org/Contact+Us/>; website: <http://www.norc.org>. Available at <http://www.norc.org/NR/rdonlyres/DCBE76E8-3148-4085-9211-FB79AFD6BA51/0/OralHealthFinal2.pdf>.

**WEST VIRGINIA ORAL HEALTH PLAN, 2010–2015**

West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Public Health. 2010. *West Virginia Oral Health Plan, 2010–2015*. Charleston, WV: West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Public Health. 40 pp.

This report presents the burden of oral disease among children and adults (including pregnant women), both nationally and within West Virginia. Topics include capacity (financing and work force), community water fluoridation, smoking, the need for surveillance, and community forums and development of the state oral health plan. The mission, objectives, and strategies of the state oral health program are also outlined.

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**PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION, TOOLS, AND TRAINING**

**2009 ORAL HEALTH SURVEY PROTOCOL AND CONSENT FORM**

Iowa Department of Public Health, Oral Health Bureau. 2009. *2009 Oral Health Survey Protocol and Consent Form*. Des Moines, IA: Iowa Department of Public Health, Oral Health Bureau. 2 items.

This protocol was developed for use by health professionals in conducting school-based oral health screenings in Iowa. The protocol addresses the consent form; the parent referral letter; infection control, lighting, retraction, and visualization; visibility; instrumentation; and screening for cavitated lesions, filled teeth, and dental sealants. A parental consent form is included; it may be used to obtain permission to perform an oral health screening, a height and weight screening, or both. The form includes questions about the child’s dental home,

dental visits, insurance, and eligibility for the National School Lunch Program. [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**

American Association for Community Dental Programs. 2010. *The Bellwether: Leading Local Efforts to Improve the Nation's Oral Health*. Washington, DC: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center. Biannual.

This newsletter is a periodic publication of the American Association for Community Dental Programs (AACDP) to communicate information to the membership. Topics in the July 2010 issue include the AACDP annual symposium, the Myron Allukian Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award for Outstanding Achievements in Community Dental Programs, a member spotlight, oral health aspects of the health care reform legislation (Public Law 111-148), and the 2010–2011 AACDP officers and executive committee members. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**DENTAL SEALANTS: A RESOURCE GUIDE (3RD ED.)**

Bertness J, Holt K, eds. 2010. *Dental Sealants: A Resource Guide* (3rd ed.). Washington, DC: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center. 32 pp.

This resource guide provides information for health professionals, program administrators, educators, policymakers, and others about the use and application of dental sealants. The guide is divided into three sections. The first section lists journal articles appearing

in the peer-reviewed literature from December 2007 to March 2010. The second section describes materials published from 2006 to 2010, including brochures, fact sheets, guides, kits, manuals, protocols, and reports. The third section lists federal agencies, resource centers, and national professional associations that may serve as resources. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**AN ELECTRONIC COMPENDIUM OF RESOURCES FOR BUILDING ORAL HEALTH COALITIONS**

DentaQuest Foundation. 2010. *An Electronic Compendium of Resources for Building Oral Health Coalitions*. Westborough, MA: DentaQuest. 50 pp.

This compendium is intended to serve professionals in building community-based coalitions dedicated to improving oral health. The compendium organizes the literature into three broad categories: (1) the role of community-based coalitions in health promotion, (2) how to build a successful coalition, and (3) case studies of successful coalitions. Topics include assessing needs and resources, best practice guidelines, establishing collaborations, communications and conflict, management and leadership, media outreach, planning and implementation, and policy development and research. The citations in the compendium link to free, full-text publications crossing the fields of communication, management practice, oral health, prevention, psychology, public health education, and public policy.

**Contact:** DentaQuest, 2400 Computer Drive, Westborough, MA 01581. Telephone: (508) 329-2280, (508) 329-2250 (oral health center); e-mail: [info@catalystinstitute.org](mailto:info@catalystinstitute.org); website: <http://www.dentaquestinstitute.org>. Available at <http://www.dentaquestfoundation.org/compendium>.

**ELECTRONIC PREVENTIVE SERVICES SELECTOR (EPSS)**

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. 2010. *Electronic Preventive Services Selector (ePPS)*. Rockville, MD: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

This electronic application is designed to help primary care health professionals identify screening, counseling, and preventive medication services that are appropriate for their clients. The information is based on the current recommendations of the Preventive Services Task Force and can be searched by specific client characteristics such as age, sex, and selected behavioral risk factors. Content includes routine recommendations on routine dental caries risk assessment for preschool children. The application is available both as a web application and as a mobile application.

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**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROTOCOLS FOR STATE AND TERRITORIAL ORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS**

Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 2010. *Emergency Preparedness Protocols for State and Territorial Oral Health Programs*. Sparks, NV: Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 29 pp. plus 11 appendices.

This resource highlights the development and operation of oral health emergency preparedness and response at the state level. Topics include an overview of crisis preparedness and response planning in America; the need for population-based oral health to be integrated into the Emergency Response System; and the role of oral health programs in pre-event mitigation and preparedness, response, and recovery planning. Worksheets and other tools for developing an emergency preparedness plan are provided as appendices.

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**FLUORIDE MOUTHRINSE PROGRAM MANUAL**

Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Oral Health Services. 2010. *Fluoride Mouthrinse Program Manual*. Columbus, OH: Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Oral Health Services. 16 pp.

This manual provides program guidelines, procedures, and forms for Fluoride Mouthrinse Program coordinators, teachers, school administrators, and parents. Topics include obtaining parental consent for participating students, mixing the mouthrinse, methods of implementation, options for student involvement, and tips for teachers during the rinse process.

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**FLUORIDE VARNISH AND ORAL HEALTH SCREENING TRAINING PROGRAM MANUAL FOR EARLY AND PERIODIC SCREENING, DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT (EPSDT) MEDICAL PROVIDERS IN MARYLAND: PROCEDURES, POLICIES, AND PROTOCOLS**

Maryland's Mouths Matter Fluoride Varnish and Oral Health Screening Program for Kids. 2009. *Fluoride Varnish and Oral Health Screening Training Program Manual for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Medical Providers in Maryland: Procedures, Policies, and Protocols*. Baltimore, MD: Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Office of Oral Health.

This manual outlines aspects of Maryland's fluoride varnish program. Topics include the target population for fluoride varnish and the protocol and procedures for the application of fluoride varnish. Information on billing, provider training, and the fluoride varnish registry is included. The appendix contains sample forms for assessment, referral, and consent; Maryland's preventive health care periodicity schedule; fluoride varnish ordering information and an application checklist; and a sample EPSDT medical provider standing order. Additional information for program participants is available from the program's website, including training presentation slides, a brochure for parents and caregivers, a brochure for EPSDT medical providers, a printed materials order form, and other resources.



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**A GUIDE TO IMPROVING CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH CARE: TOOLS FOR THE HEAD START COMMUNITY**

Neese-Todd S, Stanley B, Marino L. 2010. *A Guide to Improving Children's Oral Health Care: Tools for the Head Start Community*. Hamilton, NJ: Center for Health Care Strategies. 40 pp.

This toolkit is designed to help Early Head Start and Head Start program staff work with New Jersey Family Care/Medicaid, health maintenance organizations, and community oral health professionals to ensure continuous and comprehensive oral health care for children from families with low incomes. Contents include an overview of oral health in children, establishing dental homes for children, strategies for engaging families in care, and activities for the classroom.

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**THE HEAD START ORIENTATION GUIDE FOR HEALTH COORDINATORS**

Head Start Resource Center. 2009. *The Head Start Orientation Guide for Health Coordinators*. Washington, DC: Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center. 105 pp.

