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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

ACCESS TO ORAL HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN IN RHODE ISLAND


This issue brief describes improvements in access to oral health care for children in Rhode Island. Topics include children at greatest risk for unmet oral health needs and the consequences of untreated oral disease; insurance coverage for oral health care, including care for children with Medicaid coverage; provider participation in Medicaid; the oral health work force; and oral health services for children. Recommendations are provided.

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AN ASSESSMENT OF ORAL HEALTH ON THE PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION


This report describes an assessment of the oral health of Oglala Lakota residents of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in Colorado. Topics include periodontal disease, oral lesions, and the need for care. Also discussed are limitations of the study, identifying the causes of poor oral health, and policy implications and potential solutions.

Contact: Colorado School of Public Health, Center for Native Oral Health Research, University of Colorado, Denver, Nighthorse Campbell Native Health Building, Mail Stop F800, 13055 East 17th Avenue, Aurora, CO 80045. Telephone (303) 724-1414; fax: (303) 724-1474;

THE BURDEN OF ORAL DISEASES IN RHODE ISLAND


This report summarizes data on the impact of oral diseases in Rhode Island. Topics include the prevalence of oral diseases and disparities, protective and risk factors associated with oral diseases, and the provision of oral health services in Rhode Island. Comparisons with national data are made when possible and to Healthy People 2010 objectives when appropriate.


CARIES PREVENTION SERVICES REIMBURSEMENT TABLE


This document presents information from a survey of the 50 states and the District of Columbia on reimbursement for dental-caries-prevention services, including fluoride varnish application, oral examination, anticipatory guidance, risk assessment, education, and recommendation for dental home by age 1. The table presents information for each state on the following topics: type of provider, services, fees, procedure codes, delegation, age limit for services, number of varnish
applications reimbursed annually, training requirement/expectation, payor (fee for service, managed care), payment by Medicaid/Children’s Health Insurance Program, and legislative approval to reimburse medical providers.

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**THE DENTAL SAFETY NET IN RHODE ISLAND**


This report presents findings from a survey of dental safety net providers conducted between September 2010 and April 2011 to obtain service-delivery information. The report shares progress and achievements since the previous survey in 2006, evaluates persisting challenges and needs, and identifies opportunities and strategies to expand services.

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**EVALUATION OF THE DENTAQUEST INSTITUTE SAFETY NET SOLUTIONS’ PRACTICE MANAGEMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND EVALUATION OF DENTAL CLINIC TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEEDS AMONG NNOHA MEMBERSHIP: A SURVEY OF HEALTH CENTER DENTAL CLINICS TO ASSESS THE NEED FOR AND EFFICACY AND SUCCESS OF PRACTICE MANAGEMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**


This report describes a survey of community health center dental clinics to assess the need for and efficacy and success of practice-management technical assistance. Contents include a description of the survey methodology, findings relating to safety net dental clinics, and an analysis of the service providers’ technical assistance.


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**FACT SHEET: MINNESOTA’S DENTAL ASSISTANCE WORKFORCE 2008–2009**


This fact sheet describes survey findings from the biennial licensing renewal process in Minnesota on the supply of dental assistants and their education, careers, and future plans. The fact sheet provides statistics as well as information on training and education trends, demographics of licensed dental assistants, geographic distribution in the state, primary practice settings, plans for practice longevity, and expanded restorative functions.

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FACT SHEET: MINNESOTA’S DENTIST WORKFORCE 2009–2010


This fact sheet describes survey findings from the biennial licensing renewal process in Minnesota on dentists’ and dental specialists’ education, careers, and future plans. The fact sheet provides statistics as well as information on training and education trends, demographics of licensed dentists, geographic distribution in the state, primary practice settings, plans for practice longevity, and collaborative agreements.


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HISPANICS OPEN UP ABOUT ORAL HEALTH CARE


This report presents findings from an oral health survey of Hispanic and other adults in the United States. Topics include oral conditions, discussing oral conditions with a dentist, access to dental insurance, perceived necessity for dental visits, common misperceptions, and helpful oral health resources. Information about the survey methodology is also provided. A companion brochure (in English and Spanish) offers guidance for consumers on speaking with their oral health professionals, as well as selected statistics and a quiz.


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IDPH SCHOOL-BASED SEALANT PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT: SCHOOL YEAR 2010–2011


This report provides statistics for several school-based dental sealant programs in Iowa during the school year. Results indicate the number of (1) children examined, (2) children receiving sealants, (3) sealants placed, (4) sealants placed on the teeth of children covered by Medicaid, (5) children with history of tooth decay, (6) children covered by Medicaid with history of decay, (7) children with untreated decay, (8) children covered by Medicaid with untreated decay, (9) children with private insurance, (10) children with no dental insurance, and (11) children covered by Medicaid.

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NEW JERSEY CHILDREN WITHOUT DENTAL SERVICES IN 2001 AND 2009


This brief uses data from the 2001 and 2009 New Jersey Family Health Surveys to describe the characteristics of children and adolescents ages 3 to 18 who received no oral health services within a year. Graphs present data on race and ethnicity, health insurance status, federal poverty status, and nativity. A chart provides relative odds of receiving no oral health care in 2009.

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WATER FLUORIDATION REPORTING SYSTEM


This resource provides information about a tool that helps states manage the quality of water-fluoridation programs. Topics include monitoring the quality of water fluoridation, coordination with the Environmental Protection Agency, access to the Water Fluoridation Reporting System (WFRS), public access to WFRS information, and the water-fluoridation-quality award. Links to related data applications and an interactive graphic on how water-fluoridation-data systems relate to WFRS are also provided.

Contact: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road, Atlanta, GA 30333. Telephone: (800) 232-4636; (888) 232-6348; e-mail: cdc@cdccinfo.gov; website: http://www.cdc.gov. Available at http://www.cdc.gov/fluoridation/fact_sheets/engineering/wfrs_factsheet.htm.

USE OF DENTAL SERVICES IN MEDICAID AND CHIP


This report provides a summary of and data on access to and use of pediatric oral health preventive or treatment services from 2000 to 2009. It discusses the goal of increasing children's use of services by 10 percent by 2015. Tables present state-by-state data on children receiving preventive oral health services, as well as geographic variations.


MCHB-FUNDED PROJECT FINAL REPORTS

ALASKA ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM: TOHSS FINAL REPORT


This final report describes a 2007 to 2011 oral health program in Alaska to provide additional access to preventive services to children, including those with special health care needs, and pregnant women, as well as a school-based dental sealant pilot program. The report is organized into objectives and goals with a brief summary of activities in each year of the program. Also included is an overview of future oral health program activities and evaluation results. [Fundied by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

COLORADO TOHSS FINAL REPORT


This final report describes a Colorado oral health project to increase the number of children with a dental home by addressing three issues: (1) increasing the number of dental visits by age 1 for children at highest risk for oral disease, (2) improving access to oral health services for children with special health care needs through the medical home approach, and (3) expanding access to restorative care through school-based dental sealant programs. Contents include a summary of each goal, with activities listed. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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END OF TOHSS PROJECT REPORT, REPUBLIC OF MARSHALL ISLANDS: MODEL ORAL HEALTH PREVENTION TRAINING AND DELIVERY FOR WELL BABY VISITS AND CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS


This final report describes an oral health project in the Marshall Islands to increase access to and provide oral health care services for children, including those with special health care needs, and pregnant women. Topics include increasing collaboration between government, oral health care stakeholders, and families in program development and providing comprehensive curriculum training for all levels of providers. Also included are a description of project goals and objectives and activities, an evaluation matrix, a flowchart showing the improvement plan, and a list of presentations and products developed during the project. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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FINAL REPORT, TARGETED STATE MCH ORAL HEALTH SERVICE SYSTEMS GRANT


