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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/ResBulletins.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 AND SURVEILLANCE

2012 IOWA THIRD GRADE ORAL HEALTH SURVEY REPORT


This report describes the process of conducting the spring 2012 open-mouth survey of students in third grade in Iowa and presents survey objectives and results. Topics include prevalence of untreated tooth decay in children and impact of untreated tooth decay on a child’s ability to eat, sleep, and learn in school; the role health insurance plays in ability to access care; and a comparison of oral health status from previous surveys.


ARIZONA HEALTHY BODIES HEALTHY SMILES SURVEY


These survey materials address the oral health of preschool-age children and children in third grade in Arizona. Contents include fact sheets, data sheets, and summaries of findings. Topics include tooth decay (rates, experience, and untreated tooth decay), urgent needs, dental insurance, dental sealants, oral health care visits, and disparities in care.


DENTAL PROCEDURES, UNITED STATES, 1999 AND 2009


This brief uses data from the Household Component of the 1999 and 2009 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey to examine changes in the receipt of oral health care for the 10-year period. Estimates are presented on overall use of oral health services and on the distribution of visits for particular services.


DENTAL SEALANT UTILIZATION AMONG RURAL AND URBAN CHILDREN


This document presents findings from a study to examine the proportion of rural and urban children and adolescents (ages 6–14) who have dental sealants. Topics include parentally reported sealant use, characteristics associated with reported sealant use, and comparison of data in the Survey of Income and Program Participation (Census Bureau) and data in the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey. The appendix contains a summary of methods.


**EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS FOR DENTAL-RELATED CONDITIONS, 2009**


This brief presents nationwide data from the Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project on emergency department (ED) visits for treatment of oral conditions in 2009. The brief describes characteristics of individuals who visited EDs for oral health care. It also compares characteristics of individuals who visited EDs for oral health care and were subsequently admitted to hospitals vs. characteristics of those who were treated in EDs and then released.

**Contact:** Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 540 Gaither Road, Suite 2000, Rockville, MD 20850. Telephone: (301) 427-1104; (800) 358-9295; e-mail: http://info.ahrq.gov; website: http://www.ahrq.gov. Available at http://www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/reports/statbriefs/sb143.pdf.

**FALLING SHORT: MOST STATES LAG ON DENTAL SEALANTS**


This report presents results of a nationwide survey for four indicators in state dental-caries-prevention strategies: (1) having dental sealant programs in schools in which 50 percent or more students participate in the National School Lunch Program, (2) allowing dental hygienists to place sealants in school-based programs without requiring a dentist’s examination, (3) collecting data on the oral health of school-age children and submitting them to a national oral health database, and (4) meeting the national Healthy People 2010 sealant goal. A chart summarizes state benchmarks and whether they were met.


**A GROWING PROBLEM: ORAL HEALTH COVERAGE, ACCESS AND USAGE IN COLORADO**


This brief presents findings of a survey to assess oral health care coverage and access in Colorado. Topics include the challenge of paying for oral health care, reasons for lacking dental insurance, a demographic portrait of Coloradans without dental insurance, and trends among different populations.

**Contact:** Colorado Trust, 1600 Sherman Street, Denver, CO 80203. Telephone: (303) 837-1200; (888) 847-9140; fax: (303) 839-9034; e-mail: questions@coloradotrust.org; website: http://www.coloradotrust.org. Available at http://www.coloradotrust.org/attachments/0001/9133/FINALv2-Oral_Health_Coverage_IB_12-2012.pdf.

**ORAL HEALTH IN MAINE: A BACKGROUND REPORT**


This report presents findings from a study of oral health needs and the oral health workforce in Maine. The report is based on information collected during a literature review about oral health in Maine and in the United States. Topics include the oral health of Maine’s population; financing; service providers, including providers working in safety net and school-based programs; and the oral health workforce (dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants, and denturists).