This guide supports health coordinators and health service teams with direction and guidance in their work to provide health services in Head Start. The guide provides an overview of the roles and responsibilities of the health coordinator and the health services advisory committee and the health-related responsibilities of family service workers and other Head Start staff. This guide is a compilation of existing training and technical assistance resources, policy clarifications, and suggested

program practices. Contents include an overview of health services in Head Start, getting health services started, continuing health service delivery, addressing individual child health needs and keeping children healthy, and systems that support health services.

**Contact:** Office of Head Start, Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center. Telephone: (866) 763-6481; e-mail: [askus@headstartinfo.org](mailto:askus@headstartinfo.org); website: <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc>. Available at <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/ecdh/Health/Health%20Manager%20Resources/Health%20Manager%20Resources%20Program%20Staff/TheHeadStartOr.htm>.

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**HEALTH CARE INNOVATIONS EXCHANGE**

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. 2010. *Health Care Innovations Exchange*. Rockville, MD: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

This website serves as a central repository of ideas and tools for assessing, measuring, promoting, and improving the quality of health care; a standardized description of innovations and quality tools; and opportunities for learning and networking. The site's content may be browsed by single or multiple subjects including client population, stage of care, setting of care, client care process, Institute of Medicine domains of quality, organizational purpose, and disease or clinical category. Resources to inform and guide efforts, instructions for submitting an innovation, and information about funding opportunities are also provided.

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**HEALTH GAMES RESEARCH DATABASE**

Health Games Research. 2010. *Health Games Research Database*. Santa Barbara, CA: University of California, Santa Barbara.

This database provides information and resources from a national research program designed to advance the quality and effectiveness of digital games intended to improve health. Content includes descriptions of organizations, games designed to teach children about

oral health care, and a training simulation on decision-making, diagnosis, and treatment protocols.

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**THE HEALTH & OBESITY: PREVENTION & EDUCATION PROJECT**

The HOPE Project. 2010. *The Health & Obesity: Prevention & Education Project*. La Jolla, CA: The HOPE Project. 2 items.

This brochure describes a curriculum designed to educate clinicians and clinicians in training about how to recognize children at risk for obesity and its co-morbidities and how to promote healthy weight among children and families. The brochure provides an overview of the HOPE (Health and Obesity: Prevention and Education) Project and describes the curriculum format, topics, and objectives; educational targets; and sample resources. Continuing education, maintenance of board certification, and professional society support are also addressed.

**Contact:** HOPE Project, 9500 Gilman Drive, MC 8450, La Jolla, CA 92093. Telephone: (858) 534-9454; fax: (858) 534-9404; e-mail: [hopeproject@ucsd.edu](mailto:hopeproject@ucsd.edu), [jshuang@ucsd.edu](mailto:jshuang@ucsd.edu). Available at <http://www.naspghan.org/user-assets/Documents/pdf/fellows/HOPE%20Project%20Publicity%20Brochure.pdf> (brochure) and <http://www.naspghan.org/user-assets/Documents/pdf/fellows/How%20to%20Join%20the%20HOPE%20Project.pdf> (how to join).

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**HOW TO APPLY FLUORIDE VARNISH ONLINE COURSE**

Indian Health Service, Division of Oral Health. 2009. *How to Apply Fluoride Varnish Online Course*. Rockville, MD: Indian Health Service, Division of Oral Health.

This presentation provides an overview of early childhood caries (ECC) and describes its impact on American Indian and Alaska Native children. Topics include how to conduct an oral health risk assessment, apply fluoride varnish, and present oral health messages to families to prevent ECC.

**Contact:** Indian Health Service, Division of Oral Health, 801 Thompson Avenue, Suite 300, Rockville, MD 20852. Telephone: (301) 443-1106, (800) IHS-DENT (447-3368); fax: (301) 594-6610; e-mail: [dentaljobs@ihs.gov](mailto:dentaljobs@ihs.gov); website: <http://www.ihs.gov/MedicalPrograms/Dental/index.cfm>. Available at <http://www.doh.ihs.gov/documents/ecc/fluoride>.

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**INCREASING ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE THROUGH PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS: CONTRACTING BETWEEN PRIVATE DENTISTS AND FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS—AN FQHC HANDBOOK**

Children’s Dental Health Project. 2010. *Increasing Access to Dental Care Through Public Private Partnerships: Contracting Between Private Dentists and Federally Qualified Health Centers—An FQHC Handbook*. Washington, DC: Children’s Dental Health Project. 26 pp.

This handbook explains the contracting opportunities available to dentists and federally qualified health center (FQHC) administrators as well as the process for engaging these opportunities. It provides a step-by-step decision chart for establishing and implementing contractual arrangements that meet federal rules and policy. Topics include sources of funding for oral health care; service locations and policies and procedures; payment mechanisms and scope of contracted services; billing patients, Medicaid, and other third parties; risks; accountability; roles for federal and state agencies; alternative arrangements; and technical assistance. A model contract, a decision flow chart, and a model oral health services agreement are also included.

**Contact:** Children’s Dental Health Project, 1020 19th Street, N.W., Suite 400, Washington, DC 20036. Telephone: (202) 833-8288; fax: (202) 331-1432; e-mail: [cdhpinfo@cdhp.org](mailto:cdhpinfo@cdhp.org); website: <http://www.cdhp.org>. Available at [http://www.cdhp.org/system/files/FQHC\\_Handbook%204-2010.pdf](http://www.cdhp.org/system/files/FQHC_Handbook%204-2010.pdf).

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**INTEGRATING ORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS INTO SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAMS AND POLICIES**

California School Boards Association and Dental Health Foundation. 2010. *Integrating Oral Health Programs into School Health Programs and Policies*. West Sacramento, CA: California School Boards Association; Oakland, CA: Dental Health Foundation. 208 pp.

This guidebook is designed to help school board members and administrators create a school-based oral health infrastructure. Topics include the importance of oral health, what school districts, county education offices, and boards of education can do to improve oral health among students, and the policy-development process. The guidebook also includes sample school board policies and case studies of school oral health programs in California.

**Contact:** Center for Oral Health, 520 Third Street, Suite 108, Oakland, CA 94607. Telephone: (510) 663-3727; fax: (510) 663-3733; website: <http://www.centerfororalhealth.org>. Available at [http://www.dentalhealthfoundation.org/images/lib\\_PDF/Integrating\\_Oral\\_Health\\_into\\_School\\_Health\\_Programs\\_and\\_Policies\\_3-31-10.pdf](http://www.dentalhealthfoundation.org/images/lib_PDF/Integrating_Oral_Health_into_School_Health_Programs_and_Policies_3-31-10.pdf).

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**MO HEALTHY SMILES: THE MISSOURI ORAL HEALTH PREVENTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM**

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Oral Health Program. 2010. *MO Healthy Smiles: The Missouri Oral Health Preventive Services Program*. Jefferson City, MO: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Oral Health Program.

This website provides training and other resources for health professionals and community volunteers on providing oral health preventive services for infants and children in Missouri. Content includes a program summary and information about becoming a volunteer and finding an oral health consultant. Additional resources include screener training for dentists and dental hygienists and training for health professionals on implementing an oral health component and applying topical fluoride varnish.

**Contact:** Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Oral Health Program, P.O. Box 570, Jefferson City, MO 65102. Telephone: (573) 751-6219, (800) 891-7415 (toll free); fax: (573) 522-8146; e-mail: [info@dhss.mo.gov](mailto:info@dhss.mo.gov); website: <http://dhss.mo.gov/living/families/oralhealth>. Available at <http://www.mohealthysmiles.com>.

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**MOBILE DENTAL FACILITIES INFORMATION KIT**

Dental Health Foundation and California Dental Association. 2010. *Mobile Dental Facilities Information Kit*. Sacramento, CA: California Dental Association. 4 items.

This resource is intended to assist schools and school districts in deciding whether and under what conditions to contract with mobile/portable oral health care providers. Contents include an overview of issues to consider, guidelines, and a sample memorandum of understanding.