This report describes Maine’s Kids Oral Health Partnership, which focuses on oral health training for professionals who serve young children. Topics include
educating, building awareness, and integrating oral health into existing health-delivery systems, as well as enabling non-oral-health professionals to recognize and understand oral diseases and conditions and to provide anticipatory guidance, preventive interventions, and referral for improved oral health and oral health access. Report contents include an introduction to the project and its goals, outcomes by objective, and a summary of efforts to sustain the work. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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HEALTHY TOMORROW’S PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN: ERIE DENTAL HEALTH CENTER—FINAL REPORT


This final report describes activities of an oral health program in Albany Park, Illinois, to provide high-quality oral health care to Latino children and pregnant women from March 2006 through February 2011. The program provided oral health care, anticipatory guidance at medical visits, and health education and outreach in the community. The report describes the program’s purpose, goals and objectives, methodology, and evaluation measures. Also included is information on the project’s publications, products, and dissemination of results. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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IOWA’S TOHSS PROJECT FINAL PROGRESS REPORT


This final report describes the Iowa I-Smile program and its goals: (1) the promotion of the dental home initiative to ensure statewide recognition and understanding of the importance of early and regular oral health care and (2) the creation of an ongoing surveillance system to track the oral health status of infants and children from birth through age 5 and the impact of the program. Topics include the medical/dental interface, access to care for children with special health care needs, improving oral health care financing, expanding comprehensive services statewide, increasing collaboration, and sustainable efforts. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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KANSAS TOHSS FINAL REPORT


This final report describe a 4-year project in Kansas dedicated to improving the oral health of children with special health care needs (CSHCN). Topics include collaboration among oral health professionals and networks for CSHCN, education, professional training, preventive services, and the creation of a referral hub for restorative treatment. Contents include a description of goals and objectives and a summary of materials developed for the project. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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MICHIGAN TARGETED STATE MATERNAL AND CHILD ORAL HEALTH SERVICE SYSTEMS PROGRAM NARRATIVE


This final report describes a project in Michigan to develop a health-systems strategy to extend oral health services to families and children. Three main goals are addressed: (1) increase age 1 dental visits for children at greatest risk for disease, (2) improve access to oral health services for children with special health care needs, and (3) ensure restorative treatment of active disease through dental sealant programs. Contents include progress and program narrative sections, current staffing, technical-assistance needs, descriptions of linkages, and programmatic requirements. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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NORTH CAROLINA TOHSS FINAL REPORT


This final report describes a North Carolina oral health project to increase the number of children enrolled in Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program who both have a dental home and use it by age 1. Objectives discussed include refining and testing the oral-health-risk-assessment and referral tool, developing an educational intervention for non-oral-health professionals for use statewide, and conducting an evaluation of physicians’ oral-health-referral performance. Report contents include a description of the project purpose, activities related to objectives, and significant results. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]
STATE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (MCH) TARGETED ORAL HEALTH SERVICES SYSTEMS (TOHSS) GRANT PROGRAM: FINAL PROJECT NARRATIVE, 2007–2011


This final report describes a Florida project to increase age 1 dental visits for children at high risk for oral disease and improve access to oral health services for children with special health care needs. The report includes an overview of the need for improved oral health access in Florida; descriptions of significant changes, experiences, and collaborative activities related to the project; and a discussion of project sustainability. A list of publications and other materials produced during the project period is also provided. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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PROGRAM NARRATIVE: VIRGINIA TARGETED STATE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH ORAL HEALTH SERVICE SYSTEMS


This final report describes an oral health project in Virginia to (1) increase age 1 dental visits for children at high risk for dental caries; (2) extend oral health screening, education, and fluoride varnish programs within the Bright Smiles for Babies program; and (3) improve access to care for children with special health care needs through collaborative projects. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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PROGRAM NARRATIVE SECTIONS: TARGETED ORAL HEALTH SERVICE SYSTEMS GRANT


This final report describes an oral health program in Kentucky to increase children's access to preventive and restorative oral health treatment. Topics include developing statewide oral health capacity, infrastructure, and an electronic tracking and reporting system for the dental sealant program; designing an evaluation plan; identifying barriers to increasing the number of dentists; and engaging the community in solutions. Contents include descriptions of experiences to date, significant changes, collaboration, program monitoring, and a summary of program results. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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TARGETED ORAL HEALTH SERVICES SYSTEMS: MASSACHUSETTS’ FINAL PROJECT NARRATIVE


This report describes a project to increase access to oral health prevention and treatment services for children eligible for Medicaid and the State Children’s Health Insurance Program and other underserved children, including those with special health care needs. Topics include the development, implementation, and promotion of preventive oral health programs in school-based health centers; a restorative referral and case-management oral health program; and implementing the Massachusetts Oral Health Action Plan for children and adolescents with special health care needs. The report provides information on program accomplishments, program impact, and lessons learned. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]
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TARGETED STATE MATERNAL AND CHILD ORAL HEALTH SERVICE SYSTEMS: FINAL REPORT


This final report describes a project in New York to establish and enhance collaboration with community partners and provide oral health training and resources to increase oral health literacy and access to oral health services among individuals with low incomes, especially pregnant women, infants, and young children. The report summarizes project goals and objectives, accomplishments, sustainability efforts, impact on the community and oral health service systems, and lessons learned. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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TOHSS FINAL NARRATIVE


This final report describes a project to (1) increase the number of young children at high risk for dental caries who are receiving early preventive care, including assessments and fluoride varnish applications; (2) increase the number of children enrolled in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) who receive a dental visit by age 1; and (3) develop sustainable systems that maximize the use of WIC as an entry point for early oral health services. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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THE WISCONSIN COMMUNITY-BASED SYSTEM OF ORAL HEALTH FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS: WISCONSIN SPECIAL SMILES PROGRAM—FINAL REPORT


This final report describes the Wisconsin Special Smiles Program from 2007 to 2011 to promote oral health as a part of total health for children and adolescents with special health care needs (CASHCN). Objectives include improving self-care and knowledge, including the creation of the parent-education toolkit; establishing an oral-health-case-management program and informing parents and caregivers about oral-health-care resources; offering services through regionally based public health dental hygienists; and offering training for oral health professionals who serve CASHCN. The report concludes with a summary of lessons learned and sustained activities. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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POLICY

BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS TO ORAL HEALTH FOR ALL AMERICANS: THE ROLE OF FINANCE


This paper examines financial barriers to accessing oral health care and offers solutions to reduce these barriers. Topics include how affordability of care affects oral health, methods of paying for care, and recommendations for improving oral health care financing and increasing the number of individuals who receive regular oral health care.

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CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH


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


CHIP DENTAL COVERAGE: AN EXAMINATION OF STATE ORAL HEALTH BENEFIT CHANGES AS A RESULT OF CHIPRA


This issue brief examines the benefit and coverage limits of states that have voluntarily sought and received federal approval for their Children's Health Insurance Program dental benefit. In addition to examining changes in benefits and coverage limitations, the brief reviews states’ procedures for allowing children to obtain services beyond any stated benefit maximums. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


CONSIDERATIONS FOR CARIES-RISK ASSESSMENT IN AN ESSENTIAL HEALTH BENEFITS DENTAL PLAN FOR CHILDREN


This technical brief provides an overview of research on caries risk assessment and the potential for improving the way such research is used in providing clinical care to children. Topics include recommendations and considerations for the use of risk assessment in allocating preventive and therapeutic services in any dental benefits plan for children.

A COSTLY DENTAL DESTINATION: HOSPITAL CARE MEANS STATES PAY DEARLY


This issue brief describes the increase in emergency room (ER) visits for childhood toothaches and other avoidable oral health ailments. Topics include the cost burden of oral health care services provided in the ER, increasing investments in children’s access to preventive oral health care, barriers to obtaining oral health care among individuals with low incomes, increasing the supply of providers, and increasing access to oral health services for children enrolled in Medicaid.


DENTAL CRISIS IN AMERICA: THE NEED TO EXPAND ACCESS


This report describes the burden of oral disease in America and the need for increased access to comprehensive preventive and restorative oral health services. Topics include barriers to accessing oral health services by children, adolescents, and adults; the continuing shortages of oral health professionals and dental insurance coverage; and the cost of untreated oral health problems. Potential solutions are discussed and include expanding the oral health workforce, integrating oral health services, and promoting prevention and education.