**Contact:** Center for Health Workforce Studies, University at Albany, SUNY, School of Public Health, One University Place, Suite 220, Rensselaer, NY 12144-3445. Telephone: (518) 402-0250; fax: (518) 402-0252; e-mail: http://chws.albany.edu/contact-us; website: http://chws.albany.edu. Available at http://www.mainedentalaccess.org/docs/Oral%20Health%20in%20Maine%202-2-2012.pdf.
THE ORAL HEALTH OF SOUTH DAKOTA’S HEAD START CHILDREN: BASIC SCREENING SURVEY


This report describes the first oral health survey of preschool-age children in South Dakota, which was conducted with a sample population of whom most were enrolled in Head Start. The report presents information on the presence of tooth decay, decay experience, and untreated decay, as well as on the urgency of need for oral health care. Additional topics include child demographics and oral health status and parent-survey data.


THE ORAL HEALTH STATUS OF UTAH’S CHILDREN: RESULTS FROM THE 2010 ORAL HEALTH SURVEY


This report describes the results of a 2010 oral health survey of children ages 6–9 in Utah. The survey collected information on dental caries experience, untreated tooth decay, urgent need for oral health care, dental sealants, and access to care (e.g., insurance status, frequency of dental visits, unmet oral health care need). Contents include an executive summary, a review of survey methods, a discussion of a parent questionnaire and child-screening results, and a comparison of Utah’s oral health status with national goals. Appendices include details of the survey methodology, sample permission letters, and results on access to care.


THIRD GRADE FOLLOW-UP TO THE HEAD START IMPACT STUDY: FINAL REPORT


This report discusses the impacts of Head Start on children and families when the children are in preschool through third grade. Topics include estimated impacts on parent-reported child oral health outcomes (care received) by year and age cohort. Information on significant subgroup impacts and differences in impact is also provided.


SMILES ACROSS KANSAS 2012: A SURVEY OF THE ORAL HEALTH OF KANSAS CHILDREN


This report presents results from a statewide survey to assess the prevalence of dental caries in and preventive services for children in Kansas. The survey collected information from students in third grade in 65 schools across the state. Topics include dental caries, dental restorations, dental sealants, access to care, insurance status, and frequency of oral health care visits. A discussion, recommendations, data summary tables, and survey forms are included. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

**Contact:** Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Oral Health, Curtis State Office Building, 1000 Southwest Jackson Street, Suite 300, Topeka, KS 66612-1365. Telephone: (785) 296-5116; fax: (785) 291-3959; e-mail: kboh@kdheks.gov; website: http://www.kdheks.gov/ohi. Available at http://www.kdheks.gov/ohi/download/Smiles_Across_Kansas_2012.pdf.
MCHB-FUNDED PROJECT
FINAL REPORTS

TARGETED MCH ORAL HEALTH SERVICE SYSTEM
PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS


This document features activities and products from 20 Targeted MCH Oral Health Service System projects funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau from 2008 to 2011 to foster statewide efforts to prevent oral diseases and to promote oral-health-program sustainability. Topics include increasing age 1 dental visits for children at greatest risk for oral disease, improving access to oral health services for children with special health care needs, and ensuring restorative treatment of active disease through dental sealant programs. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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POLICY

AN ESSENTIAL HEALTH BENEFIT: GENERAL ANESTHESIA FOR TREATMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES


This report addresses the use of general anesthesia (GA) in providing medically necessary care for children. Topics include a description of GA and how using GA for dental restorations can improve a child’s quality of life, access to care, health behaviors, and health outcomes. Additional topics include cost considerations, a rationale of and justification for reimbursement of GA and related facility fee costs in benchmark medical plans, and policy implications.

Contact: American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, Pediatric Oral Health Research and Policy Center, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Suite 1700, Chicago, IL 60611-2663. Telephone: (312) 337-2169; (800) 544-2174; fax: (312) 337-6329; e-mail: pohrpc@aapd.org; website: http://www.aapd.org/policy_center. Available at http://www.aapd.org/assets/1/7/POHRPCTechBrief2.pdf.

FLUORIDE SUPPLEMENT POLICY STATEMENT


This policy statement supports the use of fluoride supplements for children who are at high risk for dental caries, whose primary source of drinking water has suboptimal levels of fluoride, and who do not ingest enough fluoride from other sources. The policy statement also recommends that fluoride supplements be prescribed on
the basis of caries risk assessment and fluoride history and that health professionals monitor parents’ compliance with the supplement-dosage schedule.

