Promoting Oral Health in Young Children
A Resource Guide
PROMOTING ORAL HEALTH IN YOUNG CHILDREN: A RESOURCE GUIDE

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Promoting oral health in young children is best accomplished by involving many individuals, including parents; dentists, dental hygienists, and other health professionals; child care and early education providers; and others in the community who are dedicated to promoting children’s health.

Many individuals, starting with parents, can emphasize the importance of good oral health for young children. Parents can introduce, reinforce, and model healthy behaviors. If a young child’s teeth are brushed with fluoridated toothpaste twice a day, the child is more likely to continue that behavior into adulthood. The same is true for eating healthy foods and drinking healthy beverages such as water and milk. Taking children for regular oral health care and, if needed, for treatment, is another important way to promote their oral health.

Dentists and dental hygienists can support establishment of a dental home for all infants by age 1 and can encourage parents with young children to get regular oral health care, including preventive services. In addition, oral health professionals can advocate for a collaborative approach to address risk factors for oral diseases and other chronic diseases. For example, health professionals, including pediatricians, family practitioners, nurse practitioners, and nurses, can integrate oral disease prevention and oral health promotion into primary care programs and services. They can conduct oral health risk assessments, provide anticipatory guidance and preventive services (e.g., fluoride varnish application), and make referrals to help establish dental homes. Child care and early education providers can also help by offering children healthy foods for meals and snacks, teaching them about the importance of oral health, encouraging them to practice good oral hygiene, and ensuring that they receive appropriate care in case of dental emergencies.

The National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center (OHRC) developed this publication, *Promoting Oral Health in Young Children: A Resource Guide*, to help health professionals, program administrators, educators, researchers, policymakers, parents, and others prevent disease and promote oral health in young children. The resource guide is divided into three sections. The first section lists journal articles appearing in the peer-reviewed literature. The second section describes materials, such as brochures, fact sheets, guidelines, curricula, and reports. Many of the materials are available from the Internet. Others can be requested directly from the organizations that produced them or are available from OHRC. The third section lists federal agencies, national professional associations, resource centers, and national coalitions that may serve as resources.

Our intent is to share resources that are useful and that represent current science and practice. For further information, we encourage you to contact the organizations listed. Your state and local departments of health; state health-related associations and societies; schools of dentistry, dental hygiene, medicine, nursing, and public health; state or local coalitions; and university-based libraries are additional sources of information. OHRC will update the resource guide periodically, and we would appreciate hearing from you if you know of any relevant resources that are not included in this edition. An electronic version of the publication with links to all the URLs shown is available at http://www.mchoralhealth.org/pdfs/resguideyoungchildren.pdf.
The articles listed in this section appear in the peer-reviewed literature from January 2011 to March 2013.

ARE STATE CHILD CARE REGULATIONS MEETING NATIONAL ORAL HEALTH AND NUTRITIONAL STANDARDS?


This article reviews the frequency with which language relevant to dental-caries-prevention standards appears in states’ child care licensing regulations. The language that the authors looked for was based on standards from *Caring for Our Children: National Health and Safety Performance Standards—Guidelines for Out-of-Home Child Care Programs* (2nd ed.). On average, only one-third of the oral health standards were covered in state regulations. One-half of the nutrition standards relevant to potential protective or risk factors for caries were covered.

ASSESSING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CHILDREN’S ORAL HEALTH STATUS AND THAT OF THEIR MOTHERS


This article describes the relationship between the oral health of children ages 2–6 and that of their mothers, based on a nationally representative sample of the U.S. population. Children whose mothers had high levels of untreated dental caries were more than three times as likely to have higher levels of caries experience (treated or untreated caries) than children whose mothers had no untreated caries. A similar relationship was observed between mothers’ tooth loss and their children’s caries experience.

ASSOCIATIONS OF THE TYPE OF CHILDCARE WITH REPORTED PREVENTIVE MEDICAL AND DENTAL CARE UTILIZATION FOR 1- TO 5-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN IN THE UNITED STATES


This article describes a nationally representative sample of preschool-age children and the effects of child care on preventive health care use. Overall, 94 percent of children ages 1 to 5 received preventive health care, while only 53 percent received preventive oral health care. There was a statistically significant increase in preventive oral health care for children ages 1 to 2 with center-based care compared to those without center-based care.

BOTTLE-WEANING INTERVENTION TOOLS: THE “HOW” AND “WHY” OF A WIC-BASED EDUCATIONAL FLIPCHART, PARENT BROCHURE, AND WEBSITE


This article describes the development of materials for a randomized controlled trial of an intervention to encourage timely bottle weaning of children enrolled in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Following a systematic process to develop educational materials, messages were tested in focus groups with caregivers of infants and children ages 7 to 36 months and retested in one-on-one
COUNSELING ON EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES TRANSMISSION BY DENTISTS


This article presents findings from a survey of general dentists in Oregon to assess practices and attitudes related to transmission of *Streptococci mutans* (*S. mutans*) from mother to child. The strongest predictors of providing counseling on maternal *S. mutans* transmission were the dentist's belief in the evidence and routine discussion of the topic at staff meetings. Dentists who shared these beliefs and practices were likely to provide counseling to a majority of their clients and to give their clients pamphlets or brochures on the topic.

DEVELOPMENT OF A PEDIATRIC CARIOGENICY INDEX


This article describes the development and preliminary testing of food and liquid cariogenicity indices to help health professionals identify modifiable dietary risk factors, educate parents, and intervene early. Scores from the liquid cariogenicity index were discriminatory between those with and without severe early childhood caries (S-ECC) and were also predictive of number of caries. The food cariogenicity index did not discriminate between those with and without S-ECC and was not associated with number of caries in the cohort.

COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF PREVENTIVE ORAL HEALTH CARE IN MEDICAL OFFICES FOR YOUNG MEDICAID ENROLLEES


This article describes the cost-effectiveness of *Into the Mouths of Babes* (IMB), a program to reimburse physicians in North Carolina for conducting oral health screenings of children ages 3 and under, applying fluoride varnish, counseling parents, and referring children to dentists if needed. The analysis showed that having four or more (vs. zero) IMB visits reduced hospitalizations and office visits for dental caries-related treatment. On average, IMB visits cost $11 more per person than reduced-price dental treatment payments. The program almost breaks even if future benefits from prevention are not discounted.

BREASTFEEDING: AN OVERVIEW OF ORAL AND GENERAL HEALTH BENEFITS


This article provides information about the health protections that breastfeeding confers to children and mothers and oral health professionals' role in encouraging breastfeeding. Topics include why breastfeeding and breast milk are important, oral health considerations, and breastfeeding and early childhood caries.
**EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES: RISK-BASED DISEASE PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT**


This article defines early childhood caries (ECC) and discusses evidence-based practice to reduce ECC risk. Topics include infant oral health and establishment of a dental home, dental caries risk assessment, ECC prevention and management strategies, implementing risk-based ECC prevention and management, and ECC management.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES IN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES**


This statement presents recommendations for improving oral health in indigenous communities in areas such as clinical care, community-based initiatives, work force and access, advocacy, and research. Topics include oral health status in indigenous children, risk factors for early childhood caries, prevention strategies, access to oral health care, and the role of health professionals.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES SCREENING TOOLS: A COMPARISON OF FOUR APPROACHES**


This article compares the accuracy and clinical usefulness of four approaches for identifying children needing early and intensive intervention to prevent or minimize dental caries experience. The authors screened 229 children under age 3 with early childhood caries (ECC) and 242 children without ECC using the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry’s Caries-Risk Assessment Tool (CAT) and the optional screening measure of culturing *Streptococcus mutans* (*S. mutans*). Salivary culture of *S. mutans* alone in a population of young, Hispanic children from families with low incomes outperformed the CAT and variations on the CAT.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES–RELATED VISITS TO EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS AND AMBULATORY SURGERY FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED CHARGES IN NEW YORK STATE**


This article provides information on the burden of dental caries–related visits to emergency departments (EDs) and ambulatory surgery facilities (ASFs) by children under age 6 in New York state, as well as associated treatment charges. From 2004 to 2008, the number of caries-related visits to EDs and ASFs increased by 349 and 1,039, respectively. Total annual treatment charges increased from $18.5 million to $31.3 million from 2004 to 2008, and average per-visit charges increased from $4,237 to $5,501.