DENTAL ACTION PLAN TEMPLATE FOR MEDICAID AND CHIP PROGRAMS: COMMENTS


This document provides comments on the proposed Dental Action Plan Template for Medicaid and CHIP (Children’s Health Insurance Program) published December 23, 2011. Topics include goals, instructions and next steps, activities, measurement, reimbursement, dental sealants, collaboration, and electronic records. Recommendations are included.


EXCHANGES AND DENTAL COVERAGE: BUILDING ON AN EMPLOYER BASE


This issue brief provides an overview of private dental insurance coverage, who has coverage and how they obtain it, and the possible impact of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on employer-sponsored dental benefits. Topics addressed include employer insurance purchasing patterns, state exchanges, and coverage for children and families. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

FILLING THE GAP: ADDRESSING THE DENTAL WORKFORCE SHORTAGE IN KANSAS


This brief discusses the oral health workforce shortage in Kansas and how access to oral health services may be expanded to include registered dental practitioners working under the supervision of a dentist. Information about access expansion is provided as it relates to state House Bill 2280 and state Senate Bill 192.


HEALTH CENTERS AND HOSPITAL-BASED DENTISTRY


This paper discusses options for providing oral health services for individuals with complex medical, physical, and psychological conditions and for uncooperative young children. Topics include the burden of disease; indications and options for sedation, general anesthesia, and alternative techniques; developing a health center hospital-based dentistry program; scope of practice and change in scope; engaging partners; recruiting, credentialing, and privileging staff; equipment needs; insurance pre-authorization and case management; quality assurance; and program evaluation. The appendix contains a flowchart of steps to integrate specialty care services.

Contact: National Network for Oral Health Access, PMB 329, 3700 Quebec Street, Unit 100, Denver, CO 80207-1639. Telephone: (303) 957-0635; fax: (866) 316-4995; e-mail: info@nnoha.org; website: http://www.nnoha.org. $8 plus shipping; also available at http://www.nnoha.org/goopages/pages_download_file.php?filename=18248.pdf&cdpath=/practicemanagement/hospital-based_dentistry_11-11.pdf%26A0.

IMPROVING MAINECARE DENTAL ACCESS FOR MAINE CHILDREN: ANNUAL REPORT TO THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES


This report was issued to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services in response to a legislative initiative to ensure that children enrolled in the state Medicaid program, MaineCare, have the same access to oral health care as do children with private dental insurance. Contents include a letter to the committee from the MaineCare program director, information and statistics on oral health care issues in the state, a discussion of outreach efforts to members of MaineCare and oral health professionals, and a description of partnerships to increase children's access to oral health care.


NATIONAL ORAL HEALTH POLICY 101


This resource provides information on barriers to and opportunities for understanding children's dental carries and other public oral health issues. Topics include health care coverage and financing, prevention, safety nets, surveillance, and work force issues. Topics include national and Florida health policies.

POLICY OPTIONS FOR EXPANDING THE ORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE: NCSL LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT—
AUG. 11, 2011


This webcast, held on August 11, 2011, discusses policy options for ensuring that children receive optimal oral health care. One topic included is state initiatives to increase the number of dentists and establish a new category of mid-level oral health professionals.


POSITION STATEMENT: INTEGRATING ORAL HEALTH SERVICES INTO COLORADO SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS


This paper outlines cost-effective and evidence-based approaches for integrating preventive oral health services into Colorado school-based health centers. It discusses (1) the need for preventive oral health services for detecting and treating dental caries and addressing oral health disparities and (2) the impact of caries on the health and social welfare, as well as educational and economic status, of Colorado’s children. The paper also discusses community, school-wide, and patient-centered approaches in school-based health centers.

Contact: Colorado Association of School-Based Health Centers, 1801 Williams Street, Suite 400, Denver, CO 80218. Telephone: (303) 399-6380; fax: (303) 350-4296; e-mail: info@casbhc.org; website: http://www.casbhc.org. Available at http://www.casbhc.org/publications/Oral%20Health.pdf.

REACHING NEW HEIGHTS IN HEALTH WITH SCHOOL-BASED ORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS


This paper addresses the role of school-based oral health programs in improving the oral health of Massachusetts’ children by increasing access and removing barriers to care for all children. Topics include the prevalence of oral disease in children; preventing oral disease with community water fluoridation, topical fluoride, and dental sealants; the role of school health professionals; and types of school-based oral health programs. Additional topics include program types, billing for services, informed consent, client health records, referrals, infection control, and cessation of operation. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: Massachusetts Coalition for Oral Health. Telephone: (617) 624-6074; e-mail: lynn.bethel@state.ma.us; website: http://www.bu.edu/mcoh. Available at http://www.bu.edu/mcoh/files/2009/06/9134_White-Paper_r5aPROOF.pdf.

SCHOOL-BASED OR SCHOOL-LINKED MOBILE OR PORTABLE DENTAL SERVICES: POLICY STATEMENT

Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 2012. School-Based or School-Linked Mobile or Portable Dental Services: Policy Statement. Sparks, NV: Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 4 pp.

This policy statement discusses preschool and school-based or school-linked mobile and portable oral health programs that provide comprehensive services or linkages to a dental home. Contents include background information about oral disease in children, access to oral health care for children and their families, health-care-seeking behaviors among parents, administrative perspectives, and other considerations in providing onsite oral health services. The statement also explores methods for bringing oral health services, such as dental sealant programs and preventive and restorative services, to schools.

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/School-Based_or_School-Linked_Mobile_or_Portable_Dental_Services_Policy_Statement_February_28_2012.pdf.
TALKING ORAL HEALTH WITH YOUR LEGISLATORS


This document provides tips to help advocates in Maine talk with legislators about the importance of oral health for overall health. Topics include costs of oral disease related to health, jobs, and education; the use of emergency room visits for oral pain; the relationship between uncontrolled periodontal disease and adverse health conditions; and the cost, dangers, and preventable nature of tooth decay. Solutions are offered for financing oral health care, reducing waste of health care dollars, supporting community water fluoridation, and expanding school programs that prevent oral disease.

Contact: Maine Dental Access Coalition, 11 Parkwood Drive, Augusta, ME 04330. Telephone: (207) 622-7566; e-mail: MDAC@mcg.org; website: http://www.mainedentalaccess.org. Available at http://www.mainedentalaccess.org/docs/Talking_Points_for_legislators_2011.2.doc.

USING ORAL HEALTH DATA TO INFORM DECISIONS AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT


This fact sheet provides tips for presenting complex oral health data in a way that is understandable and meaningful for a non-oral-health audience. The fact sheet also provides a list of resources ranging from a communications toolkit to developing a "plain language" document.

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/Oral_Health_Data_used_for_Policy_05-12-2012.pdf.

WATER FLUORIDATION AND DENTAL HEALTH INDICATORS IN RURAL AND URBAN AREAS OF THE UNITED STATES: FINAL REPORT


This report examines the availability of fluoridated water across urban-rural settings and relates measures of fluoride availability to national survey measures of oral health in adults and children. Contents include the study background, methodology, results, and conclusions. Policy recommendations are provided.

Contact: West Virginia Rural Health Research Center, West Virginia University, P.O. Box 9190, Morgantown, WV 26506-9190. Telephone: (304) 293-7607; fax: (304) 293-6685; website: http://wvrhrc.hsc.wvu.edu. Available at http://wvrhrc.hsc.wvu.edu/docs/2011_fluoridation_final_report.pdf.

PROFESSIONAL-CLIENT TOOLS

ADA CARIES RISK ASSESSMENT FORMS


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

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/5157.aspx?currentTab=2.
DENTAL FORMS LIBRARY


This resource presents a collection of forms in use by safety-net oral health programs across the country. The forms are organized into the following categories: consent forms, refusal forms, excuse letters, consultation requests, policies and procedures, client information, guidelines and instructions, new provider information, education materials for clients and providers, human resources forms, and miscellaneous. Some forms are available in Spanish, Russian, and French.