**Contact:** California Dental Association, 1201 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Telephone: (800) 232-7645; e-mail: [contactcda@cda.org](mailto:contactcda@cda.org); website: <http://www.cda.org>. Available at [http://www.cda.org/patient\\_&\\_community\\_resources/community\\_oral\\_health](http://www.cda.org/patient_&_community_resources/community_oral_health).

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**ORAL HEALTH AMERICA: SMILES ACROSS AMERICA PRODUCT DONATION PROJECT**

Oral Health America. 2010. *Oral Health America: Smiles Across America Product Donation Project*. Chicago, IL: Oral Health America. 6 pp.

This kit contains materials for use by community or school oral health programs in applying for product donations. Contents include eligibility requirements; a partnership agreement; a form for programs to request dental sealant and fluoride varnish products as well as toothpaste, toothbrushes, pumice preppies, dental floss, and other products; and a report form to describe program results.

**Contact:** Oral Health America, 410 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 352, Chicago, IL 60611. Telephone: (312) 836-9900; fax: (312) 836-9986; e-mail: [info@oralhealthamerica.org](mailto:info@oralhealthamerica.org); website: <http://www.oralhealthamerica.org/wp-content/uploads/Product-Donation-Form-2011.pdf>.

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**ORAL HEALTH DURING PREGNANCY AND EARLY CHILDHOOD: EVIDENCE-BASED GUIDELINES FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND POLICY BRIEF**

California Dental Association Foundation. 2010. *Oral Health During Pregnancy and Early Childhood: Evidence-Based Guidelines for Health Professionals and Policy Brief*. Sacramento, CA: California Dental Association Foundation. 75 pp.

These guidelines are designed to help health professionals deliver oral health services to pregnant women and young children. Topics include the importance of oral health; maternal physiological considerations related to oral health; pregnancy, oral conditions, and oral health

care; oral health and early childhood; access to care; and systems improvement and public policy changes. Sample forms and websites for parents are included as appendices. A policy brief is also available.

**Contact:** California Dental Association Foundation, 1201 K Street, Suite 1511, Sacramento, CA 95814. Telephone: (800) 232-7645, ext. 4916; e-mail: [foundationinfo@cda.org](mailto:foundationinfo@cda.org); website: <http://www.cdafoundation.org>. Available at [http://www.cdafoundation.org/library/docs/poh\\_guide\\_lines.pdf](http://www.cdafoundation.org/library/docs/poh_guide_lines.pdf) (guidelines) and [http://www.cdafoundation.org/library/docs/poh\\_policy\\_brief.pdf](http://www.cdafoundation.org/library/docs/poh_policy_brief.pdf) (policy brief).

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**ORAL HEALTH IN WEST VIRGINIA'S HEAD START & EARLY HEAD START CHILDREN**

Sharps G, Meckstroth-West R, Muto BJ, Gooch-Erbacher B, Cunningham K, Shulman E. 2009. *Oral Health in West Virginia's Head Start & Early Head Start Children*. Charleston, WV: West Virginia Partners for Oral Health. 24 pp.

This continuing education course discusses the role of health professionals in West Virginia in delivering oral health care education to parents and other caregivers in Head Start. It also explores the delivery of preventive care by dentists and dental hygienists to meet the oral health needs of young children in the Head Start program. Topics include the Head Start program and its commitment to the promotion of oral health, the pathophysiologic and risk factors of early childhood caries, the dental home concept, and anticipatory guidance messages for parents and other caregivers of children in Head Start.

**Contact:** Nancy Tolliver, Project Director. West Virginia Community Voices, 2207 East Washington Street, Charleston, WV 25311. E-mail: [tolliver2@verizon.net](mailto:tolliver2@verizon.net); website: <http://www.wvvoices.org>. Available at [http://www.oralhealthwv.org/downloads/Oral\\_Health\\_Repor060409.pdf](http://www.oralhealthwv.org/downloads/Oral_Health_Repor060409.pdf).

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**PREVENTING TOOTH DECAY AND SAVING TEETH WITH DENTAL SEALANTS (3RD ED.)**

Holt K, Barzel R. 2010. *Preventing Tooth Decay and Saving Teeth with Dental Sealants* (3rd ed.). Washington, DC: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center. 4 pp.

This fact sheet for professionals provides information on the use of dental sealants in preventing tooth decay and in arresting the progression of decay. Topics include access to care, disparities in care, public awareness, cost-effectiveness, and programs. [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: [OHCInfo@georgetown.edu](mailto:OHCInfo@georgetown.edu); website: <http://www.mchoralhealth.org>. Available at <http://www.mchoralhealth.org/order> (order print copy) or at <http://www.mchoralhealth.org/pdfs/OHDentSealantFactsheet.pdf>.

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**REVISITING AND UPDATING THE MULTICULTURAL PRINCIPLES FOR HEAD START PROGRAMS SERVING CHILDREN AGES BIRTH TO FIVE: ADDRESSING CULTURE AND HOME LANGUAGE IN HEAD START PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

Early Head Start National Resource Center. 2010. *Revisiting and Updating the Multicultural Principles for Head Start Programs Serving Children Ages Birth to Five: Addressing Culture and Home Language in Head Start Programs and Services*. Washington, DC: Early Head Start National Resource Center. 80 pp.

This document provides multicultural principles for Head Start programs and reviews research on multicultural principles. Contents are presented as 10 principles: individuals and culture, culturally relevant Head Start programming, learning about cultures of different groups and discarding stereotypes, cultural relevance and curriculum choices/adaptation, identity and functioning in society, English- and non-English-language learning, staff who reflect and are responsive to communities and families served, multicultural programming for children that respects differences, examining and challenging institutional and personal biases, and incorporating cultural and diverse programs in all systems and services.

**Contact:** Early Head Start National Resource Center, ZERO to THREE, 2000 M Street, N.W., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036. Telephone: (202) 638-1144; fax: (202) 638-0851; e-mail: [ehsnrcinfo@zerotothree.org](mailto:ehsnrcinfo@zerotothree.org); website: <http://www.ehsnrc.org>. Available at [http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/resources/ECLKC\\_Bookstore/PDFs/Revisiting%20Multicultural%20Principles%20for%20Head%20Start\\_English.pdf](http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/resources/ECLKC_Bookstore/PDFs/Revisiting%20Multicultural%20Principles%20for%20Head%20Start_English.pdf).

**SMILES FOR LIFE: A NATIONAL ORAL HEALTH CURRICULUM (3RD ED.)**

Douglass AB, Maier R, Deutchman M, Douglass JM, Gonsalves W, Silk H, Tysinger JW, Wrightson AS. 2010. *Smiles for Life: A National Oral Health Curriculum* (3rd ed.). Leawood, KS: Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, Group on Oral Health.

This curriculum comprises seven modules covering core areas of oral health. Topics include oral and systemic health, child oral health, adult oral health, acute oral health problems, oral health and pregnant women, fluoride varnish, and the oral examination. The modules may be completed online or downloaded and are suitable for individual or small-group education. Downloadable modules include presenter notes, companion videos, an implementation guide, educational objectives, test questions, and text resources. A module and materials to assist clinicians in applying fluoride varnish for reimbursement by state Medicaid programs is included. Pocket cards and personal-digital-assistant applications summarizing key point-of-care information on child oral health, adult oral health, and dental emergencies are available. Posters in English and Spanish may also be downloaded.

**Contact:** Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, 11400 Tomahawk Creek Parkway, Suite 540, Leawood, KS 66211. Telephone: (913) 906-6000, (800) 274-7928; fax: (913) 906-6096; e-mail: [stfmooffice@stfm.org](mailto:stfmooffice@stfm.org); website: <http://www.stfm.org>. Available at <http://www.smilesforlifeoralhealth.org>.