**EFFECTIVENESS OF PREVENTIVE DENTAL TREATMENTS BY PHYSICIANS FOR YOUNG MEDICAID ENROLLEES**


This article describes the effectiveness of physician-delivered preventive oral health services in reducing dental-caries-related treatments among children enrolled in Medicaid. There was a preventive effect for caries-related treatments in children under age 2, a net referral effect for children ages 2 to 3.5, and a preventive effect for caries-related treatments for children ages 40–72 months.
EMPOWERING HEAD START TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO GOOD ORAL HEALTH FOR CHILDREN FROM LOW INCOME FAMILIES


This article reviews oral health problems in young children and the need for approaches that consider the Head Start community as a whole. Topics include specific roles staff and oral health professionals can take to implement strategies to arrest tooth decay among children enrolled in Head Start.

EVALUATION OF A BRIEF TAILORED MOTIVATIONAL INTERVENTION TO PREVENT EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES


This article presents the effectiveness of a tailored, educational intervention using brief motivational interviewing to promote healthy behaviors and reduce dental caries in African-American infants and children (from birth to age 5) from families with low incomes. There were significant intervention-related effects for only one of nine behavioral outcomes evaluated at each follow-up point (approximately age 6 months and age 2 years) and no effects on dental caries prevalence.

EVIDENCE-BASED CLINICAL RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING FLUORIDE INTAKE FROM RECONSTITUTED INFANT FORMULA AND ENAMEL FLUOROSIS: A REPORT OF THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION COUNCIL ON SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS


This article presents information on whether infant formula mixed with fluoridated water increases risk for enamel fluorosis in infants from birth to age 12 months. Topics include American Academy of Pediatrics’ guidelines for infant nutrition (exclusive breastfeeding) and suggestions for practitioners to use in advising parents and caregivers of infants who consume powdered or liquid concentrated infant formula as their infant’s main source of nutrition.

EXAMINING THE ACCURACY OF CAREGIVERS’ ASSESSMENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN’S ORAL HEALTH STATUS


This article describes the accuracy of parents’ and other caregivers’ assessments of their child’s oral health status (OHS) by quantifying the correlation of parents’ OHS assessment with children’s clinically determined treatment needs. Parents and other caregivers routinely indicated that their child’s oral health was better than it actually was, and agreement between their assessments and clinically determined OHS was substantially worse for younger children. For children under age 2, parents’ and other caregivers’ assessments correlated poorly with actual clinical treatment needs, which parents and caregivers routinely underestimated.
FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH MUTANS STREPTOCOCCI AMONG YOUNG WIC-ENROLLED CHILDREN


This article discusses the relationship between the presence or absence of *Streptococci mutans* (*S. mutans*) and dietary habits in young children at high risk for dental caries. *S. mutans* was present in 144 children (35 percent). Children with *S. mutans* were more likely to be nonwhite, to have cavitated lesions, and to have mothers who had not earned a high school or general educational development diploma. The presence of a greater number of teeth and a higher proportion of molars and incisors with visible plaque were also positively associated with a greater likelihood of harboring *S. mutans*.

THE IMPACT OF A CONTINUING EDUCATION ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM ON PROVIDING SERVICES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN BY DENTISTS, DENTAL HYGIENISTS AND DENTAL ASSISTANTS


This article describes the impact of a continuing education program on the oral health knowledge and behaviors of dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants providing oral health services to infants and young children in West Virginia general dental practices. The program significantly increased participants’ knowledge about and comfort with providing oral health services to infants and young children. However, it did not motivate most oral health professionals to alter their practice behaviors to conform to national best practice guidelines.

INFANT ORAL HEALTH CARE: BELIEFS AND PRACTICES OF AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY MEMBERS


This article presents results from a survey of American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) members about their beliefs and practices related to the age 1 dental visit. Ninety-one percent of survey respondents agreed with AAPD's policy on the dental home, and 90 percent performed infant oral evaluations. Fifty-one percent of respondents who performed infant oral assessments inquired about parents’ oral health history.

INTO THE FUTURE: KEEPING HEALTHY TEETH CARIES FREE—PEDIATRIC CAMBRA PROTOCOLS


This article describes Caries Management by Risk Assessment (CAMBRA), an approach to disease prevention and management that integrates risk assessment of dental caries as an integral component of a comprehensive oral health visit. Topics include caries management by risk assessment, risk-based care paths, quality improvement, and the potential for transforming oral-health-care delivery and improving outcomes. A caries-risk-assessment form, self-management goals for parents and caregivers, and a sample caries-management protocol are included.
HOW WILLING ARE DENTISTS TO TREAT YOUNG CHILDREN? A SURVEY OF DENTISTS AFFILIATED WITH MEDICAID MANAGED CARE IN NEW YORK CITY, 2010


This article presents findings from a survey to determine the extent to which young children in New York City have access to oral health care and to identify barriers to and potential facilitators of the provision of care for this population. The survey also assessed the extent to which dentists accepting Medicaid managed care saw young children and were interested in seeing additional young children. About half (47 percent) of general dentists saw infants and young children from birth through age 2.

MARYLAND DENTAL HYGIENISTS’ KNOWLEDGE, OPINIONS AND PRACTICES REGARDING DENTAL CARIES PREVENTION AND EARLY DETECTION


This article discusses knowledge, practices, and opinions about dental caries prevention and early detection among dental hygienists in Maryland. Hygienists were moderately well informed about dental caries etiology and prevention. There was evidence of misinformation about and lack of understanding of current research and recommendations. Most dental hygienists (90 percent) were interested in continuing education courses in caries prevention.

MYSMILEBUDDY: AN IPAD-BASED INTERACTIVE PROGRAM TO ASSESS DIETARY RISK FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES


This article describes a prototype Internet-based application for the iPad that facilitates community health workers’ (CHWs’) efforts to involve parents in dental caries prevention. Central to the application’s utility is its diet-recall function, a subprogram designed to engage families in a modified 24-hour recall that contributes to a risk score for individual children. Topics include engagement of CHWs, dietary caries risk assessment, adaptation to the target population, and delivery and testing.

ORAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES OF EARLY HEAD START TEACHERS DIRECTED TOWARD CHILDREN AND PARENTS


This article documents the frequency of oral health activities in Early Head Start programs in North Carolina and how they vary according to teacher and program characteristics. Nearly three-quarters of teachers reported that they never, rarely, or only occasionally brush children’s teeth, and almost 50 percent never or rarely use toothpaste. Only 15 to 35 percent of teachers reported routinely engaging in oral-health-related activities with parents. There was a significant relationship between teachers’ oral health practices and their expressed oral health values, self-efficacy, oral health training, barriers to child oral health activities, and directors’ and health coordinators’ knowledge about the timing of a child’s first dental visit.
ORAL HEALTH CONTENT OF EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS


This article identifies oral health recommendations contained in early education and child care (EECC) regulations and standards to assess the potential role of EECC programs in providing oral health services for young children. Thirty-six states include oral health in their licensing regulations, with most addressing toothbrush storage and only 13 states with more than one recommendation. Eleven sets of standards were identified, of which four mention oral health.