Contact: National Network for Oral Health Access, PMB 329, 3700 Quebec Street, Unit 100, Denver, CO 80207-1639. Telephone: (303) 957-0635; fax: (866) 316-4995; e-mail: info@nnoha.org; website: http://www.nnoha.org. Available at http://www.nnoha.org/dentallibrary.html.

LIVING WITH DIABETES: ORAL HEALTH AND HYGIENE


This resource provides information on oral health and hygiene for individuals with diabetes. Topics include the prevalence of gum disease among those with diabetes, plaque, and toothbrushing and flossing. Frequently asked questions and an oral health care quiz are also available from the website.


EARLY CHILDHOOD AND ORAL HEALTH: A RESOURCE FOR HOME VISITORS


This resource contains 15 modules for educating parents and caregivers of young children about oral health during home visits. Topics include oral health and infancy, the importance of primary teeth, early childhood caries, toothbrushing and flossing, nutrition and feeding habits, the importance of fluoride, medications and oral health, screening for early childhood caries, teething, weaning, oral habits, first aid, professional oral health care, and special considerations. Educational materials for parents are available from the website.

Contact: Kansas Head Start Association, 925 Vermont, Lawrence, KS 66044. Telephone: (785) 856-3132; fax: (785) 824-2087; e-mail: khsa@kc.rr.com; website: http://www.ksheadstart.org. Contact for cost information (training modules); handouts available at no charge at http://www.oralhealthkansas.org/educationalmaterials.html.
ORAL HEALTH FOR MARYLAND’S KIDS: A HEAD START TEACHER’S GUIDE FOR CREATING HEALTHY SMILES


This curriculum was developed to help Head Start teachers instill positive oral health knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors in children and their families. It also serves as an introduction to good oral health habits for children. The curriculum comprises seven lesson plans. Each lesson plan contains learning objectives, background information for teachers, Head Start domains and elements, special instructions, a description of the main lesson plan, a list of materials needed to conduct the lesson, questions to check children’s knowledge and understanding, optional small group supplemental/enrichment activities, and a newsletter for parents. [Funded in part 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: OHRCInfo@georgetown.edu; website: http://www.mchoralhealth.org. Available at http://www.mchoralhealth.org/OHMD_Kids.

ORAL HEALTH IN HEAD START: A RESOURCE GUIDE (2ND ED.)


This guide describes resources to help professionals working in states and communities in planning, developing, and implementing efforts to ensure that pregnant women, infants, and children enrolled in Head Start receive optimal oral health services. The guide is divided into three sections. The first section lists journal articles appearing in the peer-reviewed literature from January 2007 to 2011. The second section describes materials published from 2007 to 2011, including brochures, fact sheets, directories, guides, kits, papers, reports, and multimedia. 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]


PARENT’S CONSENT FORM FOR CHILD PARTICIPATION IN TOOTH BRUSHING


This form (letter) is designed for dental hygienists to use in obtaining positive (active) parental consent for tooth brushing among students participating in state-mandated oral health screenings (grades 1, 3, and 7) and oral health education (grades K through 8) in Pennsylvania.


SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT RESOURCES


These resources include an oral health curriculum (Smile Smarts!) for preschool through eighth grade and materials to introduce students to careers in the oral health profession (dentistry, dental assisting, dental hygiene, and dental laboratory technology). Additional classroom ideas and resources are also provided.

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 no charge from the website (curriculum and career program elementary toolkit); see website for current pricing of other materials. Available at http://www.ada.org/391.aspx.
TREATING AND PREVENTING FACIAL INJURY


This resource provides information on treating and preventing maxillofacial injuries, also referred to as facial trauma. Topics include the role of oral and maxillofacial surgeons in treating injuries to teeth, mouth, jaws, and facial structures. The resource also discusses the importance of making safety gear such as protective mouth guards, masks, and helmets part of standard athletic equipment. Recommendations for injury prevention in specific sports are included.

**Contact:** American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, 9700 West Bryn Mawr Avenue, Rosemont, IL 60018-5701. Telephone: (847) 678-6200; (800) 822-6637; fax: (847) 678-6286; website: http://www.aaoms.org. Available at http://www.aaoms.org/facial_injury.php.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND PRACTICE

ADVANCING THE PRACTICE OF DENTAL DISEASE MANAGEMENT


This two-part series describes efforts to promote dental caries management by risk assessment (CAMBRA). Part 1 focuses on validation of CAMBRA, new directions in the etiology of caries, keeping healthy teeth caries free, pediatric protocols, prevention-centered caries-management strategies during critical periods in early childhood, and motivational interviewing concepts. Part 2 features successful business models for implementing CAMBRA in private practice settings, bringing CAMBRA into federally qualified health centers, a reaction to CAMBRA and its effects on access to care, the business of prevention, the evolving role of insurance carriers in caries prevention in children, and federal policymaking in support of CAMBRA implementation.

**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; website: http://www.mchoralhealth.org. Available at http://www.aacdp.com/docs/Newsletter_Issue8.pdf.

DIAGNOSTIC CODES


This fact sheet outlines health center oral health programs’ use of diagnostic codes and the benefits of and barriers to using them and discusses whether safety-net oral health programs would benefit from using the codes. Next steps in promoting evidence-based dentistry are also discussed.

THE FACTS: REGISTERED DENTAL PRACTITIONER


This fact sheet describes Kansas Registered Dental Practitioners’ (RDPs’) qualifications and roles as proposed in state legislation designed to expand the oral health work force. The fact sheet outlines RDPs’ education, supervision, scope of practice, and quality of care. The fact sheet also discusses myths and facts in the ongoing debate on health care access and its scope in Kansas and the fact that RDPs alone will not solve the problems of access to and quality of oral health care.


DIRECT ACCESS STATES (REV. ED.)


This document provides an overview of states with direct-access programs whereby a dental hygienist can initiate treatment based on his or her own assessment of a client’s needs without the specific authorization of a dentist; provide treatment services without the presence of a dentist; and maintain a provider-client relationship. Each state entry includes an authorizing code section, a brief description of methods and services, and special requirements and notes.


FLUORIDE VARNISH MANUAL FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS (UPD. ED.)


This manual describes the purpose of fluoride varnish in preventing, arresting, or reversing the process of tooth decay in children at high to medium risk for dental caries and the role of health professionals. Topics include online training resources, determining who is at greatest risk, key advantages of fluoride varnish, supplies and ordering information, positioning of the infant or young child for varnish application, the application process, and the importance of establishing a dental home. Information for consumers is also provided.


EXPANDED FUNCTION DENTAL ASSISTANT TOOLKIT


This website provides resources that discuss the expanding role dental assistants can play in providing access to oral health services. Contents include articles, reports, and position statements, along with a summary of each item.

FROM THE FIRST TOOTH


This website provides information and resources from a community partnership working to integrate oral health assessment, fluoride varnish treatments, and parent and other caregiver counseling on good oral health practices into the medical and social service settings where infants and young children (from birth to age 3) receive services. Contents include information about participating practices, reimbursement and training for professionals, sample benefit language for employers, materials for parents and families, and a referral list. Journal articles and additional resources on water fluoridation, conferences, and policy are included.


GENETICS, DISEASE AND DENTISTRY: ONLINE TUTORIAL


This resource for teachers, students, and oral health professionals provides information on genetics concepts and their applications in practice. Contents include case studies, a genetics primer, clinical reviews, and additional resources. Self-review questions at the end of each case study help gauge understanding of key concepts. The primer includes illustrations depicting the patterns of inheritance most likely to be encountered in practice. The clinical reviews address oral manifestations for each condition, highlighted in the case studies.

Contact: National Coalition for Health Professional Education in Genetics, 2360 West Joppa Road, Suite 320, Lutherville, MD 21093. Telephone: (410) 583-0600; fax: (410) 583-0520; e-mail: info@nchpeg.org; website: http://www.nchpeg.org. Available at http://www.nchpeg.org/dentistry.