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**TEACHER ENRICHMENT INITIATIVES—CURRICULUM—ORAL HEALTH UNIT: WATCH YOUR MOUTH**

University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, School of Medicine. 2009. *Teacher Enrichment Initiatives—Curriculum—Oral Health Unit: Watch Your Mouth*. San Antonio, TX: University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, School of Medicine.

This resource provides professionals with educational materials for teaching students in kindergarten through 12th grade about oral health and the importance of oral health to overall health. Lessons include normal anatomy of the healthy mouth, nutrition and oral health, oral hygiene, mineralization, pathology, and tooth loss and replacement. Additional materials on the website include slides, presentations, and pre- and post-lesson tests with an answer key.

**Contact:** University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, 7703 Floyd Curl Drive, San Antonio, TX 78229. Telephone: (210) 567-7000; website: <http://www.uthscsa.edu>. Available at <http://teachhealthk-12.uthscsa.edu/curriculum/oralhealth/oralhealth.asp>.

**PUBLIC EDUCATION**

**ASK ME 3**

Partnership for Clear Health Communication. 2010. *Ask Me 3*. North Adams, MA: National Patient Safety Foundation, Partnership for Clear Health Communication.

This website describes an education program designed to promote communication between health professionals and consumers to improve health outcomes. Separate sections present information for health professionals, consumers, and the media. The section for health professionals addresses health literacy and its impact on individuals and the community. The consumer section encourages individuals to ask three questions at every health care interaction: (1) What is my main problem? (2) What do I need to do? and (3) Why is it important for me to do this? Press releases and links to external multimedia resources, such as webcasts and videos, are included. A brochure, *Ask Me 3: Good Questions for Your Good Health*, is also available for download in English, Spanish, French, Chinese, Russian, and Arabic.

**Contact:** National Patient Safety Foundation, Partnership for Clear Health Communication, 132 MASS MoCA Way, North Adams, MA 01247. Telephone: (413) 663-8900; fax: (413) 663-8905; e-mail: [info@npsf.org](mailto:info@npsf.org); website: <http://www.npsf.org/pchc/index.php>. Available at <http://www.npsf.org/askme3> and <http://www.npsf.org/askme3/pdfs.php> (brochures).

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**CAVITY KEEP AWAY**

California Dental Association Foundation. 2010. *Cavity Keep Away*. Sacramento, CA: California Dental Association Foundation. 2 items.

This brochure and poster contain messages about the importance and safety of oral health care during pregnancy and during the first year of life. The materials also explain how mothers can avoid passing to their infants bacteria that cause dental caries. Information is provided in both English and Spanish.

**Contact:** California Dental Association Foundation, 1201 K Street, Suite 1511, Sacramento, CA 95814. Telephone: (800) 232-7645, ext. 4916; e-mail: [foundationinfo@cda.org](mailto:foundationinfo@cda.org); website: <http://www.cdafoundation.org>. Available at [http://www.cdafoundation.org/learn/perinatal\\_oral\\_health/patient\\_education\\_material](http://www.cdafoundation.org/learn/perinatal_oral_health/patient_education_material).

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**DENTAL EXAM FOR CHILDREN**

Mayo Clinic. 2010. *Dental Exam for Children*. Rochester, MN: Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research.

This resource provides parents and other caregivers with information on oral examinations for infants, children, and adolescents. Topics include the importance of regular oral examinations, when to have the examinations, how to prepare for them, and what to expect both during and after an examination.

**Contact:** Mayo Clinic, 200 First Street, S.W., Rochester, MN 55905. Telephone: (507) 284-2511 (Rochester office), (480) 301-8000 (Arizona office), (904) 953-2000 (Florida office); fax: (507) 284-0161; website: <http://www.mayoclinic.com/health-information>. Available at <http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/dental-exam-for-children/MY01098/METHOD=print>.

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**DENTAL HEALTH AND EPILEPSY**

Epilepsy Foundation. 2009. *Dental Health and Epilepsy*. Landover, MD: Epilepsy Foundation. 7 pp.

This pamphlet provides information about maintaining oral health in people who take anti-epileptic medications. Topics include seeking medical attention for oral injuries such as those resulting from a fall during a seizure, drugs associated with oral health problems, and the role of routine oral hygiene and dental visits in preventing tooth decay. Tips for eating right and limiting snacks, brushing and flossing, using a disclosing agent, visiting the dentist regularly, and getting more information are included.

**Contact:** Epilepsy Foundation, 8301 Professional Place, Landover, MD 20785-7223. Telephone: (800) 332-1000, (866) 748-8008 (Spanish); fax: (301) 577-2684; e-mail: [info@efa.org](mailto:info@efa.org); website: <http://www.epilepsyfoundation.org>. Available at <http://epilepsyfoundation.org/about/upload/002DIL.pdf>.

**DENTAL SEALANTS**

Washington State Department of Health, MCH Oral Health Program. 2010. *Dental Sealants*. Olympia, WA: Washington State Department of Health, MCH Oral Health Program. 1 p.

This fact sheet for parents presents information about the importance of dental sealants in preventing tooth decay in children. The fact sheet defines dental sealants and provides information on how they are applied and how they work to prevent tooth decay. Information on the benefits of sealants and their safety and effectiveness is also provided.

**Contact:** Washington State Department of Health, Oral Health Program, P.O. Box 47835, Olympia, WA 98504-7835. Telephone: (360) 236-3524; fax: (360) 236-2323; e-mail: [oral.health@doh.wa.gov](mailto:oral.health@doh.wa.gov); website: <http://doh.wa.gov/cfh/oralhealth/default.htm>. Available at <http://doh.wa.gov/cfh/oralhealth/docs/sealants/fssealants.pdf>.

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**FINDING LOW-COST DENTAL CARE (REV.)**

National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research. 2010. *Finding Low-Cost Dental Care* (rev.). Bethesda, MD: National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research. 2 pp.

This fact sheet identifies various local, state, and federal sources of low-cost oral health care. Information on accessing treatment through clinical trials and dental schools is also provided.

**Contact:** National Oral Health Information Clearinghouse, One NOHIC Way, Bethesda, MD 20892-3500. Telephone: (301) 402-7364, (866) 232-4528 (toll free); fax: (301) 480-4098; e-mail: [nidcrinfo@mail.nih.gov](mailto:nidcrinfo@mail.nih.gov); website: <http://www.nidcr.nih.gov>. Available at no charge (limit 50 copies). Document code: OP-88. Also available at [http://www.nidcr.nih.gov/NR/rdonlyres/53F91091-23DB-47F3-8782-6572C33F9D42/0/LowCostDentalCare\\_EN.pdf](http://www.nidcr.nih.gov/NR/rdonlyres/53F91091-23DB-47F3-8782-6572C33F9D42/0/LowCostDentalCare_EN.pdf) and at <https://www.nidcr.nih.gov/OrderPublications/default.aspx> (order form).

**FLUORIDE VARNISH: PARENT INFORMATION**

North Dakota Department of Health, Oral Health Program. 2009. *Fluoride Varnish: Parent Information*. Bismarck, ND: North Dakota Department of Health, Oral Health Program. 1 p.

This fact sheet for parents provides information on what do after a child has received a fluoride varnish application. It instructs parents not to allow brushing, flossing, eating hard or chewy foods, or taking a fluoride supplement for the rest of the day on which the varnish was applied.

**Contact:** North Dakota Department of Health, Oral Health Program, 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Department 301, Bismarck, ND 58505-0200. Telephone: (800) 472-2286, (701) 328-2356; fax: (701) 328-1412; e-mail: [kyineman@nd.gov](mailto:kyineman@nd.gov); website: <http://www.ndhealth.gov/oralhealth>. Available at [http://www.ndhealth.gov/oralhealth/publications/Parent\\_Info\\_sheet.pdf](http://www.ndhealth.gov/oralhealth/publications/Parent_Info_sheet.pdf).