PREVALENCE AND SEVERITY OF DENTAL CARIES AMONG AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE PRESCHOOL CHILDREN


This article provides an overview of a surveillance system to monitor the oral health of American Indian and Alaska Native children ages 1–5. Overall, 54 percent of the children had experienced tooth decay, 39 percent had untreated decay, 7 percent had sealants on their primary molars, 36 percent needed early or urgent care, and 6 percent needed urgent care because of pain or infection. The prevalence of decay experience increased with age. When children were stratified by Indian Health Service area, there were substantial differences in the oral health of children ages 2–5.

PREVENTING DENTAL CARIES IN CHILDREN <5 YEARS: SYSTEMATIC REVIEW UPDATING UPSPTF RECOMMENDATION


This report was commissioned by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force to update its 2004 recommendations on preventing dental caries in children under age 5. The evidence supports dietary fluoride supplementation and fluoride varnish as primary care-feasible interventions to prevent dental caries in children at high risk for caries. However, there is no direct evidence that screening by primary care health professionals reduces caries. The report indicated that more research is needed to understand the accuracy of oral health screening and caries risk assessment by primary care health professionals and the effectiveness of primary care referral for oral health care.

RISK FACTORS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES IN DISADVANTAGED POPULATIONS


This article reviews evidence on the etiology of dental caries in children under age 6 from populations with low incomes. Medline, Cochrane, and PubMed database searches were conducted. Systematic reviews were used where available. In other cases, meta-analyses; randomized, controlled trials; and cohort, case-control, and cross-sectional studies were used. The review concluded that young children are most likely to develop caries if *Streptococcus mutans* is acquired at an early age, although this is influenced by other factors, such as oral hygiene, fluoride, diet, dental visit patterns, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, and health literacy.
A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW AND META-ANALYSIS OF THE EFFECTS OF FLUORIDE TOOTHPASTES ON THE PREVENTION OF DENTAL CARIES IN THE PRIMARY DENTITION OF PRESCHOOL CHILDREN


This article presents findings from a systematic review and meta-analyses to assess the role of fluoridated toothpastes in reducing dental caries in the primary teeth of preschool-age children. When standard fluoridated toothpastes were compared to placebo or no intervention, significant caries reductions at surface, tooth, and individual levels were observed. Low-fluoride toothpastes were effective only at surface level.

TOPICAL FLUORIDE AS A CAUSE OF DENTAL FLUOROSIS IN CHILDREN


This article discusses the relationship between the use of fluoridated toothpaste and risk for dental fluorosis in young children. There is some evidence that brushing an infant’s teeth with fluoridated toothpaste may be associated with an increased risk for developing fluorosis. There is stronger evidence that higher levels of fluoride (1,000 parts per million or more) in toothpaste are associated with an increased risk for developing fluorosis in children under ages 5 to 6. However, for children at high risk for tooth decay, benefits associated with preventing tooth decay may outweigh risk for fluorosis.

USING CHLORHEXIDINE VARNISH TO PREVENT EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES IN AMERICAN INDIAN CHILDREN


This article presents findings from a study to test the efficacy of 10 percent chlorhexidine (CHX) dental varnish applied to mothers’ teeth in preventing caries in their American Indian children. Mother-child pairs were enrolled when the child was age 4.5–6.0 months. Each mother received four weekly applications of the study treatment (CHX or placebo) followed by single applications when her child was ages 12 and 18 months. Children received examination at enrollment and at ages 12, 18, and 24 months. CHX varnish did not reduce the mean number of new carious surfaces or proportion of children with caries but did reduce the proportion with severe caries.

VISIONARIES OR DREAMERS? THE STORY OF INFANT ORAL HEALTH


This article reviews the history of the promotion of oral health for infants and young children, the impact of the American Academy of Pediatrics’ guideline on infant oral health care, and ways to maximize health outcomes. Topics include prevention and promotion before 1980; promoting oral health through organized medicine and dentistry; prevention and promotion after 1980; and the future of early childhood oral health from clinical, research, and policy perspectives.
MATERIALS
DATA

2010 ORAL HEALTH SURVEY REPORT: INFANTS AND TODDLERS IN IOWA'S WIC PROGRAM


This report describes the process of screening children participating in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) for oral health problems, as well as the results. The report describes screening objectives, the targeted population of children, and the state I-Smile program. It also provides conclusions. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


ARIZONA HEALTHY BODIES HEALTHY SMILES SURVEY


This survey was conducted to assess the oral health of preschool-age children and students in third grade in Arizona. Materials 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; dental visits; and disparities related to education, income, or race/ethnicity.


HIGH PREVALENCE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES, ALASKA, 2005 AND 2007


This bulletin presents findings from oral health screenings of students in kindergarten and children enrolled in Head Start in Alaska. The report is based on screenings conducted by dentists using the Basic Screening Survey protocol to collect observational data on dental caries. Contents include background information on dental caries, screening methods and results, and recommendations. Data on the prevalence of caries experience and untreated caries by Medicaid and Alaska Native status are also presented.

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SMILE SURVEY 2010


This report presents findings from a statewide oral health screening survey of children enrolled in Head Start and related programs for young children from families with low incomes, as well as students in kindergarten and third grade attending public schools in Washington. Contents include facts about childhood tooth decay and survey methodology. Key findings on disparities related to ethnicity, income, or language; untreated decay and treatment need; dental sealants; and Healthy Materials
People oral health objectives are also presented, and state oral health plan strategies are included.


**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 pregnant women, infants, and children, including those with special health care needs, as well as to pilot a school-based dental sealant 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. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


**COLORADO TOHSS FINAL REPORT**


This report describes a project in Colorado to increase the number of children with a dental home by addressing three areas: (1) increasing the number of dental visits by age 1 for children at high 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]

HOME BY ONE: TOHSS FINAL PROJECT NARRATIVE REPORT


This report describes a program in Connecticut that focuses on the belief that oral health in early childhood is integral to young children’s overall health and well-being. Contents include a summary of the burden of early childhood oral disease, program experiences to date, and program impacts. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


IOWA’S TOHSS PROJECT FINAL PROGRESS REPORT


This report describes the Iowa I-Smile program and its goals: (1) promoting the dental home initiative to ensure statewide recognition and understanding of the importance of early and regular oral health care and (2) creating an ongoing surveillance system to track the oral health status of infants and children from birth through age 5 and the program’s impact. 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]


NORTH CAROLINA TOHSS FINAL REPORT


This report describes a project in North Carolina to increase the number of children enrolled in Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program who have a dental home and use it by age 1. The report discusses an oral-health-risk-assessment and referral tool, an educational intervention for non-oral-health professionals, and an evaluation of physicians’ oral-health-referral performance. It also includes the project purpose, activities related to objectives, and significant results. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


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


This report describes a 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]

TOHSS FINAL NARRATIVE


This 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]


CARIRES PREVENTION SERVICES REIMBURSEMENT TABLE


This document presents survey findings of the 50 states and the District of Columbia on reimbursement for risk assessment, oral examination, fluoride varnish, and anticipatory guidance. It presents information on the following topics: type of provider, services, fees, procedure codes, delegation, age limit for services, number of varnish applications reimbursed annually, training requirement, payor, payment by Medicaid or the Children’s Health Insurance Program, and legislative approval to reimburse medical providers.