GUIDELINES FOR MOBILE/PORTABLE DENTAL CARE PROGRAMS WORKING IN SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS

Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Oral Health Program. 2012. Guidelines for Mobile/Portable Dental Care Programs Working in School Administrative Units. Augusta, ME: Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Oral Health Program. 6 pp.

These guidelines are designed for evaluating proposals for establishing school-based oral health programs. The guidelines focus on helping to ensure the health and safety of all students who receive services provided by mobile/portable oral health programs in school-based settings and on helping to ensure that such services are coordinated and documented.


HANDLING ORTHODONTIC EMERGENCIES


This fact sheet for school nurses discusses how to handle problems involving dental braces. Contents include a list of tools and supplies, an illustrated description of the components of braces (ligature, archwire, brackets, metal bands, and elastic hooks and rubber bands); and a list of treatments. Problems and responses to them are listed in the order of the least severe to the most severe and include food caught between teeth; ligatures coming off; discomfort; mouth sores; irritation of lips or cheeks; protruding wire; loose brackets, wires, or bands; and swallowed components.

Contact: American Association of Orthodontists, 401 North Lindbergh Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63141-7816. Telephone: (314) 993-1700; (800) 424-2841; fax: (314) 997-1745; e-mail: info@aahro.org; website: http://www.braces.org. Available at http://www.aahro.org/Press/HealthCareProfessionals/upload/OrthoEmergency-FLYER-lgl-11-l.pdf.
MAPPING THE RURAL KANSAS DENTAL WORKFORCE: IMPLICATIONS FOR POPULATION ORAL HEALTH


This report describes a shortage of primary care dentists and Extended Care Permit dental hygienists in certain rural areas of Kansas, taking into account where people live, how they travel, and where professionals practice. The report maps oral health professional coverage and identifies gaps in coverage. A summary of key findings to inform oral-health-work-force policy is included.

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/Mapping_the_Rural_Kansas_Dental_Workforce.pdf.

MEDICAL INFANT AND CHILD ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM


This website provides training materials for phase 1 of the Medical Infant and Child Oral Health Program in West Virginia. Completion of the program is required for all primary care physicians and their medical ancillary personnel working in offices that receive reimbursement from the West Virginia Children's Health Insurance Program or Medicaid for oral health assessment and fluoride varnish applications for children under age 3. Phase 2 materials will be made available within 60 days after the successful completion of phase 1.

Contact: West Virginia University, School of Dentistry, P.O. Box 9400, Morgantown, WV 26506-9400. Telephone: (304) 293-2521; fax: (304) 293-2859; e-mail: SOD_General_Info@hsc.wvu.edu; website: http://www.hsc.wvu.edu/sod. Available at http://dentistry.hsc.wvu.edu/Oral-Health/WVInfantOH.

ORAL EVALUATION AND FLUORIDE VARNISH IN THE MEDICAL HOME

Texas Department of State Health Services, Oral Health Program. 2012. Oral Evaluation and Fluoride Varnish in the Medical Home. Austin, TX: Texas Department of State Health Services, Oral Health Program.

This website provides information on Oral Evaluation and Fluoride Varnish (OEFV) in the Medical Home, a program aimed at improving the oral health of infants and young children (ages 6–35 months) in Texas. Topics include certification and reimbursement for physicians, physician assistants, and advanced practice registered nurses for performing limited services in conjunction with a Texas Health Steps medical checkup. Services include oral evaluation, fluoride varnish application, anticipatory guidance, and referral to a dentist. Links to training programs, forms, materials, product resources, online provider lookup, and the Medicaid provider website are also provided.

Contact: Texas Department of State Health Services, Oral Health Program, 1100 West 49th Street, Mail Code 1938, Austin, TX 78756-3199. Telephone: (512) 458-7323; fax: (512) 458-7256; website: http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/dental/default.shtm. Available at http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/dental/OEFV.shtm.

ORAL HEALTH AND THE PATIENT-CENTERED HEALTH HOME: ACTION GUIDE


This report describes a needs assessment of health center dental directors and follow-up interviews with nine “early adopter” organizations that have made substantial progress in integrating oral health into the patient-centered health home (PCHH). Topics include characteristics and organizational factors of the early adopter health centers that facilitated medical-dental integration and the establishment of the PCHH, as well as barriers that hinder this achievement. Additional topics include promising practices related to integrating oral health with other health center services.

Contact: National Network for Oral Health Access, PMB 329, 3700 Quebec Street, Unit 100, Denver, CO 80207-1639. Telephone: (303) 957-0635; fax: (866) 316-4995; e-mail: info@nnoha.org; website: http://
ORAL HEALTH FROM A PUBLIC HEALTH PERSPECTIVE


This series of courses addresses concepts of collaborative dental hygiene practice (CDHP) in Minnesota and provides tools and resources for planning and establishing such a practice. Topics include oral public health, an introduction to CDHP, and collaborative practice examples. Future courses will address a sustainable business model and risk and liability.

**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; website: http://www.mchoralhealth.org. Available at http://www.mchoralhealth.org/mn/collaborative-practice/public-health.

ORAL HEALTH IT TOOLBOX


This toolbox provides oral health professionals and primary care health professionals with information, tools, and resources on oral health and health information technology (IT). The toolbox is organized into four sections: introduction, health IT and oral health, meaningful use and oral health, and opportunities for health IT and oral health in the safety net and for special populations. Each section contains questions with answers and supporting resources.

**Contact:** Health Resources and Services Administration, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Telephone: (888) 275-4772; (877) 464-4772; (800) 221-9393; (301) 443-3376; fax: (301) 443-1246; e-mail: ask@hrsa.gov; website: http://www.hrsa.gov. Available at http://www.hrsa.gov/healthit/toolbox/oralhealthittoolbox/index.html.

REFERENCE MANUAL


This manual contains reaffirmed, revised, and new policies; clinical guidelines; endorsements; and other practice-relevant resources related to the specialty of pediatric dentistry.

**Contact:** American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Suite 1700, Chicago, IL 60611-2637. Telephone: (312) 337-2169; fax: (312) 337-6329; website: http://www.aapd.org. $14 (members), $40 (nonmembers). Available at http://www.aapd.org/policies.

A REVIEW OF THE GLOBAL LITERATURE ON DENTAL THERAPISTS


This monograph reviews literature dating from 1932 and published in the United States that is related to the concept of introducing dental therapists into the workforce. The monograph also reviews the experiences of a number of nations where the use of dental therapists could be documented. Topics include history and distribution of dental therapists; education and training; legislation, registration, and licensure; scope of practice and practice settings; oversight, supervision, and safety of care; access to and effectiveness of care; quality of technical care; perspectives of the oral health profession; and perspectives of the public. The monograph concludes with a bibliography.

**Contact:** W. K. Kellogg Foundation, One Michigan Avenue, East, Battle Creek, MI 49017-4012. Telephone: (269) 968-1611; fax: (269) 968-0413; website: http://www.wkkf.org. Available at http://www.wkkf.org/~/media/97A0E38A926443BF81491C09DCA6A7EA/Nash%20Dental%20Therapist%20Literature%20Review.pdf.
SCHOOL NURSES’ SELF-ASSESSMENT OF ORAL HEALTH KNOWLEDGE


This tool is designed to help school nurses assess their knowledge about children’s oral health. Contents include 15 multiple-choice questions on topics such as oral hygiene, screening and risk assessment, injuries, and nutrition. Once completed, the assessment may be downloaded with questions, answers, explanations, and citations from published literature.

Contact: National Association of School Nurses, 8484 Georgia Avenue, Suite 420, 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 no charge. Available at http://oralhealthconnections.org/Home/SelfAssessment.

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY ISSUE


This issue celebrates the 75th anniversary of the Journal of Dental Education, summarizing the evolution of dental education as a profession and the role of the journal. Topics include the scientific basis for dentistry and its impact on dental education, prevention and its relationship to education, connecting dental education to other health professions, student trends, dental school faculty and the academic environment, changing oral health care needs, new models of dental education and curricular change, community-based dental education, dentists’ learning in practice, pre-doctoral dental education, and information technology and informatics in dental education.