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: DENTAL SEALANTS**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Oral Health. 2009. *Frequently Asked Questions: Dental Sealants*. Atlanta, GA: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Oral Health.

This fact sheet for the public presents information on dental sealants. Topics include what sealants are, which teeth are suitable for sealants, how sealants are applied, whether they are visible, whether they make teeth feel different, how long they last, whether they replace fluoride for protection against cavities, how they fit in preventive dentistry programs, and why sealing a tooth is better than waiting for a cavity to form and then filling it. Links to additional resources on toothbrushing and school-based dental sealant programs are included.

**Contact:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Oral Health, 4770 Buford Highway, N.E., Mailstop F-10, Atlanta, GA 30341-3717. Telephone: (770) 488-6054; e-mail: [oralhealth@cdc.gov](mailto:oralhealth@cdc.gov); website: <http://www.cdc.gov/OralHealth>. Available at [http://www.cdc.gov/OralHealth/publications/factsheets/sealants\\_faq.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/OralHealth/publications/factsheets/sealants_faq.htm).

**MOUTH AND TEETH: HOW TO KEEP THEM HEALTHY**

American Academy of Family Physicians. 2010. *Mouth and Teeth: How to Keep Them Healthy*. Leawood, KS: American Academy of Family Physicians.

This web page provides information, including the importance of regular oral hygiene and dental visits, for good oral health. The web page is available in English and in Spanish.

**Contact:** American Academy of Family Physicians, P.O. Box 11210, Shawnee Mission, KS 66207-1210. Telephone: (913) 906-6000, (800) 274-2237; fax: (913) 906-6075; e-mail: [contactcenter@aafp.org](mailto:contactcenter@aafp.org); website: <http://www.aafp.org>. Available at <http://familydoctor.org/online/famdocen/home/healthy/prevention/100.html> (English) and <http://familydoctor.org/online/famdoces/home/healthy/prevention/100.html> (Spanish).

**ORAL HEALTH FOR HEAD START FAMILIES**

Massachusetts Head Start Association. 2010. *Oral Health for Head Start Families*. Massachusetts Head Start Association. 38 pp.

This guide for families provides information on establishing good oral health habits at an early age and maintaining them throughout life. Topics include primary teeth and tooth decay, checking for white spots, infection, oral hygiene during pregnancy and infancy, toothbrushing and toothbrush care, bottles and cups, snacking, medicine, and the first dental visit. The guide is available in English, Arabic, Chinese (traditional), Haitian Creole, Khmer, Portuguese, Portuguese Cape Verde, Russian, Somali, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

**Contact:** Massachusetts Head Start Association. Telephone: (781) 449-1856; fax: (781) 449-4805; e-mail: [info@massheadstart.org](mailto:info@massheadstart.org); website: <http://www.massheadstart.org>. Available at <http://massheadstart.org/oral-health-guide.php>.

**PARENT RESOURCE CENTER**

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. 2010. *Parent Resource Center*. Chicago, IL: American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.

This section of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry’s website provides information and education resources for parents and other caregivers of infants,

children, and adolescents. Content includes links to pediatric dentists, questions frequently asked by parents, information about procedures and terminology used in pediatric dentistry, clinical policies and guidelines, tips to help families create a dental home, and information on oral health issues that specifically affect children and adolescents with special health care needs. Some resources are provided in both English and Spanish.

**Contact:** American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Suite 1700, Chicago, IL 60611-2663. Telephone: (312) 337-2169, (800) 544-2174; fax: (312) 337-6329; website: <http://www.aapd.org>. Available at <http://www.aapd.org/parents>.

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**PROTECTING ORAL HEALTH THROUGHOUT YOUR LIFE**

American Academy of Periodontology. 2010. *Protecting Oral Health Throughout Your Life*. Chicago, IL: American Academy of Periodontology.

This fact sheet describes oral health issues unique to women throughout their lifespans. The brochure discusses periodontal disease, gingivitis, and the effect of hormonal changes on oral health during puberty, menstruation, pregnancy, and menopause, and when using oral contraceptives.

**Contact:** American Academy of Periodontology, 737 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60611-6660. Telephone: (312) 787-5518; fax: (312) 787-3670; e-mail: <http://www.perio.org/contact-aap.htm>; website: <http://www.perio.org>. Available at <http://www.perio.org/consumer/women.htm>.

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**PUT A SEAL ON DENTAL DECAY: A PARENT'S GUIDE ABOUT SEALANTS (REV.)**

Pennsylvania Department of Health. 2009. *Put a Seal on Dental Decay: A Parent's Guide About Sealants* (rev.). Harrisburg, PA: Pennsylvania Department of Health. 2 pp.

This brochure provides information for parents about dental sealants and how they can be used to help prevent tooth decay in primary and permanent teeth. The brochure describes what sealants are, who needs them, their role in oral hygiene, and how they are applied.

**Contact:** Pennsylvania Department of Health, Health and Welfare Building, 625 Forster Street, Eighth Floor West, Harrisburg, PA 17120. Telephone: (877)

724-3258; website: [http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/department\\_of\\_health\\_home/17457](http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/department_of_health_home/17457). Available at <http://www.dsf.health.state.pa.us/health/lib/health/PutASealOnDentalDecay20090325.pdf>.

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**SCHOOL BASED DENTAL SEALANT PROGRAMS**

Washington State Department of Health, MCH Oral Health Program. 2010. *School Based Dental Sealant Programs*. Olympia, WA: Washington State Department of Health, MCH Oral Health Program. 1 p.

This fact sheet provides statistics on tooth decay in children and how it impacts health and school attendance and performance, as well as the role of school-based dental sealant programs in preventing tooth decay. Information about dental sealants is also provided, including how they are applied, their benefits, how safe they are, and how effective they are.

**Contact:** Washington State Department of Health, Oral Health Program, P.O. Box 47835, Olympia, WA 98504-7835. Telephone: (360) 236-3524; fax: (360) 236-2323; e-mail: [oral.health@doh.wa.gov](mailto:oral.health@doh.wa.gov); website: <http://doh.wa.gov/cfh/oralhealth/default.htm>. Available at [http://www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/topics/dental\\_sealant\\_programs.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/topics/dental_sealant_programs.htm).

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**SCHOOL-BASED DENTAL SEALANT PROGRAMS**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Oral Health. 2010. *School-Based Dental Sealant Programs*. Atlanta, GA: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Oral Health.

This fact sheet for the public presents information on school-based dental sealant programs. Topics include what dental sealants are, what school-based dental sealant programs are, evidence showing that the programs work, and recommendations for such programs. Links to resources such as national reports, fact sheets, best practices, and research are included.

**Contact:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Oral Health, 4770 Buford Highway, N.E., Mailstop F-10, Atlanta, GA 30341-3717. Telephone: (770) 488-6054; e-mail: [oralhealth@cdc.gov](mailto:oralhealth@cdc.gov); website: <http://www.cdc.gov/OralHealth>. Available at [http://www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/topics/dental\\_sealant\\_programs.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/topics/dental_sealant_programs.htm).



**TEXT4BABY**

National Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition. 2010. *Text4baby*. Alexandria, VA: National Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition.

This website describes a free mobile information service that provides health tips timed to a woman's stage of pregnancy or an infant's age. The service enables pregnant women and new mothers to get health information delivered regularly to their mobile phones by text message. Messages are available in English and Spanish and focus on topics such as immunization schedules, mental health, nutrition, breastfeeding, oral health, safe sleep, seasonal flu prevention and treatment, and tobacco use. The program also connects women to public clinics and support services for prenatal and infant care.

**Contact:** National Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition, 2000 North Beauregard Street, Sixth Floor, Alexandria, VA 22311-1748. Telephone: (703) 837-4792; fax: (703) 684-5968; e-mail: [info@hmhb.org](mailto:info@hmhb.org); website: <http://www.hmhb.org>. Available at <http://www.text4baby.org>.