Contact: American Academy of Pediatrics, Children’s Oral Health Initiative, 141 Northwest Point Boulevard, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007. Telephone: (866) 843-2271; (847) 434-4779; e-mail: oralhealth@aap.org; website: http://www2.aap.org/oralhealth. Available at http://www2.aap.org/oralhealth/docs/OHReimbursementChart.pdf.

POLICY

ADA POSITIONS, POLICIES, & STATEMENTS


This page presents the American Dental Association’s positions, policies, and statements. Topics include preventive treatment for infants and young children, early childhood caries, National Children’s Dental Health Month, oral health care for children with special health care needs, and dental school guidelines including guidelines for age 1 dental visits.

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/currentpolicies.aspx.

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


This 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.

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/riskbasedtechbrief.pdf.
THE COST OF DELAY: DISCUSSION OF POLICIES IMPACTING CHILDREN’S ORAL HEALTH [PARTICIPANT FOLDER]


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

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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 the use of 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 of GA, a rationale and justification for reimbursement of GA and related facility fee costs in benchmark medical plans, and policy implications. Available at http://www.aapd.org/assets/1/7/POHRPCTechBrief2.pdf.

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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 reimbursement to primary care health professionals for dental-caries-prevention services during well-child visits. The document presents information on state Medicaid programs reimbursing primary care health professionals for preventive oral health services in 2008 and in 2012. The document also discusses procedures states cover and efforts to conduct advocacy training, develop resources, and collaborate with policymakers.


OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION BETWEEN STATE ORAL HEALTH AND MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH PROGRAMS TO IMPROVE EARLY CHILDHOOD ORAL HEALTH

This brief discusses efforts to integrate oral health activities and information into state maternal and child health (MCH) early childhood programs to improve oral health status. The brief focuses on MCH state-level early childhood programs relevant to oral health, specifically the Early Childhood Comprehensive System (ECCS) and the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program. The brief also presents examples of oral health integration into state ECCS programs, other opportunities to collaborate with state MCH programs, and resources. [ Funded 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/AMCHP_SOHP_Issue_Brief__Final_WEB_2_.pdf.

POLICY STATEMENTS


This series of statements reflects the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors’ (ASTDD’s) priorities and stance on public health issues relevant to infants’ and young children’s health. Topics include early childhood caries, first dental visit by age 1, fluoride supplements, fluoride varnish, preventing tobacco use and eliminating exposure to secondhand smoke, and improving the oral health of pregnant women and young children.

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


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

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://www.nashp.org/sites/default/files/Pew%20Oral%20Health.pdf.

STATE MEDICAID PAYMENT FOR CARIES PREVENTION SERVICES BY NON-DENTAL PROFESSIONALS


This report describes a project in Florida 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; describes significant changes, experiences, and collaborative activities related to the project; and discusses project sustainability. [ Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau ]

PROFESSIONAL-CLIENT TOOLS

ADA CARIES RISK ASSESSMENT FORMS


These instructions and risk-assessment forms assist health professionals in screening and in 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.

BABY TEETH MATTER


These public-awareness campaign resources promote early childhood oral health messages. Components include television spots highlighting the importance of good oral health to overall well-being in infants and young children. Additional components include tips on preventing dental caries, the importance of a healthy diet, and the benefits of fluoride. Also included are educational videos on early childhood caries, why a mother’s oral health is important, pacifiers, causes of caries, how to brush a young child’s teeth, and oral hygiene tips. Information about campaign licensing options for state dental associations is available from the website.


EARLY CHILDHOOD AND ORAL HEALTH: A RESOURCE FOR HOME VISITORS


This resource contains modules for educating parents and other 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 http://www.oralhealthkansas.org/educationalmaterials.html.

FIRST SMILE DELAWARE


This public awareness campaign is aimed at improving oral health literacy and behaviors throughout Delaware. Contents include tips for preventing dental caries during pregnancy, infancy, and childhood and lists of dentists by city, zip code, and specialty. Client-education cards and brochures for parents are also available in English and Spanish from the website.

**ORAL HEALTH SCREENING GUIDE**


This handout presents photographs illustrating varying degrees of tooth decay and other oral conditions in young children, along with a tooth-eruption chart to aid health professionals in oral health screening. The handout also provides facts on fluoride varnish, as well as tips on oral hygiene, dental visits, and other oral health topics.

**Contact:** Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Oral Health Program, P.O. Box 2659, Madison, WI 53701-2659. Telephone: (608) 266-5152; fax: (608) 266-8925; e-mail: Warren.Lemay@wisconsin.gov; website: http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/health/Oral_Health. Available at http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/P0/P00224.pdf.

**A PEDIATRIC GUIDE TO CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH FLIP CHART AND REFERENCE GUIDE (REV. ED.)**


These resources feature pictures and speakers' notes to assist pediatricians in counseling clients about oral health and fluoride varnish. The resources include a flip chart and a reference guide in English and Spanish, as well as a presentation. Topics include primary teeth, early childhood caries, feeding, nonnutritive sucking, fluoride modalities, toothbrushing, and flossing. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

**Contact:** American Academy of Pediatrics, Children’s Oral Health Initiative, 141 Northwest Point Boulevard, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007. Telephone: (866) 843-2271; (847) 434-4779; e-mail: oralhealth@aap.org; website: http://www2.aap.org/oralhealth. Available at http://www2.aap.org/oralhealth/PediatricGuides.html.

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


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


**SURVIVAL TIPS POSTERS: STOP DENTAL DISEASE**


This series of posters presents information on the prevention of oral disease and injury in early care and education. Topics include how to handle oral injuries, oral hygiene for children, preventing tooth decay, toothbrushes for children with special health care needs, toothbrush storage, and toothbrushing. Each poster is available in English and Spanish.

**Contact:** University of California, San Francisco School of Nursing, California Childcare Health Program, San Francisco, CA 94143. Telephone: (415) 476-4695; e-mail: abbey.alkon@nursing.ucsf.edu; website: http://www.ucsfchildcarehealth.org. $10.00 per set of six for full-color laminated version; also available at http://ucsfchildcarehealth.org/html/pandr/postersmain.htm.
PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

2010 NEEDS ASSESSMENT


This document presents findings on needs, strengths, and challenges related to Delaware’s early childhood programs at the state, local, and organizational (program) levels organized by priority areas. It includes an assessment of systems and services and collaboration and coordination among agencies and organizations that provide services to families with low incomes. It also discusses homelessness, coordination with local education agencies, and oral health services.


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


This brief describes New Jersey’s Medicaid managed care program, NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid, which provides children from families with low incomes with oral health care as a covered benefit. Topics include program efforts to increase the number of preschool-age children who complete an annual dental visit in six cities (Atlantic City, Camden, Lakewood, New Brunswick, Newark, and Paterson) and to create a dental home for children enrolled in Head Start in Newark. Information on the program’s successes and future challenges is also included.

Contact: Center for Health Care Strategies, 200 American Metro Boulevard, Suite 119, Hamilton, NJ 08619. Telephone: (609) 528-8400; fax: (609) 586-3679; e-mail: programs@chcs.org; website: http://www.chcs.org. Available at http://www.chcs.org/usr_doc/Newark_project_spotlight_032910.pdf.

I-SMILE DENTAL HOME INITIATIVE


This document describes Iowa’s I-Smile Dental Home Initiative, which offers preventive oral health services and arranges oral health care for children at risk for dental caries. Topics include families’ oral health concerns, prevention services and treatment costs, successful interventions, and policy recommendations for maintaining and improving oral health in Iowa. The recommendations address systems of care, reimbursement, and work force models.