SPECIAL ISSUE: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT IN DENTISTRY—ADDRESSING ACCESS TO CARE


This special issue of the Journal of Public Health Dentistry focuses on the development of educational programs for dental therapists in the United States. The journal describes the work of a panel of academicians to develop a postsecondary curriculum and training for a dental therapist. The articles describe the curriculum plan and methods used to arrive at the plan, how dental hygienists could gain additional dental therapy skills, and accreditation. Additional articles summarize the education of mid-level providers throughout the world, a case study of how dentists in Alaska work with their dental therapists, and a symposium on the practice of dentistry in the 21st century.

Contact: John Wiley and Sons, Corporate Headquarters, 111 River Street, Hoboken, NJ 07030. Telephone: (201) 748-6000; fax: (201) 748-6088; e-mail: info@wiley.com; website: http://www.wiley.com/WileyCDA. Available at http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jphd.2011.71.issue-s2/issuetoc.

STATE DENTAL PERIODICITY SCHEDULES


The resource comprises a map and related materials on state dental periodicity schedules for infants, children, and adolescents from birth to age 18. The color-coded map links to information on (1) states that have no schedule, (2) states that use a schedule, and (3) states that use the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) recommended schedule. Related materials include AAPD’s Guideline on Periodicity of Examination, Preventive Dental Services, Anticipatory Guidance/Counseling, and Oral Treatment for Infants, Children, and Adolescents.

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/advocacy/state_periodicity_schedules.
PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

ASTDD ANNUAL REPORT 2011: LEVERAGING NEW PARTNERSHIPS AND RESOURCES FOR THE FUTURE


This report summarizes activities of the American Association for State and Territorial Dental Directors. It addresses the association's efforts to build on proven models, advocate for policies and resources, help states improve their programs and collaborations, plan strategic communications, and assess and evaluate partnerships and collaborations. In addition, it focuses on efforts to increase visibility and appreciation for state oral health programs and transitions to new models and funding for oral health care. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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/ASTDD_Annual_Report_2011_FINAL.pdf.

BE SMART AND SEAL THEM! A SCHOOL-BASED DENTAL SEALANT MANUAL


This manual provides information on planning, implementing, evaluating, and promoting a program that provides oral health screenings and dental sealants for students in second grade in Colorado. Contents include information about the program's history and the sealant-placement process, school-based vs. school-linked programs, retention checks and follow-up, evaluation, and budget. The appendices contain surveys; consent letters, forms, and report cards for families; data and referral forms; a sample press release; a fact sheet and brochure on sealants; and other resources. Selected materials are available in English and Spanish. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Oral Health Program, 2900 N. Adelaide Street, Suite 100, Denver, CO 80205. Telephone: (303) 803-7000; e-mail: info@cdphe.state.co.us; website: http://www.cdphe.state.co.us. Available at http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/oralhealth/dental-sealants/index.html.
This handbook provides a framework and strategies for planning, evaluating, and improving collaborations to effectively and efficiently address complex oral health issues. Topics include determining a shared purpose, raising collaboration literacy, mapping communities of practice, monitoring stages of development, assessing levels of integration and interprofessional collaboration, and developing a communication plan to share findings. The appendix contains an overview of evaluation concepts, and an accompanying workbook presents a sequence of steps and worksheets. Information on how to use the handbook and workbook is also provided.

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/Collaboration_Evaluation_Handbook_final.pdf (handbook) and http://www.astdd.org/collaboration-improvement,-planning,-and-evaluation (workbook).

HEAD START ORAL HEALTH CURRICULA: AT-A-GLANCE (REV.)


This document is designed to help Head Start staff and health professionals identify oral-health-related curricula appropriate for their audiences and settings. Contents include a matrix specifying the title, audience, topics, and availability of curricula appropriate for use in Head Start programs. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


HANDBOOK ON PLANNING, EVALUATING, AND IMPROVING COLLABORATION FOR ORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT TOOLS (UPD. ED.)


These resources are designed to help state-oral-health-program directors plan, develop, implement, and evaluate oral-health-promotion and disease-prevention efforts. Each component describes a key element of an effective oral health program. Topics include staffing, management, and support; data collection and surveillance, the state oral health plan, partnerships and coalitions, school-based and school-linked dental sealant programs, community-water-fluoridation programs, policy development, evaluation, and program collaboration.

**Contact:** National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, 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; website: http://www.cdc.gov/OralHealth. Available at http://www.cdc.gov/OralHealth/state_programs/infrastructure/index.htm.

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE FEDERAL AGENCIES AND THEIR ROLES IN ORAL HEALTH


This webinar, held on October 27, 2011, provides an overview of the role of federal agencies in oral health. Topics include an overview of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ (DHHS’s) regional offices and divisions and the oral health goals and activities within the divisions. Also discussed are the roles of DHHS’s Indian Health Service, the U.S. Department of Justice, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The webinar is available in streaming audio and slide presentation formats.

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LEADERSHIP AND LEGACY: ORAL HEALTH MILESTONES IN MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH


This timeline presents significant events (milestones) in the United States that have had an impact on the oral health and, ultimately, the overall health and well-being of children, adolescents, women, and families. The milestones are organized by year (from 1840 to the present) and can be viewed using the index page or by selecting a specific year. Contents include background information for each event, its impact, and sources. A companion document highlighting key milestones is also available. [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: OHRCinfo@georgetown.edu; website: http://www.mchoralhealth.org. Available at http://www.mchoralhealth.org/order (order print copy of highlights) or http://www.mchoralhealth.org/milestones.

NIDCR IMAGE GALLERY


This resource provides oral health images (color photographs and illustrations) for educational, news media, or research purposes. Contents include scientific photographs and graphs, as well as illustrations (for example, an illustration of a parent cleaning an infant’s teeth with a soft cloth).

**Contact:** National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, National Institutes of Health, 31 Center Drive, MSC2290, Building 31, Room 2C39, Bethesda, MD 20892. Telephone: (866) 232-4528; fax: (301) 480-4098; e-mail: nidcrinfo@mail.nih.gov; website: http://www.nidcr.nih.gov. Available at http://www.nidcr.nih.gov/imagegallery.
**NIDCR SPECIAL CARE DATABASE**


This database contains citations for materials that focus on care for individuals with genetic or systemic disorders that affect oral health, whose medical treatments cause oral problems, or whose intellectual or physical disabilities complicate oral hygiene or dental treatment. Materials include journal articles, fact sheets, brochures, audiovisuals, and other educational materials for consumers and health professionals.

**Contact:** National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, National Institutes of Health, 31 Center Drive, MSC2290, Building 31, Room 2C39, Bethesda, MD 20892. Telephone: (866) 232-4528; fax: (301) 480-4098; e-mail: niddcrinfo@mail.nih.gov; website: http://www.nidcr.nih.gov. Available at http://specialcare.nidcr.nih.gov.

**ORAL HEALTH RESOURCES (BY STATE)**


This website displays state-specific resources to help local boards of health assess a community’s oral health needs and develop or recommend policies, procedures, and programs to meet those needs. Contents include state oral health program contacts, synopses of state and territorial dental public health programs, reports on children’s oral health, resources on community water fluoridation and school-based oral health programs, and state oral health action plans.

**Contact:** National Association of Local Boards of Health, 1840 East Gypsy Lane Road, Bowling Green, OH 43402. Telephone: (419) 353-7714; fax: (419) 352-6278; e-mail: tracy@nalboh.org; website: http://www.nalboh.org. Available at http://www.nalboh.org/nalbohweb/Oral_Health_ST_Resources.htm.

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

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. 2011. *Oral Health: Preventing CAVITIES, GUM Disease, Tooth Loss, and ORAL CANCERS* (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 the problem. 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 description of state programs that can serve as examples are included.

**Contact:** National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, 4770 Buford Highway, N.E., Mailstop K-40, Atlanta, GA 30341-3717. Telephone: (404) 498-1515; (800) 232-4636; (888) 232-6348; e-mail: cdcinfo@cdc.gov; website: http://www.cdc.gov/ncddphp. Available at http://www.cdc.gov/chronicdisease/resources/publications/AAG/doh.htm.