**Contact:** Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors, 1838 Fieldcrest Drive, Sparks, NV 89434. Telephone: (775) 626-5008; fax: (775) 626-9268; e-mail: info@astdd.org; website: http://www.astdd.org. Available at http://www.astdd.org/docs/Fluoride_Supplement_Policy_Statement_January_28_2013.pdf.

**ISSUES AND POLICY OPTIONS IN SUSTAINING A SAFETY NET INFRASTRUCTURE TO MEET THE HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF VULNERABLE POPULATIONS**


This report addresses the roles of health professionals working in safety net programs in implementing the Affordable Care Act. The report discusses the work force and financing infrastructure that needs to be in place to support a sustainable safety net for vulnerable populations. Recommendations for state and federal policymakers are included.

**Contact:** National Academy for State Health Policy, 10 Free Street, Second Floor, Portland, ME 04101. Telephone: (207) 874-6524; (202) 903-0101; fax: (207) 874-6527; e-mail: info@nashp.org; website: http://www.nashp.org. Available at http://nashp.org/sites/default/files/sustaining.sn_.infrastructure.pdf.

**MORE STATE MEDICAID PROGRAMS PAY FOR CHILDREN’S ORAL HEALTH PREVENTION SERVICES IN DOCTORS’ OFFICES**


This document provides an overview of efforts by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Pew Children’s Dental Campaign, and others to expand payment to primary care health professionals for dental-caries-prevention services during well-child visits. The document presents information on state Medicaid programs paying primary care health professionals for preventive oral health services in 2008 and in 2012. It also discusses procedures states cover and efforts to conduct advocacy training, develop resources, and collaborate with policymakers.

**Contact:** American Academy of Pediatrics, 141 Northwest Point Boulevard, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007-1098. Telephone: (847) 434-4000; fax: (847) 434-8000; website: http://www.aap.org. Available at http://www2.aap.org/oralhealth/docs/CelebratingOurWins.pdf.

**ORAL HEALTH AND THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT: ONLY PART WAY TO THE FINISH LINE**


This brief examines barriers to accessing oral health care in the United States. The content is based on a briefing held on August 17, 2012, in Washington, DC, to discuss progress and challenges related to oral health care. Topics include provisions in the Affordable Care Act that expand oral health care coverage, primarily for children; education; unfunded provisions; lack of adult coverage; and populations at high risk for oral disease, including minority groups and those with low incomes. Additional topics include new ways to expand the oral health care work force that states are exploring and community-water-fluoridation activity in states.

**Contact:** Alliance for Health Reform, 1444 Eye St., N.W., Suite 910, Washington, DC 20005. Telephone: (202) 789-2300; fax: (202) 789-2233; e-mail: info@allhealth.org; website: http://www.allhealth.org. Available at http://www.allhealth.org/publications/Oral_Health_Issue_Brief_116.pdf.

**ORAL HEALTH CARE IN MAINE: REPORT IN RESPONSE TO RESOLVES 2011 CHAPTER 92 (LD1105)**


This report describes a state-legislature-mandated review of oral health care needs in Maine. Topics include (1) existing public and private financial resources for oral health care, (2) limitations on access to care, (3) sustainability of public financing for care,
(4) actual and projected work force needs, (5) effects of recent changes surrounding care, and (6) policy models from other states and countries found effective in addressing work force shortages.


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**POLICY BRIEF: PEDIATRIC DENTAL AND PEDIATRIC VISION ESSENTIAL HEALTH BENEFITS**


This brief focuses on a subset of the health insurance market that is subject to essential health benefit (EHB) coverage requirements in California, nongrandfathered small-group and individual-market health service plans, and policies regulated by the California Department of Managed Care and the California Department of Insurance. Topics include tests, treatments, and services covered in the pediatric dental and pediatric vision EHB category; the age group eligible for pediatric dental coverage; and how stand-alone health insurance will be coordinated with stand-alone dental insurance to fulfill the pediatric EHB requirement.