INTRODUCING THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES INITIATIVE


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

Contact: Indian Health Service, Division of Oral Health, 801 Thompson Avenue, Suite 300, Rockville, MD 20852. Telephone: (301) 443-1106;
PROVEN AND PROMISING BEST PRACTICES FOR STATE AND COMMUNITY ORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS


This resource provides information to help state, territorial, and community oral health programs develop best practices within the context of their environments. Contents include reports on public health strategies that are supported by evidence for their impact and effectiveness. Topics include prevention and control of early childhood tooth decay. The resource also provides access to state and community practice examples that illustrate successful implementation of best practice approaches. [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/best-practices.

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]


PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

ACCESS TO BABY AND CHILD DENTISTRY


This resource provides information on the Access to Baby and Child Dentistry program in Washington and discusses its focus on preventive and restorative oral health services for infants and children from birth to age 6 who are eligible for Medicaid, with emphasis on enrollment by age 1. The resource describes the purpose of the program and how it works; discusses partners and roles, services, and outcomes; and provides frequently asked questions.

**Contact:** Washington Dental Service Foundation, P.O. Box 75983, Seattle, WA 98175-0983. Telephone: (206) 528-2372; e-mail: info@deltadentalwa.com; website: http://www.kidsoralhealth.org. Available at http://www.abcd-dental.org.

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: California Dental Association Foundation, 1201 K Street, Suite 1511, Sacramento, CA 95814. Telephone: (800) 232-7645, ext. 4916; e-mail: foundationinfo@cda.org; website: http://www.cdafoundation.org. Available at http://www.cda.org/library/cda_member/pubs/journal/journal_1011.pdf.

BABY ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry, Department of Pediatric Dentistry. 2008. Baby Oral Health Program. Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry, Department of Pediatric Dentistry. 1 v.

This kit for oral health professionals and trainees focuses on developing skills for interviewing caregivers, examining infants and toddlers, and educating caregivers on oral-health-related issues. Contents include a DVD and written outline, a guide to early childhood development and its implications for pediatric oral health care, a flip chart to help educate caregivers in the dental office (in English and Spanish), a form for new client encounters, a resource list for the dental team and caregivers, and information on an optional 2-hour continuing dental education credit that can be obtained through the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry.

Contact: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry, Department of Pediatric Dentistry, Manning Drive and Columbia Street, CB #7450, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7450. Telephone: (919) 966-2739; fax: (919) 966-7992; website: http://www.dent.unc.edu/academic/programs/ade/ped. Available at http://www.dentistry.unc.edu/patient/bOHP/index.htm.

BRIGHT SMILES FROM BIRTH: AN ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM


This website provides information and resources from Illinois’ program to educate primary care health professionals about oral health in children under age 3. Contents include dental caries risk assessment tools, information on using fluoride to prevent and control caries, and training and other resources on fluoride varnish. Information for families is available in English and Spanish and addresses topics such as the importance of primary teeth, plaque and tooth decay, how to brush and floss, fluoride varnish, and dental visits. Information is also provided for dentists interested in becoming program trainers.


CAVITY FREE AT THREE

Colorado Area Health Education Center Program. N.d. Cavity Free at Three. Aurora, CO: Colorado Area Health Education Center Program. Multiple items.

This training program for health professionals provides resources on oral health for pregnant women and infants and young children (from birth to age 3). Contents include risk assessment forms and guidelines related to prenatal and infant oral health care, including information on fluoride varnish in primary care and how to become a Medicaid provider. Additional resources include brochures and posters, anticipatory guidance, referral forms and standing orders, links to training, and videos. The website also provides resources in multiple languages for educating parents and other caregivers.

Contact: Colorado Area Health Education Center Program, University of Colorado Denver, Anschutz Medical Center Campus, 13120 E. 19th Avenue, MS
ENGAGING PROVIDERS TO IMPROVE PERINATAL AND INFANT ORAL HEALTH: INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES


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

Contact: Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration, Parklawn Building, Room 18-05, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Telephone: (301) 443-2170; (800) 311-BABY (311-2229); (800) 504-7081; website: http://www.mchb.hrsa.gov. Available at http://webcast.hrsa.gov/Postevents/archivedwebcastDetail.asp?aeid=494.

FIRST TOOTH PROJECT: ONLINE MEDICAL AND DENTAL PROVIDER TRAINING

Oregon Public Health Division. N.d. First Tooth Project: Online Medical and Dental Provider Training. Portland, OR: Oregon Public Health Division. 4 modules for medical providers and 4 modules for dental providers.

These training modules are designed to help health professionals provide services to assist in the prevention of tooth decay in infants and toddlers in their practices. Topics include the prevalence and impact of oral disease, risk assessment, culturally appropriate anticipatory guidance, fluoride varnish application, implementation, 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.


DEFINITIONS, ORAL HEALTH POLICIES, AND CLINICAL GUIDELINES


This resource comprises definitions, policies, and clinical guidelines of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. Topics include oral health care programs for infants in a dental home; oral health in child care centers; early childhood caries; third-party reimbursement of medical fees related to sedation and general anesthesia and dental sealants; caries risk assessment and management; perinatal oral health care; and infant oral health care.


EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES: A MEDICAL AND DENTAL PERSPECTIVE

Phoenix College, Department of Dental Programs. N.d. Early Childhood Caries: A Medical and Dental Perspective. Phoenix, AZ: Phoenix College, Department of Dental Programs. 3 modules.

This continuing education course presents information on early childhood caries in infants and children under age 3. Topics include the etiology of the disease, prevention strategies, screening methods, rationale and techniques for the use of alternative restorative technique and fluoride varnishes, and disease management.

FROM THE FIRST TOOTH: EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES PREVENTION IN MEDICAL SETTINGS


These resources provide information about integrating oral health assessment, fluoride varnish treatments, and oral health counseling for parents and other caregivers into health and social service settings where infants and young children (from birth to age 3) receive services. Contents include information about program participation, reimbursement and training for professionals, sample benefit language for employers, and materials for parents and families.


HOME BY ONE: DENTAL PROFESSIONALS


These resources are components of a public-awareness campaign in Connecticut designed to build partnerships among health and social service professionals and parents and other caregivers to reduce oral disease in infants and children enrolled in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). The resources focus on the importance of oral health and oral health care during infancy and early childhood, with an emphasis on the age 1 dental visit. Contents include a program fact sheet and resource list, a map of dental home networks in relation to WIC sites, and referral forms. Posters on infant oral health are available in English and Spanish. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: Connecticut Department of Public Health, Office of Oral Health, P.O. Box 340308, Hartford, CT 06134-0308. Telephone: (860) 509-7382; fax: (860) 509-7853; e-mail: linda.ferraro@ct.gov; website: http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp? a=3125&q=442212.

HOME BY ONE: MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS


These resources are components of a public-awareness campaign to reduce oral disease in infants and children enrolled in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). The resources focus on the importance of oral health and oral health care during infancy and early childhood, with an emphasis on the age 1 dental visit. Contents include a program fact sheet, a map of dental home networks in relation to WIC sites, a referral form, and a client instruction sheet for fluoride varnish aftercare that is available in English and Spanish. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: Connecticut Department of Public Health, Office of Oral Health, P.O. Box 340308, Hartford, CT 06134-0308. Telephone: (860) 509-7382; fax: (860) 509-7853; e-mail: linda.ferraro@ct.gov; website: http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp? a=3125&q=440282.

HOME BY ONE: WIC PROFESSIONALS


These resources are components of a public-awareness campaign to reduce oral disease in infants and children enrolled in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Contents include a fact sheet about WIC; a map of dental home networks in relation to WIC sites; stories to support the transition from bottle to cup and discontinuing bottle-feeding after age 1, in seven languages (Brazilian/Portuguese, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese); and a fact sheet and flyer/poster about oral health advocacy in English.