**PARTNERING TO MAKE ORAL HEALTH SERVICES EASIER TO USE FOR FAMILIES WITH CYSHCN**


This webinar, held on October 26, 2011, discusses the development of the Wisconsin Special Smiles Program (WSSP), a community-based system of oral health for children and adolescents with special health care needs (CASHCN). Topics include aspects of the program and examples of how WSSP partnered with Title V programs to deliver efficient and effective oral health services throughout the state. Tips on how to build partnerships to make oral health services easier to use for families with CASHCN are also discussed. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

**Contact:** National Center for Ease of Use of Community-Based Services, c/o Institute for Community Inclusion, University of Massachusetts, 100 Morrissey Boulevard, Boston, MA 02125. Telephone: (617) 287-4349; e-mail: communitybasedsrvcs@umb.edu; website: http://communitybasedservices.org. Available at https://connectpro97884399.adobeconnect.com/_a839220836/p1yy4ku390/?launcher=false&fcsContent=true&pbMode=normal.
PATIENT CENTERED MEDICAL-DENTAL HOME INITIATIVES: A SURVEY OF CURRENT AND FUTURE STRATEGIES TO COORDINATE CARE IN RHODE ISLAND


This paper discusses efforts to (1) gather information on dental homes and medical/dental integration in the United States, (2) survey the medical/dental landscape in Rhode Island, and (3) disseminate information and continue the conversation around the integration of dental and medical care in the state. Recommendations for next steps are included.


PEDIATRIC ORAL HEALTH AND HEALTH IT

Health Resources and Services Administration. Pediatric Oral Health and Health IT. Rockville, MD: Health Resources and Services Administration.

This module was developed as a resource for health centers and other safety net and ambulatory care providers who are seeking to implement health information technology (IT). Contents include information, tools, and resources that illustrate the importance of pediatric oral health, how stakeholders can impact oral health, and how health IT can facilitate the delivery of high-quality oral health care.

Contact: Health Resources and Services Administration, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Telephone: (888) 275-4772; (877) 464-4772; (800) 221-9393; (301) 443-3376; fax: (301) 443-1246; e-mail: ask@hrsa.gov; website: [http://www.hrsa.gov](http://www.hrsa.gov). Available at [http://www.hrsa.gov/healthit/toolbox/ChildrensToolbox/PediatricOralHealthIT/index.html](http://www.hrsa.gov/healthit/toolbox/ChildrensToolbox/PediatricOralHealthIT/index.html).

PREVENT ABUSE AND NEGLECT THROUGH DENTAL AWARENESS: THE P.A.N.D.A. COALITION


This resource provides information on Preventing Abuse and Neglect Through Dental Awareness (PANDA) coalitions and how oral health professionals can help prevent child abuse and neglect in Arkansas. Topics include educational programs, potential coalition members, and case studies. It also includes background information on PANDA coalitions, physical and behavioral indicators of and risk factors for child abuse and neglect, dealing with intimate partner violence in the health care setting, and identifying and reporting suspected abuse and neglect. A suggested reading list and a slide presentation are also available.


PROMOTING ACCESS TO ORAL HEALTH CARE THROUGH PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS: ROLES FOR STATE ORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS AND ORAL HEALTH COALITIONS


This tip sheet provides examples of state oral health program and coalition involvement in community programs to address access to care, promote health literacy, inform policymakers and other stakeholders, and raise awareness of the importance of oral health. The examples highlight the benefits of public-private partnership activities in the following programs: Give Kids a Smile, Smiles Across America, Missions of Mercy, and Special Olympics.

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](http://www.astdd.org). Available at [http://www.astdd.org/docs/Access_to_Care_and_SOHP_tip_sheet_Nov_2011.pdf](http://www.astdd.org/docs/Access_to_Care_and_SOHP_tip_sheet_Nov_2011.pdf).
REGIONAL ORAL HEALTH SUMMIT FINAL REPORT: 
THE ROLE OF PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS IN 
IMPROVING ORAL HEALTH

Health Resources and Services Administration. 2011. 
*Regional Oral Health Summit Final Report: The Role of 
Public-Private Partnerships in Improving Oral Health.* 
Rockville, MD: Health Resources and Services Adminis-
tration. 52 pp.

This report describes a summit held on September 13, 
2011, in Kansas City, Kansas, to facilitate a discussion 
on oral health and to leverage resources to optimally 
support federal and regional oral health priorities to 
advance public-private partnerships. Contents include 
the role of federal agencies in improving access to care 
and a discussion of issues and potential actions for 
strengthening public-private partnerships in each of 
four states (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska). The 
report also discusses key challenges, significant popula-
tions affected, individual roles in addressing the issue, 
additional resources that may be needed, and actions 
that the group can take to ensure that efforts continue.

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tion, 5600 Fishers Lane, Parklawn Building, Rockville, 
MD 20857. Telephone: (888) 275-4772; (877) 464- 
4772; (800) 221-9393; (301) 443-3376; fax: (301) 443-
1246; e-mail: ask@hrsa.gov; website: http://www.hrsa. 
gov. Available at http://www.hrsa.gov/publichealth/
clinical/oralhealth/regionalsummitreport.pdf.

SPECIAL ISSUE: MARYLAND ORAL HEALTH SUMMIT— 
PATHWAYS TO COMMON GROUND AND ACTION: 
BACKGROUND PAPERS AND COMMENTARIES

Tinanoff N, Kleinman DK, eds. 2012. Special Issue: 
Maryland Oral Health Summit—Pathways to Com-
mon Ground and Action: Background Papers and 
Commentaries. *Journal of Public Health Dentistry* 
72(Suppl. 1):S1–S68.

This special issue of the *Journal of Public Health Den-
tistry* comprises background papers and commentaries 
from the Maryland Oral Health Summit: Pathways to 
Common Ground and Action, held on October 20–21, 
2011, in Columbia, Maryland. The issue includes open-
ing remarks from U.S. Representative Elijah Cummings 
and four articles that provide background information 
on Maryland’s oral health initiatives. Topics include 
strategic actions, strengths and weaknesses, and selected 
initiatives such as an oral-cancer-prevention program 
and an oral-health-literacy campaign that could serve as 
a model for other states. Three papers provide a national 
perspective and vision. Commentaries offer an agenda 
for future action.

Contact: John Wiley and Sons, Corporate Headquar-
ters, 111 River Street, Hoboken, NJ 07030. Telephone: 
(201) 748-6000; fax: (201) 748-6088; e-mail: info@ 
wiley.com; website: http://www.wiley.com/WileyCDA. 
jphd.2012.72.issue-s1/issuetoc.

STATE ORAL HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE AND 
CAPACITY: REFLECTING ON PROGRESS AND 
CHARTING THE FUTURE

Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 
2012. *State Oral Health Infrastructure and Capacity: 
Reflecting on Progress and Charting the Future.* Sparks, 
NV: Association of State and Territorial Dental Direct-
ors. 52 pp.

This report reviews state oral health program infrastruc-
ture from 2000 to 2010 and state programs’ capacity 
to address core public health functions and deliver 10 
essential public health services. This report includes les-
sons learned, recommendations, next steps, and a table 
showing return on investments.

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e-mail: info@astdd.org; website: http://www.astdd.org. 
Available at http://www.astdd.org/docs/Infrastructure_

TOOLKIT FOR PROMOTING MATERNAL AND CHILD 
ORAL HEALTH IN COLORADO COMMUNITIES

Oral Health in Colorado Communities.* Denver, CO: 
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environ-
ment, Oral Health Unit. 38 pp.

This toolkit, a companion document to the Colorado 
Healthy Community Standards, Oral Health, pro-
vides information and resources for Early Childhood 
Councils, educators, and others working to improve the 
oral health of young children in Colorado. Contents 
include background information, suggestions for action, 
and resources for achieving community oral health 
goals. Topics include the dental home, community
PUBLIC AWARENESS AND EDUCATION

BRUSH FOR YOU & YOUR BABY’S GOOD HEALTH!
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ORAL HEALTH


This brochure for pregnant women and new mothers addresses oral health during pregnancy and infancy. Topics include the importance of regular toothbrushing and flossing, a healthy diet and nutrition, and smoking cessation. The brochure also discusses X-rays, bleeding gums, nausea, and oral emergencies during pregnancy. The brochure is available in English and Spanish.