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**PREVENTING TOBACCO USE AND ELIMINATING EXPOSURE TO SECONDHAND SMOKE POLICY STATEMENT**

Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors.  
*Preventing Tobacco Use and Eliminating Exposure to Secondhand Smoke Policy Statement.* Sparks, NV: Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 5 pp.

This policy statement supports evidence-based state and community practice interventions to reduce tobacco use and eliminate exposure to secondhand smoke. Topics include funding for comprehensive tobacco-prevention and tobacco-control programs, increasing the price of tobacco products, implementing smoking bans and tobacco-use restrictions, implementing policies to restrict child and adolescent access to tobacco products, and incorporating tobacco-prevention strategies into oral-health-promotion efforts.

**Contact:** Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors, 1838 Fieldcrest Drive, Sparks, NV 89434. Telephone: (775) 626-5008; fax: (775) 626-9268; e-mail: info@astdd.org; website: http://www.astdd.org. Available at http://www.astdd.org/docs/Preventing_Tobacco_Use_and_Eliminating_Exposure_to_Secondhand_Smoke_Policy_Statement_March_6_2013.pdf.

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**PROFESSIONAL-CLIENT TOOLS**

**CAVITY FREE AT THREE**

Colorado Area Health Education Center Program.  
*Cavity Free at Three.* Aurora, CO: Colorado Area Health Education Center Program.

This resource for health professionals and consumers provides information about oral health for pregnant women and for infants and young children (from birth to age 3). Contents include risk-assessment forms and guidelines on prenatal and infant oral health care for health professionals, including information on applying fluoride varnish in primary care settings and on how to become a Medicaid provider. Additional materials include brochures, posters, referral forms, standing orders, and videos. Materials available in multiple languages for educating parents and other caregivers are also provided.

**Contact:** University of Colorado Denver, Colorado Area Health Education Center Program, Anschutz Medical Center Campus, 13120 East 19th Avenue, MS F-433, Aurora, CO 80045. Telephone: (303) 724-4750; fax: (303) 724-0891; website: http://www.ucdenver.edu/life/services/AHEC/Pages/index.aspx. Available at http://www.cavityfreethree.org.
FOSTERING A CULTURE OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS FOR HEAD START CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND STAFF


This kit includes fact sheets for Head Start families and health managers on a variety of health topics related to children. Topics include active play, health literacy, understanding and using health information, healthy breathing at home (asthma prevention), healthy eating, mental health, oral health, safety and injury prevention, and healthy active living.

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PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND PRACTICE

ASSESSMENT OF ACUTE TRAUMATIC INJURY


This form is designed to help dentists assess children with acute traumatic injuries and document treatment. Topics include oral examinations, oral injuries, treatment, and instructions and disposition.


BRUSH UP ON ORAL HEALTH


The newsletter provides Head Start staff with information on best and promising practices in oral health, current research, practical tips, frequently asked questions, and recipes for healthy snacks. Health and social service professionals interested in improving the oral health of pregnant women, infants, and children enrolled in Head Start and their families may also find the newsletter helpful.


CONSIDERATIONS FOR ORAL HEALTH INTEGRATION IN PRIMARY CARE PRACTICE FOR CHILDREN


This document provides oral health information for pediatric primary care health professionals. Topics include the importance of the dental home, dental-caries-risk assessment, anticipatory guidance, and fluoride-varnish application. Contents include case studies on recognizing risk factors for caries, applying fluoride varnish during a routine well-child visit, and injury treatment.

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DENTAL RADIOGRAPHIC EXAMINATIONS: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PATIENT SELECTION AND LIMITING RADIATION EXPOSURE (REV.)


This document provides guidelines on using diagnostic imaging to optimize oral health care, minimizing radiation exposure, and allocating health care resources. The document addresses dental imaging techniques of intraoral and common extraoral examinations, excluding cone-beam computed tomography. Topics include (1) recommendations for prescribing radiographs and explanation of those recommendations and (2) limiting radiation exposure.

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; website: http://www.ada.org. Available at http://www.ada.org/sections/professionalResources/pdfs/Dental_Radiographic_Examinations_2012.pdf.