Contact: Connecticut Department of Public Health, Office of Oral Health, P.O. Box 340308, Hartford, CT 06134-0308. Telephone: (860) 509-7382; fax: (860) 509-7853; e-mail: linda.ferraro@ct.gov; website: http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp? a=3125&q=442212.
I-SMILE

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MAINE SMILES MATTER: EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM

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MEDICAID PROVIDER GUIDE: ACCESS TO BABY AND CHILD DENTISTRY (ABCD)
MEDICAL INFANT AND CHILD ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM


These training materials describe 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 HEALTH FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS: A MEDICAL PROVIDER’S GUIDE


This guide for health professionals presents information on tooth development and function through age 12 and on the importance of assessing risk for tooth decay and promoting oral health early in life. Photographs illustrate signs of tooth decay and risk assessment techniques such as lift-the-lip and knee-to-knee. Strategies for reducing the risk of transmitting caries-causing bacteria and risk-reduction aids such as fluoride supplements, fluoride varnish, and breastfeeding are also described.

Contact: California Department of Public Health, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Oral Health Program, MS Code 8305, P.O. Box 997420, Sacramento, CA 95899-7420. Telephone: (866) 241-0395; fax: (916) 650-0305; e-mail: mchinet@cdph.ca.gov; website: http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/MCAHOralHealth/Pages/default.aspx. Available at http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/MCAHOralHealth/Documents/MO-OHP-OralHealthInfantToddler.pdf.

ORAL HEALTH IN CHILD CARE AND EARLY EDUCATION


This resource is a compilation of health and safety standards on oral health in child care and early education settings. Topics include oral health practices and why they are important, education and training, feeding and nutrition, infectious disease, emergencies, policies and information, licensing and state responsibilities, and related issues. The content is drawn from Caring for Our Children: National Health and Safety Performance Standards–Guidelines for Early Care and Education Programs (3rd ed.) published in 2011 (CFOC3). There are references to other standards contained in CFOC3 throughout the resource.

Contact: National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care and Early Education, University of Colorado Denver, 13120 East 19th Avenue, Mail Stop F541, P.O. Box 6511, Aurora, CO 80045. Telephone: (800) 598-5437; (800) 598-KIDS; fax: (303) 724-0960; e-mail: info@nrckids.org; website: http://nrckids.org. Available at http://cfoc.nrckids.org/StandardView/SpcCol/Oral-Health.

ORAL HEALTH RESOURCE GUIDE FOR CHILDREN AGES 0–5


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


**ORAL HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT TOOL**


This tool, along with accompanying guidance, is designed to help health professionals implement oral health risk assessment during health supervision visits. Topics include risk-assessment timing, risk factors, protective factors, and clinical findings. The tool is intended for documenting dental caries risk of infants or young children (from birth to age 6). Information on treatment for those at high risk for caries and color photographs depicting various clinical findings are included.

**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/RiskAssessmentTool.pdf.

**POINTS OF LIGHT: A RESOURCE GUIDE FOR PEDIATRIC AND GENERAL DENTISTS TO SUCCESSFULLY ESTABLISH AN INFANT ORAL HEALTH REFERRAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND STATE**


This guide outlines a process for establishing an infant oral health referral infrastructure in communities and states. Topics include collaboration among dentists and pediatric health professionals to encourage early dental referrals, risk assessment timing, and establishment of the dental home. Contents include sample referral letters for dentists and physicians, a policy statement, and a handout and presentation on infant oral health care.


**PROJECT SMILE**

University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio School of Medicine, Department of Family and Community Medicine. N.d. *Project Smile.* San Antonio, TX: University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio School of Medicine, Department of Family and Community Medicine. 4 modules.

This training course for physicians comprises course instruction that includes a brief self-assessment and four modules on early childhood oral health. 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 examinations, and the knee-to-knee oral examination. Module 3 describes the dental caries sequence, white spots, caries severity, and unusual 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.
RESOURCE HIGHLIGHTS


This series of guides for health professionals highlights resources on oral health topics. Each guide focuses on a specific topic and includes selected materials and websites. Topics include dental home, early childhood caries, fluoride varnish, Head Start, home visiting, nutrition, and school readiness. [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/highlights/index.html.

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


This report summarizes presentations from a symposium held on October 20–22, 2010, in Rapid City, South Dakota, to discuss the state of the science of caries in the primary teeth of American Indian children and Alaska Native children, identify aspects that are insufficiently understood, and make recommendations on how to fill those gaps. Topics include epidemiology, microbiology, enamel hypoplasia, and new intervention products. The report concludes with a discussion of issues that need to be addressed to reduce rampant caries in these children’s primary teeth.


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


This report summarizes recommendations on the use of topical fluoride in preventing and controlling tooth decay from an expert panel convened on October 22–23, 2007, in Washington, DC. The matrix was developed primarily for program staff and non-oral-health professionals in public health settings who work with infants and young children from birth to age 6 who are at high risk for tooth decay. Contents include background information, guiding questions, the development process, and conclusions and next steps. Topical fluoride recommendations for children are provided as appendices. A companion presentation is also available. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


WDA DENTAL HOME


This continuing education (CE) kit includes an instructional DVD and written materials that describe causes and effects of early childhood caries, how to perform the age 1 examination using the knee-to-knee method, preventive counseling measures for parents, treatment options, and incorporating the dental home concept into a general dental practice. Information about state dental association licensing options for the CE kit is also available from the website.

Contact: Wisconsin Dental Association, 6737 West Washington Street, Suite 2360, West Allis, WI 53214. Telephone: (414) 276-4520; fax: (414)
THE WIC STAFF’S ROLE IN ECC PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION


This fact sheet describes early childhood caries and prevention tips for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) staff serving American Indian children from birth through age 5. Topics include oral hygiene, applying fluoride varnish, and visiting the dentist.

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

PUBLIC EDUCATION

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This resource aims to motivate parents to take action to reduce their child’s risk for oral disease. Contents include public service announcements featuring activities that children can do such as watching a video, singing, or playing a video game, in an effort to communicate the importance of taking the time to brush twice a day for 2 minutes each time. The resource also provides information for parents on teaching children how to brush, visiting a dentist, flossing every day, and using fluoride. A weekly toothbrushing checklist is included. Content is available in English and Spanish.

**Contact**: Partnership for Healthy Mouths Healthy Lives, Dental Trade Alliance, 4350 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 220, Arlington, VA 22203. E-mail: contact@healthymouthshealthylives.org; website: http://www.healthymouthshealthylives.org. Available at http://www.2min2x.org.

AAPD FAST FACTS


This press kit includes story ideas addressing common pediatric oral health issues. Topics include treating infants in the dental office, fluoride for infants, pacifiers and thumb-sucking, and how to select a pediatric dentist.


BABY TEETH ARE IMPORTANT


This poster provides reminders about why healthy primary teeth are important to children’s health and development. The poster, which is part of a media campaign to inform parents in New York State, is available in English and Spanish. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

**Contact**: New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Dental Health, Corning Tower Building, Room 542, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12237. Telephone: (518) 474-1961; fax: (518) 474-8985; e-mail: oralhealth@health.state.ny.us; website: http://www.health.state.ny.us/prevention/dental. Available at http://www.nyhealth.gov/publications/0836.pdf.

LA BOQUITA DE FELIPE: COMO LA FAMILIA DE FELIPE APRENDIO A CUIDAR SUS DIENTES

This booklet illustrates the importance of good oral health in pregnant women and infants as told by a young family. Topics include oral hygiene during pregnancy, tooth eruption, early childhood caries, and visiting the dentist. An English transcript of the Spanish booklet is available.