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

American Dental Hygienists' Association. 2010. *Want Some Life Saving Advice? Ask Your Dental Hygienist About Proper Oral Health Care for Children*. Chicago, IL: American Dental Hygienists' Association. 2 pp.

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

**Contact:** American Dental Hygienists' Association, 444 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 3400, Chicago, IL 60611. Telephone: (312) 440-8900, (312) 440-8913; e-mail: [exec.office@adha.net](mailto:exec.office@adha.net); website: <http://www.adha.org>. Available at <http://www.adha.org/downloads/factsheets/children.pdf> (English) and [http://www.adha.org/downloads/factsheets/children\\_dental-spanish.pdf](http://www.adha.org/downloads/factsheets/children_dental-spanish.pdf) (Spanish).

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

American Dental Hygienists' Association. 2010. *Want Some Life Saving Advice? Ask Your Dental Hygienist About Women and Smoking*. Chicago, IL: American Dental Hygienists' Association. 1 p.

This fact sheet discusses the prevalence of smoking among girls and women, the health effects of smoking on women, and the role of the dental hygienist in providing information about quitting.

**Contact:** American Dental Hygienists' Association, 444 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 3400, Chicago, IL 60611. Telephone: (312) 440-8900, (312) 440-8913; e-mail: [exec.office@adha.net](mailto:exec.office@adha.net); website: <http://www.adha.org>. Available at [http://www.adha.org/downloads/factsheets/women\\_smoking.pdf](http://www.adha.org/downloads/factsheets/women_smoking.pdf).

**STATE AND LOCAL PROGRAMS**

**2010—BURDEN OF ORAL DISEASE IN WISCONSIN**

Olson MA, LeMay WR. 2010. *2010—Burden of Oral Disease in Wisconsin*. Madison, WI: Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Oral Health Program. 69 pp.

This report summarizes information on the oral disease burden of people in Wisconsin. It highlights groups and regions in the state that are at highest risk for oral health problems and discusses strategies to prevent these problems and to provide access to oral health care. Comparisons are made with national data and to *Healthy People 2010* goals.

**Contact:** Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Oral Health Program, P.O. Box 2659, Madison, WI 53701-2659. Telephone: (608) 266-5152; fax: (608) 266-8925; e-mail: [Warren.Lemay@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Warren.Lemay@wisconsin.gov); website: [http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/health/Oral\\_Health](http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/health/Oral_Health). Available at [http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/health/Oral\\_Health/Burden2010.pdf](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/health/Oral_Health/Burden2010.pdf).

**ARIZONA DENTAL SEALANT PROGRAM: A PREVENTIVE DENTAL PROGRAM (REV. ED.)**

Arizona Department of Health Services, Office of Oral Health. 2010. *Arizona Dental Sealant Program: A Preventive Dental Program* (rev. ed.). Phoenix, AZ: Arizona Department of Health Services, Office of Oral Health. 1 p.

This fact sheet provides information about Arizona’s program to reduce pit-and-fissure tooth decay in children by using portable dental equipment at the school site to provide oral health examinations and dental sealants on the permanent molars of students in second and sixth grades. Topics include program objectives, history, current funding and eligibility, child participation, and program staff. The fact sheet also cites statistics on the number of counties in which the program was implemented, the number of children who received oral health screenings, and the number of children who received sealants. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

**Contact:** RaNee Tuscano. Arizona Department of Health Services, Office of Oral Health, 150 North 18th Avenue, Suite 320, Phoenix, AZ 85007. Telephone: (602) 542-1866; fax: (602) 364-1494; e-mail: [tuscandr@azdhs.gov](mailto:tuscandr@azdhs.gov); website: <http://www.azdhs.gov/cfhs/ooh>. Available at <http://www.azdhs.gov/cfhs/ooh/pdf/programhistorycolor06.pdf>.

**CALIFORNIA REPORT CARD 2010: SETTING THE AGENDA FOR CHILDREN**

Children Now. 2010. *California Report Card 2010: Setting the Agenda for Children*. Oakland, CA: Children Now. 65 pp.

This report highlights the health and education status of children in California by assigning letter grades to key individual determinants. Indicators of child health, education, and cross-systems issues are presented. Topics include health insurance, oral health, mental health, infant health, adolescent health, early care and education, K-12 education, after-school programs, obesity, child safety, and integrated services. Policy progress, recommendations, and data are included.

**Contact:** Children Now, 1212 Broadway, Fifth Floor, Oakland, CA 94612. Telephone: (510) 763-2444; fax: (510) 763-1974; e-mail: [info@childrennow.org](mailto:info@childrennow.org); website: <http://www.childrennow.org>. Available at [http://www.childrennow.org/uploads/documents/reportcard\\_2010.pdf](http://www.childrennow.org/uploads/documents/reportcard_2010.pdf).

**COMMUNITY WATER FLUORIDATION**

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Division of Oral Health. 2009. *Community Water Fluoridation*. Columbia, SC: South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Division of Oral Health. 2 pp.

This fact sheet presents information on community water fluoridation in South Carolina. Topics include the causes of tooth decay, the adverse impact of tooth decay on child and adult health, and the importance of community water fluoridation in preventing tooth decay. Additional information on water fluoridation activities in South Carolina are provided.

**Contact:** South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Division of Oral Health, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201. Telephone: (803) 898-3432; website: <http://www.scdhec.gov/health/mch/oral/index.htm>. Available at [http://www.scdhec.gov/health/mch/oral/docs/water\\_fluoridation\\_flyer.pdf](http://www.scdhec.gov/health/mch/oral/docs/water_fluoridation_flyer.pdf).

**DENTAL CLINICS AND SERVICES FOR MAINE RESIDENTS (REV. ED.)**

Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Oral Health Program. 2010. *Dental Clinics and Services for Maine Residents* (rev. ed.). Augusta, ME: Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Oral Health Program. 27 pp.

This directory assists health and social service professionals and their clients in locating dentists in Maine. Section 1 lists clinic and health centers by county. Section 2 describes the state-funded MaineCare Program and provides a list of regional state health departments. Section 3 identifies other resources, including American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal programs, state agencies, rural and community health centers, statewide resources, and preventive dental hygiene programs.

**Contact:** Judith Feinstein. Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Oral Health Program, 11 State House Station, Key Plaza, 286 Water Street, Fifth Floor, Augusta, ME 04333. Telephone: (207) 287-2361, (800) 698-3624, ext. 2361 (toll free), (800) 606-0215 (TTY); fax: (207) 287-7213; e-mail: [judith.a.feinstein@maine.gov](mailto:judith.a.feinstein@maine.gov); website: <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/bohdcfh/odh>. Available at <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/bohdcfh/odh/documents/directory.pdf>.

**DENTAL PROGRAM FOR CLIENTS AGE 21 AND OLDER: BILLING INSTRUCTIONS**

Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, Medicaid Purchasing Administration. 2010. *Dental Program for Clients Age 21 And Older: Billing Instructions*. Olympia, WA: Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, Medicaid Purchasing Administration. Annual.

This manual contains instructions for participating in the Washington State Medicaid Administration's oral health program for adults ages 21 and older. Topics include client eligibility, coverage, authorization, billing, and completing the claim form. Separate billing instructions for services provided to infants and children ages 5 and under and children and adolescents ages 5 to 20 are available. Fee schedules are also available.

**Contact:** Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, Medicaid Purchasing Administration, P.O. Box 45505, Olympia, WA 98504-5505. Telephone: (800) 562-3022; e-mail: [ASKMEDICAID@dhsh.wa.gov](mailto:ASKMEDICAID@dhsh.wa.gov); website: <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov>. Available at [http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/download/Billing\\_Instructions\\_Webpages/ABCD\\_Dental\\_BI.htm](http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/download/Billing_Instructions_Webpages/ABCD_Dental_BI.htm).