FIRST TOOTH PROJECT: ONLINE MEDICAL AND DENTAL PROVIDER TRAINING


These training modules are designed to help medical professionals and oral health professionals implement services to prevent early childhood caries in infants and young children. Topics include the prevalence and impact of oral disease, risk assessment, culturally appropriate anticipatory guidance, fluoride-varnish application, workflow tips, and access to care. The modules also provide examples of culturally appropriate handouts, exam room and waiting room posters, and anticipatory guidance that can be shared with parents and other caregivers.


FIRST DENTAL HOME (FDH)

Texas Department of State Health Services, Oral Health Program. First Dental Home (FDH). Austin, TX: Texas Department of State Health Services, Oral Health Program.

These resources were developed to help pediatric and general dentists improve the oral health of infants and children ages 6–35 months. The resources include an overview of services provided at the first dental visit, including caries risk assessment, prophylaxis, oral hygiene instruction for primary caregivers, topical fluoride varnish, anticipatory guidance, and a recall schedule. Information on Texas Health Steps (Medicaid) reimbursement and links to related materials such as forms, training (slides), and questionnaires are included. Educational materials for families are also provided.

Contact: Texas Department of State Health Services, Oral Health Program, P.O. Box 149347, Mail Code 1938, Austin, TX 78714-9347. Telephone: (512) 776-7323; fax: (512) 776-7256; e-mail: dental@dshs.state.tx.us; website: http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/dental/default.shtm. Available at http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/dental/FDH.shtm.

GUIDANCE ON SELECTING A SAMPLE FOR A SCHOOL-BASED ORAL HEALTH SURVEY


This document provides sample guidelines for state and territorial health agencies and other jurisdictions planning to conduct school-based oral health surveys. Topics include sampling designs, steps for and examples of the sampling process, what to do if a school refuses to participate, and information about specialized data-analysis software.

Contact: Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors, 1838 Fieldcrest Drive, Sparks, NV 89434. Telephone: (775) 626-5008; fax: (775) 626-9268; e-mail: info@astdd.org; website: http://www.astdd.org. Available at http://www.astdd.org/docs/BSS_GUIDANCE_ON_SELECTING_A_SAMPLE_FOR_A_SCHOOL-BASED_ORAL_HEALTH_SURVEY_Jan_2013.pdf.
KEY ELEMENTS TO INCORPORATE ORAL HEALTH IN THE PEDIATRIC ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD


This chart provides guidance on incorporating oral-health-related risk factors, protective factors, and clinical findings into a pediatric electronic health record. Key elements include dental caries risk assessment, referral, and fluoride and insurance status. Diet, special health care needs, barriers, education, resources, and treatment are also addressed.


ORAL HEALTH GUIDE: COMMUNITY WATER FLUORIDATION (2ND ED.)


This document addresses prevention of tooth decay through community water fluoridation as part of a public health intervention. Topics include the importance of fluoride, how tooth decay can be prevented via community-water fluoridation; why there is opposition to fluoridating community water; and opportunities and best practices in education, policy support, collaboration, and financial resources. Examples are provided from Manchester, New Hampshire; Cayuga County, New York; and Burlington, Vermont. Appendices include frequently asked questions, a model fluoridation ordinance, and resources.


ORAL HEALTH GUIDE: SCHOOL DENTAL SEALANT DELIVERY PROGRAMS (2ND ED.)


This guide provides board of health members with information about best practices and with resources for promoting oral health, specifically school-based pit- and-fissure dental-sealant-delivery programs to prevent tooth decay. Topics include information on dental sealants, prevalence of tooth decay and disparities in prevalence rates, school dental sealant programs, costs, and opportunities.


ORAL HEALTH LITERACY: WORKSHOP SUMMARY


This report summarizes presentations and follow-up discussions from a workshop held on March 29, 2012, in Washington, DC, to explore the field of oral health literacy. Topics include the importance of health literacy, the role of health literacy in addressing oral health problems, how oral health literacy can be assessed within care systems and within the environment, experiences of effective oral-health-literacy programs, state-based oral health initiatives, and national oral-health-literacy activities.