**Contact:** East Coast Migrant Head Start Project, 1501 Lee Highway, Suite 208, Arlington, VA 22209. Telephone: (703) 243-7522; fax: (703) 243-1259; e-mail: sbornes@ecmhsp.org; website: http://www.ecmhsp.org. Available at http://ece.aed.org/publications/nms/La_boquita_de_felipe.pdf.

**BRUSH FOR YOU AND 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 addresses X-rays, bleeding gums, nausea, and oral emergencies during pregnancy. The brochure is available in English and Spanish.


**CAVITY KEEP AWAY**


This brochure and poster contain messages about the importance and safety of oral health care during pregnancy and infancy. The materials explain how mothers can avoid passing to their infants the bacteria that can cause tooth decay. The materials are available in English and Spanish.

**Contact:** California Dental Association Foundation, 1201 K Street, Suite 1511, Sacramento, CA 95814. Telephone: (800) 232-7645, ext. 4916; e-mail: foundationinfo@ceda.org; website: http://www.cdafoundation.org. Available at http://www.cdafoundation.org/Learn/EducationTraining/PerinatalOralHealthEducation/PatientEducationMaterial.aspx.

**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 focuses on the relationship between oral health and systemic health, how tooth decay happens, the 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.

**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. Available at https://online.aapd.org/aapdssa/ecssashop.show_product_detail?p_product_serno=290&p_mode=detail&p_cust_id=&p_session_serno=&p_trans_ty=&p_order_serno=&p_promo_cd=&p_price_cd=.

**EARLY DENTAL HEALTH: CHOOSING THE RIGHT FOODS**


This brochure for parents addresses diet, nutrition, and oral health in infants and young children. Topics include the importance of healthy foods for oral health and how consuming sugar causes tooth decay. The brochure also provides tips on the types of foods children should eat and those they should avoid, as well as on the drinks that parents should give children during the day.
EVERY CHILD NEEDS A DENTAL HOME


This pamphlet for parents and other caregivers addresses the importance of taking infants and young children to a dentist for regular visits. Topics include when to take a child to a dentist, why children need regular dental visits, and tips for visiting the dentist. Information on finding a dentist, including state and local referral services in California, is included. The pamphlet is available in Chinese, English, Hmong, Korean, and Spanish.

Contact: California Department of Public Health, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Oral Health Program, MS Code 8305, P.O. Box 997420, Sacramento, CA 95899-7420. Telephone: (916) 650-0305; fax: (916) 650-0395; e-mail: mchinet@cdph.ca.gov; website: [http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/MCAHOralHealth/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/MCAHOralHealth/Pages/default.aspx). Available at [http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/MCAHOralHealth/Pages/PublicationsandReports.aspx](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/MCAHOralHealth/Pages/PublicationsandReports.aspx).

HEALTH BITES


This website is designed to help families learn about good nutrition, physical activity, and other lifestyle choices. Topics include breastfeeding; weaning; oral health care for infants, toddlers, and preschool-age children; feeding younger infants, older infants, toddlers, and preschool-age children; junk food, snacks, and eating out; and picky eaters. The site also provides information on nutrition education credit for Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) participants.


A HEALTHY MOUTH FOR YOUR BABY


This brochure for parents and other caregivers 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, feeding and nutrition, and the importance of having a dental visit by age 1 are also discussed. The brochure is available in English and Spanish. A brochure designed for American Indian and Alaska Native parents, grandparents, and other caregivers is also available.


A HEALTHY SMILE FOR YOUR BABY:
TIPS TO KEEP YOUR BABY HEALTHY


This brochure is designed to educate expecting and new parents about the importance of oral hygiene and oral care during infancy. Topics include caring for an infant’s gums and teeth,
HEALTHY SMILES FOR TWO


This brochure presents tips for women on oral hygiene and oral health care during and after pregnancy. Topics include the importance of visiting the dentist early in pregnancy, eating healthy foods, drinking water with fluoride, avoiding adverse impacts of nausea and vomiting during pregnancy, and avoiding tobacco products.


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


This brochure provides expecting and new parents with an overview of facts pertaining to the oral health of their infants and children. It includes information on teething, primary teeth, early childhood caries, nutrition, fluoride, and ways to care for teeth.

Contact: Wisconsin Department of Health Services, One West Wilson Street, Madison, WI 53703. Telephone: (608) 266-1865; (888) 701-1251; e-mail: dhswebmaster@wisconsin.gov; website: http://dhs.wisconsin.gov. Available at http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/P4/P44078.pdf.

HEALTHY TEETH, HEALTHY ME


These resources are designed to help parents teach children (ages 2–5) about oral hygiene. The resources include videos, tip sheets, games, quick
facts, coloring pages, and resource guides. Topics include toothbrushing, nutrition, and visiting the dentist. Information is available in English and Spanish.


HOME BY ONE: PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS


These resources for parents address the importance of oral health and oral health care during infancy and early childhood, with an emphasis on the age 1 dental visit. Contents include a video on toothbrushing, a brochure and checklist on infant oral health, and a guide on early childhood oral health. Topics include how to avoid transmitting bacteria that cause dental caries, when and how to clean infants’ gums, when to begin toothbrushing and how to brush with fluoridated toothpaste, how to look for signs of caries, and when to visit the dentist. The materials are available in English and Spanish. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


HOW TO PROTECT YOUR BABY’S TEETH FROM CAVITIES


This fact sheet for new parents addresses how to prevent dental caries in infants. It provides tips on oral hygiene for women during and after pregnancy, as well as tips on taking care of infant gums and teeth. The fact sheet is available in English and Spanish. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]


ORAL HEALTH FACT SHEETS


These fact sheets for consumers provide information about early childhood caries and offer answers to some of the most frequently asked questions relating to infants’ and toddlers’ oral health. The fact sheets are available in English and Spanish.

Contact: California Dental Association, 1201 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Telephone: (800) 232-7645; e-mail: contactcda@cda.org; website: http://www.cda.org. Available at http://www.cda.org/public-resources/patient-fact-sheets.

ORAL HEALTH PARENT INFORMATION: INFANTS, TODDLERS, PRESCHOOLERS


This booklet contains information for parents that is developmentally appropriate and based on recommendations from Bright Futures in Practice: Oral Health. The booklet aims to help parents take an active role in establishing and maintaining good oral health for their infant or child. Topics include taking care of teeth, selecting a toothbrush and toothpaste, nutrition, safety, and going to the dentist.

PARENT EDUCATION BROCHURES


These brochures provide information on oral health topics for parents, teachers, and others. Topics include oral health care for infants; nitrous oxide; pediatric dentists; preventive dentistry; and thumb, finger, and pacifier habits.

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. $45 per 100 (members); $54 per 100 (nonmembers). Available at http://www.mychildrensteeth.org/education/parent_education_brochures.

PREGNANCY, INFANT, AND TODDLER ORAL HEALTH


This fact sheet provides information on oral health care during pregnancy, infancy, and early childhood. Topics include the importance of dental care throughout pregnancy, limiting snacking to prevent dental caries, and daily toothbrushing with fluoridated toothpaste.


PREVENT INFANT AND TODDLER TOOTH DECAY OR EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES (ECC)


This brochure for parents describes early childhood caries and how to prevent tooth decay in infants and young children. Topics include the importance of healthy primary teeth and gums, oral hygiene, avoiding putting an infant or young child to bed with a bottle or sippy cup, avoiding drinks high in sugar, when to teach an infant or young child to drink from a cup, and when to schedule the first dental visit.