WIC: EARLY ENTRY INTO DENTAL CARE GUIDEBOOK


This manual provides an overview of the WIC: Early Entry into Dental Care Program, including lessons learned, guidance, and tools for groups interested in implementing the program in their own locales. The program uses the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) as the entry point for oral health assessment, preventive services, and referral for regular follow-up care. Topics include collaborative planning, information for dental and medical professionals, information for WIC personnel, and program models in California. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


CHILDREN’S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH


This resource contains program-planning materials for promoting National Children’s Dental Health Month in Maryland. Contents include activity sheets (in English and Spanish), a proclamation template, press releases, public service announcements, and additional resources. Interactive media designed for use in elementary, middle, and high school are also available from the website.

Contact: Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Office of Oral Health, 201 West Preston Street, Third Floor, Baltimore, MD 21201. Telephone: (410) 767-5300; (800) 735-2258; e-mail: oralhealth@dhh.state.md.us; website: [http://fha.dhmh.maryland.gov/oralhealth/SitePages/Home.aspx](http://fha.dhmh.maryland.gov/oralhealth/SitePages/Home.aspx). Available at [http://fha.dhmh.maryland.gov/oralhealth/SitePages/cohm.aspx](http://fha.dhmh.maryland.gov/oralhealth/SitePages/cohm.aspx).
The relationship between oral health and systemic health, how tooth decay happens, a dental home, the importance of fluoride, toothbrushing, a healthy diet, oral health and pregnancy, a child's first dental visit, and making a child's dental visit a success. The conclusion includes an overview of key points. A sample chapter is available from the website.

**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. $14.99 for members; $19.99 for nonmembers; discounts for 10 or more copies. Order at https://online.aapd.org/aapdssa/ecssa_shop.show_product_detail?p_product_serno=290&p_mode=detail&p_cust_id=&p_session_serno=&p_transaction_id=&p_order_serno=&p_promo_cd=&p_price_cd=. 

**FRAMING CHILDREN’S ORAL HEALTH FOR PUBLIC ATTENTION AND SUPPORT: A FRAMEWORKS MESSAGE MEMO (REV.)**


This paper presents information about how the environment affects child health advocates’ ability to communicate effectively about children’s oral health. Topics include the conceptual frameworks used to reason about children’s oral health versus those evident in news coverage and in professional materials. Efforts to measures success in increasing awareness, understanding, and support for key policies are also addressed.


**THE DENTAL HOME AND CHILDREN’S ORAL HEALTH (FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS)**


This DVD for parents and other caregivers emphasizes the importance of oral health and how to keep a child’s mouth healthy. It features 10 chapters focusing on the relationship between oral health and systemic health, how tooth decay happens, a dental home, the importance of fluoride, toothbrushing, a healthy diet, oral health and pregnancy, a child’s first dental visit, and making a child’s dental visit a success.
GOOD ORAL HEALTH FOR TWO


This resource presents oral health messages for pregnant women and new mothers. Topics include the importance of toothbrushing, flossing, eating healthy foods, and getting dental checkups and treatment during pregnancy. Illustrations and color photographs depict common oral conditions such as tooth decay and gum disease, as well as toothbrushing and flossing techniques. Infant feeding, oral hygiene, and oral health care are also discussed. The resource is available in English and Spanish.

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; website: http://www.mchoralhealth.org; Available at http://www.mchoralhealth.org/pdfs/goodoralhealthfortwo_eng.pdf (English) and http://www.mchoralhealth.org/pdfs/goodoralhealthfortwo_sp.pdf (Spanish).

HEALTHY SMILES FOR AUTISM: ORAL HYGIENE TIPS FOR CHILDREN WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER


This guide for parents of children with autism provides tools for teaching oral health routines and preparing for dental visits. Topics include toothbrushing and flossing, behavior and sensory modifications, finding a dental team, and visiting the dentist.

Contact: Dr. Samuel D. Harris National Museum of Dentistry, University of Maryland, 31 South Greene Street, Baltimore, MD 21201-1504. Telephone: (410) 706-0600; fax: (410) 706-8313; website: http://www.dentalmuseum.org; Available at http://www.dentalmuseum.org/pdf/11-PROB-009-WEB.pdf.

KEY ORAL HEALTH MESSAGES: MESSAGES AND TALKING POINTS FOR USE WITH POLICYMAKERS, STAKEHOLDERS, AND THE PUBLIC


This consensus document contains common themes and key messages on children's oral health. Topics include the importance of oral health to overall health, the seriousness of the problem of oral disease in children, costs to society, and the importance of investing in prevention. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


PROMOTING ORAL HEALTH (REV. ED.)


This tip sheet describes oral health, its relationship with overall health, and what families can do to promote oral health. Topics include oral health during infancy, early childhood, middle childhood, and adolescence and oral health in children with special health care needs. The tip sheet also provides information on resources for families. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


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TAKE CARE OF YOUR CHILD’S TEETH


This resource for parents and other caregivers provides tips on preventing tooth decay and promoting oral health in infants and children from birth through age 5. Topics include fluorides, healthy foods and drinks, dental visits, and costs. A quiz and a companion resource on adult tooth and gum care are also available from the website.

Contact: National Health Information Center, P.O. Box 1133, Washington, DC 20013–1133. Telephone: (800) 336–4797; (301) 468–1273; fax: (301) 984–4256; e-mail: info@nhic.org and healthfinder@nhic.org; website: http://www.health.gov/nhic. Available at http://www.healthfinder.gov/prevention/ViewTopic.aspx?topicId=64.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

AD HOC MEETING ON ALIGNING DENTAL QUALITY INITIATIVES


This document summarizes a meeting held on July 13, 2011, in Washington, DC, to develop a common research and policy agenda to ensure that children and their families, including children with special health care needs, have access to high-quality oral health care. Topics include current quality-assurance initiatives such as the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act, drivers of and barriers to high-quality care, and opportunities to improve the quality of oral health care. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


CHARACTERISTICS OF A QUALITY ORAL HEALTH/DENTAL PROGRAM


This fact sheet lists characteristics of successful oral health programs. Topics include management and decision-making, fiscal sustainability, program integration, tools and teams, personnel recruitment and retention, data, quality improvement, and leadership. Information about the methodology used to develop the fact sheet is included.

Contact: National Network for Oral Health Access, PMB 329, 3700 Quebec Street, Unit 100, Denver, CO 80207–1639. Telephone: (303) 957–0635; fax: (866) 316–4995; e-mail: info@nnoha.org; website: http://www.nnoha.org. Available at http://www.nnoha.org/goopages/pages_downloadgallery/download.php?fileName=15944.pdf&orig_name=quality_oral_health_program_final.pdf&cdpath=/practicemanagement/quality_oral_health_program_final.pdf%C2%A0.

FINAL REPORT: QUALITY ORAL HEALTH CARE IN MEDICAID THROUGH HEALTH IT


This report explores the potential for health information technology (IT) to increase access to oral health care among vulnerable populations. Specifically, the authors report on whether and how health IT and the Medicaid electronic health record incentive program can be used as tools to improve access to high-quality oral health care for children enrolled in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program. The appendix contains a background report that synthesizes the literature and provides foundational context.

ORAL HEALTH QUALITY IMPROVEMENT IN THE ERA OF ACCOUNTABILITY


This report explores using a quality-improvement framework for ensuring that all people in the United States have access to high-quality oral health care. The report discusses quality in health care, drivers of quality improvement in the health care system, and efforts to improve health through measurement and quality-improvement systems. Drivers of oral-health-quality improvement and a hierarchy of activities are addressed, along with future trends in measurement and improvement. An executive summary and a policy brief are also available.