ORAL HEALTH MATTERS


This newsletter provides information on national, state, and local oral health activities as well as on educational materials and other resources. The winter 2013 issue features snapshots of North Dakota's oral health program and the American Dental Hygienists' Association's 100th anniversary celebration and annual meeting, and award nominations and the 2013 National Oral Health Conference. Key messages about state program infrastructure and capacity and funding opportunities; information from state dental directors in Hawaii and the District of Columbia; findings from worldwide implementation of the Basic Screening Survey; and resources are also included.

Contact: Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors, 1838 Fieldcrest Drive, Sparks, NV 89434. Telephone: (775) 626-5008; fax: (775) 626-9268; e-mail: info@astdd.org; website: http://www.astdd.org. Available at http://www.astdd.org/docs/OHM_Winter_FEB_2013_Final.pdf.

PROJECT SMILE

University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio School of Medicine, Department of Family and Community Medicine. Project Smile. San Antonio, TX: University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio School of Medicine, Department of Family and Community Medicine.

This training course for family physicians and pediatricians includes instructions and four modules on early childhood oral health. The instructions describe how to navigate through the modules and include a brief self-assessment. Module 1 defines early childhood caries (ECC) and discusses ECC prevalence, risk factors, and causes. Module 2 discusses the tooth-eruption sequence, the first oral examination, the benefits of early oral examinations, and the knee-to-knee oral examination. Module 3 describes the dental caries sequence, white spots, caries severity, and abnormal problems. Module 4 addresses culturally sensitive care, ways to prevent ECC, anticipatory guidance, and toothbrushing technique.

Contact: University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, School of Medicine, Department of Family and Community Medicine, 7703 Floyd Curl Drive, San Antonio, TX 78229-3900. Telephone: (210) 567-4550; fax: (210) 567-4579; website: http://familymed.uthscsa.edu. Available at http://familymed.uthscsa.edu/facultydevelopment/elearning/projectsmile/projectsmile2.htm.

SAMPLE LETTER TO DENTIST, DENTAL HYGIENIST—JOIN SCHOOL WELLNESS COUNCIL


This sample letter is designed to help school nurses invite a dentist or dental hygienist to join the school's wellness council. The letter discusses the importance of oral health to child and adolescent health and the role of the wellness council in making sure that schools are healthy settings for staff and students. The letter also outlines ways that oral health professionals can work with schools, such as assessing the school environment, reviewing practices and protocols, and developing strategies that enhance and expand existing approaches to health.

Contact: National Association of School Nurses, 1100 Wayne Avenue, Suite 925, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Telephone: (240) 821-1130; (866) 627-6767; fax: (301) 585-1791; e-mail: nasn@nasn.org; website: http://www.nasn.org. Available at http://www.oralhealthconnections.org/portals/1/Sample_Letter_to_Dentist.doc.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS TO ORAL HEALTH FOR ALL AMERICANS: THE COMMUNITY DENTAL HEALTH COORDINATOR


This report describes the evaluation and outcomes of a pilot project to educate, train, and deploy community health workers in improving the oral health status of people in underserved communities. Topics include the role of the Community Dental Health Coordinator (CDHC) in providing oral health education,
performing preventive procedures, and connecting clients to dentists for treatment. The report also describes core competencies and components of the CDHC curriculum and the status of CDHC student cohorts.

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**CHILDREN’S ORAL HEALTH IN NEW MEXICO: LESSONS FROM THE SOUTHWEST**


This paper discusses the state of oral health care for children in New Mexico. Topics include statewide efforts to improve oral health care; challenges to ensuring that all children have access to high-quality, comprehensive oral health care; best practices; and policy recommendations.


**INSIDE I-SMILE 2012**


This report documents the progress of Iowa’s initiative to ensure that children enrolled in Medicaid have dental homes. Contents include information about the program’s successes, challenges, and next steps; data on the number of children receiving oral health services from dentists and Title V agencies by age; and stories and testimonials.

**Contact:** Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of Oral and Health Delivery Systems, Lucas State Office Building, 321 East 12th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319.
children, adolescents, adults, and older adults, including oral congenital abnormalities, cancer, and other diseases and conditions. Also included are discussions of financing; the state infrastructure; and priority areas including prevention and education, health care integration and access to oral health care, and surveillance.