**DENTAL SEALANTS**

Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board. 2009. *Dental Sealants*. Carson City, NV: Nevada State Health Division, Oral Health Initiative. 1 p.

This fact sheet addresses the role of dental sealants in preventing tooth decay and reducing dental caries in school-age children. Topics include caries as a public health issue, the prevalence of tooth decay and sealants in Nevada, the impact of sealants on oral health, and why school-based dental sealant programs are recommended. Strategies to increase the use of and demand for sealants and to fund and promote population-based programs are included.

**Contact:** Nevada State Health Division, Oral Health Initiative, 4150 Technology Way, Suite 210, Carson City, NV 89706. Telephone: (775) 684-4285; website: [http://health.nv.gov/CC\\_OralHealth.htm](http://health.nv.gov/CC_OralHealth.htm). Available at [http://health.nv.gov/PDFs/MCHAB/Dental\\_Sealants.pdf](http://health.nv.gov/PDFs/MCHAB/Dental_Sealants.pdf).

**EPSDT DENTAL SERVICES REPORT**

Iowa Department of Public Health, Oral Health Bureau. 2009. *EPSDT Dental Services Report*. Des Moines, IA: Iowa Department of Public Health, Oral Health Bureau. Annual.

These annual reports present county-level data on oral health services provided to children eligible for Iowa's Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) program. Each report provides information on the number of children enrolled in Medicaid who received any oral health services (for covered procedures); those who received preventive services (cleanings, fluoride treatments, dental sealants); and those who received restorative treatment (fillings, crowns, extractions, root canals) within a federal fiscal year (October 1 through September 30). A statewide registry of dentists who see individuals enrolled in Iowa's Medicaid program, infants and children ages 3 and under, and children with developmental disabilities is also available.

**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) 227-9878; fax: (515) 242-6384; website: [http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hpcdp/oral\\_health.asp](http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hpcdp/oral_health.asp). Available at [http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hpcdp/oral\\_health\\_reports.asp](http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hpcdp/oral_health_reports.asp).

**FLORIDA HEALTH PRACTITIONER ORAL HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT**

Florida Department of Health. 2009. *Florida Health Practitioner Oral Healthcare Workforce Ad Hoc Committee Report*. Tallahassee, FL: Florida Department of Health. 60 pp.

This report summarizes the efforts of a workgroup to discuss the state of the Florida oral health care workforce and work force trends and how to improve access to oral health care in the state. Topics include education and prevention, models for the delivery of oral health care services for disadvantaged population groups, the role of safety net providers, the need for adequate and appropriate training requirements, a review of the most underserved populations, and the collection and analysis of reliable qualitative and quantitative data.

Contact: Florida Department of Health, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Tallahassee, FL 32399. Telephone: (850) 245-4147; fax: (850) 487-4574; website: [http://www.doh.state.fl.us/Family/dental/OralHealthcareWorkforce/200903Dental\\_Workforce\\_Report.pdf](http://www.doh.state.fl.us/Family/dental/OralHealthcareWorkforce/200903Dental_Workforce_Report.pdf).

**FOUNDATION COLLABORATION: PARTNERING TO IMPROVE YOUNG CHILDREN’S ORAL HEALTH**

Slichta A, Cusick A. 2010. *Foundation Collaboration: Partnering to Improve Young Children’s Oral Health*. Washington, DC: Grantmakers In Health. 2 pp.

This document provides an overview of efforts in western and central New York to improve oral health outcomes for children through collaboration with community partners. The program, CHOMPERS: Bringing Dental Care to Kids, brings education, prevention, and treatment to places young children already go. Three strategies are outlined: (1) implementing the Cavity Free Kids curriculum, (2) engaging pediatric health professionals to apply fluoride varnish to primary teeth during well-child care check-ups, and (3) bringing treatment services into child care settings through the utilization of portable dental equipment.

**Contact:** Grantmakers In Health, 1100 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 1200, Washington, DC 20036-4101. Telephone: (202) 452-8331; fax: (202) 452-8340; e-mail: <http://www.gih.org/feedback2666/feedback.htm>; website: <http://www.gih.org>. Available at [http://www.gih.org/usr\\_doc/Children%27s\\_Oral\\_Health\\_CHFWCNY\\_June\\_2010.pdf](http://www.gih.org/usr_doc/Children%27s_Oral_Health_CHFWCNY_June_2010.pdf).

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

Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 2010. *Guidelines for State and Territorial Oral Health Programs* (rev. ed.). Jefferson City, MO: Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 49 pp.

These guidelines help health agency officials and public health administrators develop and operate oral health programs and promote integration of oral health activities into public health systems. Part I provides an overview of oral health disparities and strategies for prevention. It describes the diversity and uniqueness of oral health programs and efforts to increase infrastructure and capacity. Part II is a matrix of state oral health program roles for each of the 10 essential public health services. It includes examples of specific activities for each role and links to selected resources to help states accomplish the activities.

**Contact:** Christine Wood. 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](mailto:cwood@astdd.org); website: <http://www.astdd.org>. Available at <http://www.astdd.org/index.php?template=stateguidelines.html>.

**A “HIGH-TOUCH” APPROACH TO IMPROVING ORAL HEALTH FOR NEWARK CHILDREN**

Center for Health Care Strategies. 2010. *A “High-Touch” Approach to Improving Oral Health for Newark Children*. Hamilton, NJ: Center for Health Care Strategies. 4 pp.

This brief describes the New Jersey Medicaid program for providing oral health care to children from families with low incomes. It discusses how the program provides access to oral health care and creates a dental home for children in Head Start. The brief also describes program goals, keys to success, and how to build on healthy results.

**Contact:** Center for Health Care Strategies, 200 American Metro Boulevard, Suite 119, Hamilton, NJ 08619. Telephone: (609) 528-8400; fax: (609) 586-3679; e-mail: [sas@chcs.org](mailto:sas@chcs.org); website: <http://www.chcs.org>. Available at [http://www.chcs.org/publications/3960/publications\\_show.htm?doc\\_id=1205272](http://www.chcs.org/publications/3960/publications_show.htm?doc_id=1205272).

**I-SMILE**

Iowa Department of Public Health, Oral Health Bureau. 2010. *I-Smile*. Des Moines, IA: Iowa Department of Public Health, Oral Health Bureau.

These materials are part of outreach activities for I-Smile, Iowa’s dental home initiative for children. Contents include brochures and posters (in English and Spanish), and other items. A program description, information about care coordination and support for families and school oral health screening, activity pages for children, fact sheets, and public service announcements (video) are also available from the website.

**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: [OHRCinfo@georgetown.edu](mailto:OHRCinfo@georgetown.edu); website: <http://www.mchoralhealth.org>. Available for loan; selected materials also available at <http://www.ismiledentalhome.org>.

**KANSAS SCHOOL ORAL HEALTH SCREENING INITIATIVE**

Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Office of Oral Health. 2010. *Kansas School Oral Health Screening Initiative*. Topeka, KS: Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Office of Oral Health.

These materials are designed for use by oral health professionals and school nurses in providing annual oral health screenings for students entering kindergarten through twelfth grade in Kansas. Data collected from the screenings yield information on untreated oral health problems, urgent care needs, previous treatment received, and whether dental sealants have been placed on a child's or adolescent's teeth. Contents include a program brochure, a toolkit, forms, reports, and instructions for submitting screening data. Information about the state statute mandating the program and a calibration-training course are also provided. Parental notification forms are available in English and Spanish.

**Contact:** Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Oral Health, 1000 Southwest Jackson Street, Suite 300, Topeka, KS 66612-1365. E-mail: [kboh@kdheks.gov](mailto:kboh@kdheks.gov); website: <http://www.kdheks.gov/ohi>. Available at [http://www.kdheks.gov/ohi/screening\\_program.htm](http://www.kdheks.gov/ohi/screening_program.htm).