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Health, P.O. Box 64975, St. Paul, MN 55164-0975. Telephone: (651) 201-5000; (888) 345-0823; (651) 201-5797; website: http://www.health.state.mn.us. Available at http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/hpcd/chp/oralhealth/pdfs/State Plan2013.pdf.

OKLAHOMA COMMUNITY WATER FLUORIDATION PLAN


This report describes the history of community water fluoridation and its role in improving oral health by reducing tooth decay throughout the country and in Oklahoma. Additional topics include a brief review of federal and state laws and regulations; program management; quality control; and goals, objectives, and action-plan elements. Appendices include a logic model for Oklahoma, a chart showing the status of fluoridation in the state, and fact sheets.


ORAL HEALTH IN NEW YORK CITY


This report provides a portrait of preventive oral health care use among children and adults in New York City. Recommendations to reduce the risk for oral health problems and improve oral health care access are also discussed.


ORAL HEALTH IN NORTH DAKOTA: BURDEN OF DISEASE AND PLAN FOR THE FUTURE


This publication comprises two reports addressing oral health in North Dakota. The Burden of Disease report provides an overview of demographic, socioeconomic, and health status inequalities throughout the state. The Plan for the Future report outlines action strategies to prevent disparities and provide access to care. Topics include risk and protective factors affecting oral diseases and provision of services.

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PUBLIC HEALTH MANUAL: DHEC SCHOOL-BASED DENTAL PREVENTION PROGRAM (UPD. ED.)


This manual provides expectations and standards for programs that enter into a memorandum of agreement with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, School-Based Dental Prevention Program. Topics include regulatory compliance, program operation, data management and monitoring, and reporting requirements. Supporting documents and educational resources are included.

REIMBURSEMENT FOR DENTAL SERVICES IN A COMMUNITY SETTING: A RESOURCE GUIDE FOR FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS


This handbook outlines guidance for health centers to receive reimbursement for community-based oral health services in California. Topics include the need for community-based oral health care, background and a brief history of health centers, federal expectations for community-based services, payment for health centers, federally qualified health center visit definitions, federal-scope-of-project issue considerations, providing services as an intermittent clinic, federal Tort Claims Act considerations, and state-scope-of-service considerations.


TOWARD A COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH HOME: INTEGRATING THE MOUTH TO THE BODY


This document provides an overview of patient-centered medical home, health home, and health-care-home models and makes recommendations on how to further integrate and coordinate dental homes with such models. Topics include the complexity of and challenges to improving oral health, evaluation, proposed systemic changes, potential barriers, system readiness, and expected impact.


PUBLIC AWARENESS AND EDUCATION

BETOBACCOFREE.GOV


This resource provides consolidated information from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for the public about tobacco. It includes information about tobacco, federal and state laws and policies, health statistics, and evidence-based methods for quitting. A social media dashboard provides updates from DHHS tobacco-related social media accounts.


BRUSHING HEALTHY


This booklet for children provides tips on oral hygiene. Topics include the importance of toothbrushing and visiting the dentist to prevent tooth decay; types of teeth and how, what, and when to brush; and making healthy food and beverage choices. The content incorporates educational methodologies such as goal setting, multiple-choice questions, and a word find. The booklet is also available in Spanish. The content is also available in a calendar format. Purchasers can opt to customize items with their own logos.
A HEALTHY MOUTH FOR YOUR BABY


This brochure for parents discusses oral health in young children. Topics include the importance of primary teeth and the role of fluoride and oral hygiene in preventing tooth decay. Tips on checking and cleaning teeth and information on feeding and nutrition and the importance of having a dental visit by age 1 are also included. The brochure is also available in Spanish. A brochure designed for American Indian and Alaska Native parents is also available.


EARLY DENTAL HEALTH: CHOOSING THE RIGHT FOODS


This brochure for parents addresses nutrition and oral health in infants and young children. Topics include the importance of eating healthy foods for good oral health and why consuming foods with sugar is a risk factor for tooth decay. The brochure also provides tips on types of foods and beverages children should eat and those they should avoid.


FINDING LOW-COST DENTAL CARE


This fact sheet identifies local, state, and federal sources of low-cost oral health care. Information on accessing care through dental schools and dental hygiene schools, federally funded community health centers, Medicaid, the Children’s Health Insurance Program, and United Way is included. The fact sheet is also available in Spanish.

Contact: National Oral Health Information Clearinghouse, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, One NOHIC Way, Bethesda, MD 20892-3500. Telephone: (301) 402-7364; (866) 232-4528; fax: (301) 480-4098; e-mail: nidcrinfo@mail.nih.gov; website: https://www.nidcr.nih.gov/OrderPublications/default.aspx. Available at no charge (limit 50 copies).

HEALTHY TEETH FOR HAPPY SMILES: ORAL HEALTH TIPS FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS (REV.)


This brochure provides expecting and new parents with facts about infants’ and children’s oral health. It includes information on primary teeth, dental caries, nutrition, fluoride, dental sealants, teething, and ways to care for teeth at various developmental stages.
TOOTH TIME: A GUIDE TO CARING FOR YOUR CHILD’S TEETH AND MOUTH


This guide provides information for parents and other caregivers on oral health care for infants, children, and adolescents. Topics are presented by developmental stage: birth to age 18 months, ages 18 months to 3 years, ages 3 to 5, and ages 5 to 18. Topics include oral hygiene, primary and permanent teeth, tooth decay, dental visits, nutrition, and what to do if a tooth comes out accidentally. The guide is also available in Spanish.

Contact: Minnesota Head Start Association, 904 Valley Drive, Duluth, MN 55804. Telephone: (218) 728-1091; e-mail: info@mnheadstart.org; website: http://www.mnheadstart.org. Available at http://www.mnheadstart.org/Tooth%20book_English.pdf (English) and http://www.mnheadstart.org/Tooth%20book_Spanish.pdf (Spanish).

QUALITY ASSURANCE

ORAL HEALTH INTEGRATION IN THE PATIENT-CENTERED MEDICAL HOME (PCMH) ENVIRONMENT: CASE STUDIES FROM COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS


This paper documents four case studies of community health centers that have taken steps to ensure that medical-care- and oral-health-care-delivery systems work closely together and to incorporate oral health into their quality-improvement processes. Topics include models for integrating oral health care into the primary care setting, findings on oral-health-care delivery in the safety net that can influence work toward the patient-centered medical home model, and changes in health policy and health care reimbursement needed to support integrated medical care and oral health care.


PEDIATRIC ORAL HEALTH PERFORMANCE MEASURE SET: DATA SOURCE—ADMINISTRATIVE DATA: DRAFT MEASURE SPECIFICATIONS


This document highlights the initial steps in developing performance measures on pediatric oral health and identifies a starter set of measure concepts based on data from administrative (claims and encounters) databases. The document includes information on service use, comprehensive or periodic oral examination, topical fluoride and/or dental sealants, treatment, usual source of services, care continuity, and costs.

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PEDIATRIC ORAL HEALTH QUALITY AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES: ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN


This report presents findings from an environmental scan focusing on pediatric oral health care. Contents include pediatric oral health performance and quality-measure concepts and ratings of these concepts on the basis of their validity, feasibility, and importance; gaps in measures; and a starter set of pediatric oral health
in dentistry, challenges that need to be overcome to implement standardized e-measures in dentistry, and recommendations.

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PEDIATRIC ORAL HEALTH QUALITY AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES CONCEPT SET:
ACHIEVING STANDARDIZATION AND ALIGNMENT


This report presents a set of pediatric oral health measure concepts, including broad descriptions of what should be measured and basic information on numerators and denominators for different aspects of care. Topics include uses for the measure concept set, associated definitions, and evidence to support clinical process/performance measures. Additional topics include using the measures to study variations in care and adjusting for the influence of client or population factors when measuring outcomes or results of care.

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PEDIATRIC ORAL HEALTHCARE: EXPLORING THE FEASIBILITY FOR E-MEASURES


This report explores the feasibility of adapting a set of administrative measures (using claims and eligibility data) for pediatric oral health into e-measures (measures based on standardized electronic formats using data mined from electronic health records). Topics include preliminary specifications for pediatric oral health measures, data infrastructure and vocabulary standards...