**MICHIGAN ORAL HEALTH PLAN**

Michigan Department of Community Health and Michigan Oral Health Coalition. 2010. *Michigan Oral Health Plan*. Lansing, MI: Michigan Department of Community Health, Oral Health Program. 65 pp.

This document provides information on the prevalence of oral disease in Michigan and action steps adopted by the Michigan Department of Community Health in alliance with its various partner organizations to meet these needs. Topics include prevalence of and risk factors for oral disease, strategies for preventing oral disease, goals and action steps for improving oral health, and programs and practices.

**Contact:** Michigan Department of Community Health, Oral Health Program, Capital View Building, 201 Townsend Street, Lansing, MI 48913. Telephone: (517) 335-8879; e-mail: [oralhealth@michigan.gov](mailto:oralhealth@michigan.gov); website: [http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2942\\_4911\\_4912\\_6226---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2942_4911_4912_6226---,00.html). Available at [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdch/Michigan\\_State\\_Oral\\_Health\\_Plan\\_FINAL\\_2\\_326169\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdch/Michigan_State_Oral_Health_Plan_FINAL_2_326169_7.pdf).

**THE MINNESOTA STORY: HOW ADVOCATES SECURED THE FIRST STATE LAW OF ITS KIND EXPANDING CHILDREN'S ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE**

Casey M. 2010. *The Minnesota Story: How Advocates Secured the First State Law of Its Kind Expanding Children's Access to Dental Care*. Washington, DC: Pew Center on the States, Pew Children's Dental Campaign. 12 pp.

This issue brief explains how children's and public health advocates in Minnesota campaigned successfully for a law to increase children's access to oral health care. Topics include children's unmet oral health needs, the creation of new types of oral health professionals and work force models, and training for new professionals. A summary of lessons learned is also provided.

**Contact:** Pew Center on the States, 901 E Street, N.W., 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20004. Telephone: (202) 552-2000; fax: (202) 552-2299; website: <http://www.pewcenteronthestates.org>. Available at [http://www.pewcenteronthestates.org/uploadedFiles/Minnesota\\_Story\\_brief.pdf](http://www.pewcenteronthestates.org/uploadedFiles/Minnesota_Story_brief.pdf).

**ORAL HEALTH DIRECTORY**

Michigan Department of Community Health, Division of Family and Community Health. 2010. *Oral Health Directory*. Lansing, MI: Michigan Department of Community Health. 125 pp.

This document was prepared to assist in the development and expansion of oral health programs in Michigan. Content includes a state map showing counties with and without community dental clinics. A series of tables presents information on clinics within each county, including contact information, population served, services, and area served. A table containing information on clinics providing services statewide is also included.

**Contact:** Michigan Department of Community Health, Oral Health Program, Capital View Building, 201 Townsend Street, Lansing, MI 48913. Telephone: (517) 335-8879; e-mail: [oralhealth@michigan.gov](mailto:oralhealth@michigan.gov); website: [http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2942\\_4911\\_4912\\_6226---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2942_4911_4912_6226---,00.html). Available at [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdch/oral\\_health\\_directory\\_302799\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdch/oral_health_directory_302799_7.pdf).

**ORAL HEALTH IN WYOMING: FINAL REPORT**

Wyoming Department of Health. 2010. *Oral Health in Wyoming: Final Report*. Cheyenne, WY: Wyoming Department of Health. 94 pp.

This report was developed to help dentists and public health professionals better understand the oral health needs of the population when planning prevention efforts. It addresses the importance of oral health for all pregnant women, children (including children with special health care needs), adults, and older adults in Wyoming. Background information is presented on fluoride in the state, oral health surveys, caries prevention services among children, oral cancers, oral health professionals, and access to oral health care. National trends, disparities, and concerns are addressed and followed with current data from surveys conducted in Wyoming.

**Contact:** Wyoming Department of Health, Oral Health Section, 6101 Yellowstone Road, Suite 420, Cheyenne, WY 82002. Telephone: (307) 777-2976, (307) 777-7945; fax: (307) 777-8687; website: <http://wdh.state.wy.us/familyhealth/dental/index.html>. Available at <https://www.health.wyo.gov/Media.aspx?mediaId=9500>.

**PROVEN AND PROMISING BEST PRACTICES FOR STATE AND COMMUNITY ORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS**

Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors, Best Practices Committee. 2003-. *Proven and Promising Best Practices for State and Community Oral Health Programs*. Sparks, NV: Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors.

This resource provides information to help state, territorial, and community oral health programs develop best practices within the context of their environment. Contents include reports on public health strategies that are supported by evidence for their impact and effectiveness. Topics include surveillance systems; state coalitions, plans, and mandates; water fluoridation; school fluoride and dental sealant programs; work force development; special health care needs; coordinated school health programs; and early childhood tooth decay. The resource also provides access to state and community practice examples that illustrate successful implementation of best practice approaches. Additional resources such as definitions, criteria, and surveys are available. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**SCHOOL ORAL HEALTH SCREENINGS: INFORMATION AND FORMS**

Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Oral Health Program. 2009. *School Oral Health Screenings: Information and Forms*. Helena, MT: Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Oral Health Program.

These resources are intended for use in implementing a statewide screening to assess the prevalence of untreated dental caries, caries experience, dental sealants, and treatment urgency among students in third grade in Montana. Contents include a manual (*Basic Screening Surveys: An Approach to Monitoring Community Oral Health—Preschool and School Children*), a video, a school intake form, a screening form and instructions, a parent consent form, and a student report card. Data elements include screener profession and training and child demographics (grade, age, gender, and race/ethnicity).

**Contact:** Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Oral Health Program, 1218 East Sixth Avenue, Helena, MT 59620. Telephone: (406) 444-0276; website: <http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/PHSD/family-health/oral-health/family-oralHealth-index.shtml>. Available at <http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/PHSD/family-health/oral-health/family-oralHealth-index.shtml>.

**SOUTH CAROLINA TAKES ACTION: ORAL HEALTH FOR THE YOUNG CHILD**

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. 2009. *South Carolina Takes Action: Oral Health for the Young Child*. Columbia, SC: South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. 21 pp.

This report provides recommendations for parents, caregivers, and health professionals on early childhood oral health. Topics include dental caries, prevention and risk assessment, and anticipatory guidance and education. The report is part of a campaign to build consensus and support for standards of care in South Carolina.

**Contact:** South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Division of Oral Health, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201. Telephone: (803) 898-3432; website: <http://www.scdhec.gov/health/mch/index.htm>. Available at <http://www.scdhec.gov/administration/library/CR-009592.pdf>.

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**A UNITED VOICE FOR ORAL HEALTH: FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE MICHIGAN ACCESS TO ORAL HEALTH CARE WORK GROUP**

Public Sector Consultants and Michigan Access to Oral Health Care Work Group. 2010. *A United Voice for Oral Health: Final Report and Recommendations from the Michigan Access to Oral Health Care Work Group*. Lansing, MI: Public Sector Consultants. 32 pp.

This report and call to action discusses the importance of and need for greater access to oral health care for Michigan's children, describes barriers to access and consequences of oral disease, and outlines features of Michigan's oral health system. It also highlights the oral health status of state residents and disparities that exist for certain subsets of the population. Current programs and promising practices aimed at improving access to oral health care are described as well.

**Contact:** Michigan Dental Association, Public Relations Department, 3657 Okemos Road, Suite 200, Okemos, MI 48864. Telephone: (800) 589-2632; fax: (517) 372-0008; website: <http://www.smilemichigan.com>. Available at [http://www.smilemichigan.com/Portals/1/PDFs/Latest%20News/united\\_voice\\_for\\_oral\\_health.pdf](http://www.smilemichigan.com/Portals/1/PDFs/Latest%20News/united_voice_for_oral_health.pdf).