SIMPLE STEPS TO BETTER DENTAL HEALTH


This resource provides information on oral health to help individuals prevent problems, understand conditions, and explore treatments. Topics include tooth decay, toothbrushing, fluoride, mouth-healthy eating, oral hygiene, and dental visits. A parents’ guide provides information on primary teeth, pacifiers and bottles, infant oral hygiene, and dental caries in infants and young children.


SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT


This booklet for parents and other caregivers discusses infant oral health. Topics include dental caries, including white spots and early childhood caries, and the importance of having a dental visit by age 1. The booklet also provides tips on oral hygiene and infant feeding and nutrition.

Contact: Wisconsin Division of Public Health, P.O. Box 2659, Madison, WI 53701-2659. Telephone: (608) 266-1251; (888) 701-1253; fax: (608) 266-2832; website: http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/aboutDHS/dph/dph.htm. Available at http://www.dhfs.wisconsin.gov/publications/P0/P00221.pdf.
TOOTH TIME: A GUIDE TO CARING FOR YOUR CHILD’S TEETH AND MOUTH


This guide provides information for parents and other caregivers to learn about oral health and take care of infants’, children’s, and adolescents’ teeth. Topics are addressed in age-appropriate sections: birth to 18 months, 18 months to 3 years, 3 to 5 years, and 5 to 18 years. Selected topics include care of mouth, gums, and teeth; primary and permanent teeth; tooth decay; the importance of dental visits; nutrition for healthy teeth; toothbrushing; and what to do if a tooth comes out accidentally.

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/PDF/2010_Tooth%20Time.pdf.

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


This fact sheet for parents discusses the importance of establishing good oral hygiene in infancy and the role of dental hygienists in promoting, establishing, and maintaining oral health throughout infancy, childhood, and adolescence. Topics include the first years, toddlers’ teeth, and older children and oral health. Tips on preparing a child for a dental checkup are also provided.


WHY WORRY ABOUT BABY TEETH?


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

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. Telephone: (515) 242-6383; (866) 528-4020; (515) 281-7715; fax: (515) 242-6384; trodgers@idph.state.ia.us; website: http://www.idph.state.ia.us/OHDS/OralHealth.aspx. Available at http://www.idph.state.ia.us/IDPHChannelsService/file.ashx?file=3E20182C-A633-4716-8042-0CB9CFCF3C6B.

YOU HAVE THE POWER TO PREVENT CAVITIES


This brochure provides information for parents on infant oral hygiene. It advises against sharing spoons, forks, or cups and discusses the importance of avoiding putting juice or other sweet liquids in an infant’s bottle. The brochure also provides tips for using pacifiers and for the age 1 dental visit. The brochure is available in English and Spanish.

Contact: Delaware Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health, Jesse Cooper Building, 417 Federal Street, Dover, DE 19901. Telephone: (302) 744-4700; (888) 459-2943; fax: (302) 739-6659; e-mail: dhssinfo@state.de.us; website: http://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph. Available at http://dhss.delaware.gov/dph/hsm/files/pated_infant.pdf.
Organizations

ACADEMY OF GENERAL DENTISTRY
211 East Chicago Avenue, Suite 900
Chicago, IL 60611-1999
Telephone: (888) 243-3368
Fax: (312) 440-0559
Website: http://www.agd.org

The Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) serves the needs of general dentists, represents their interests, and provides continuing education. The website features information about AGD’s journal, AGD Impact and General Dentistry. Additional resources include a message board where consumers can post questions to be answered by a dentist, a directory and referral service, and a monthly newsletter.

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

The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) is committed to promoting optimal oral health and oral health care for infants, children, and adolescents, including those with special health care needs. AAPD’s website contains definitions, policies, clinical guidelines, a resource section, and issues of the journal Pediatric Dentistry.

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS
Section on Oral Health
141 Northwest Point Boulevard
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
Telephone: (847) 434-4779, (866) 843-2271
E-mail: oralhealthinfo@aap.org
Website: http://www2.aap.org/oralhealth/SOPDOH.html

The American Academy of Pediatrics’ Section on Oral Health focuses on improving communication between pediatricians and pediatric dentists and improving advocacy for oral health, nutrition, and early diagnosis and prevention of oral disease in children, including those with special health care needs. The website features a dental caries risk assessment tool, a prevention services reimbursement chart, and a flip chart and reference guide to assist pediatricians in counseling clients about oral health.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH DENTISTRY
3085 Stevenson Drive, Suite 200
Springfield, IL 62703
Telephone: (217) 529-6941
Fax: (217) 529-9120
E-mail: natoff@aaphd.org
Website: http://www.aaphd.org

The American Association of Public Health Dentistry (AAPHD) works to improve health for all citizens through the development and support of oral-health-promotion and disease-prevention programs. The website provides information about AAPHD’s journal, Journal of Public Health Dentistry, other resources, and educational opportunities.

AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION
211 East Chicago Avenue
Chicago, IL 60611-2678
Telephone: (312) 440-2500
Fax: (312) 440-7494
Website: http://www.ada.org

The American Dental Association (ADA) is committed to the public’s oral health and to ethics, science, and professional advancement. Initiatives include those related to advocacy, education, research, and the development of standards. ADA’s journal, Journal of the American Dental Association, provides information on children’s oral health, and ADA’s website contains information on continuing education and volunteer opportunities. The public resources section of the website provides information for families.
AMERICAN DENTAL HYGIENISTS’ ASSOCIATION
444 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 3400
Chicago, IL 60611
Telephone: (312) 440-8900
Fax: (312) 440-1806
Website: http://www.adha.org

The American Dental Hygienists’ Association (ADHA) works to advance the art and science of dental hygiene, promote standards of education and practice in the profession, and provide professional support and educational programs. ADHA’s website offers information about continuing education; career opportunities in public health; and publications, including the association’s journal, the Journal of Dental Hygiene. The website also features resources for families, including Spanish-language materials.

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

The Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD) formulates and promotes the establishment of national oral health public policy and assists state oral health programs in developing and implementing programs and policies for the prevention and control of oral diseases. ASTDD’s website contains information on national, state, and local partners; state reports and action plans; and related resources.

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION
Division of Oral Health
4770 Buford Highway, N.E., Mailstop F-10
Atlanta, GA 30341-3717
Telephone: (770) 488-6054
E-mail: oralhealth@cdc.gov
Website: http://www.cdc.gov/oralhealth

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Oral Health, provides leadership in preventing and controlling oral disease, promoting oral health, and improving the quality of community water fluoridation. The website provides information for health professionals and consumers in English and Spanish.

CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES
7500 Security Boulevard, C2-26-12
Baltimore, MD 21244
Telephone: (410) 786-3000
Fax: (410) 786-3194
Website: http://www.medicaid.gov

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services provides guidance to states administering Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and provides services to beneficiaries and health professionals. The website contains an overview of Medicaid dental coverage, a guide to children’s oral health care in Medicaid, and Medicaid/CHIP contacts. It also includes national and state reports as well as information on policy issues, promising practices, and innovations.

CHILDREN’S DENTAL HEALTH PROJECT
1020 19th Street, N.W., Suite 400
Washington, DC 20036
Telephone: (202) 833-8288
Fax: (202) 331-1432
Website: http://www.cdhp.org

The Children’s Dental Health Project (CDHP) creates and advances research-driven policies and solutions by engaging a broad base of partners committed to children and oral health including professionals, communities, policymakers, and parents. CDHP’s website contains a media center and resources for professionals including briefs, presentations, reports, and research. Parent resources are also provided.

DENTAL, ORAL AND CRANIOFACIAL DATA RESOURCE CENTER
2101 Gaither Road, Suite 600
Rockville, MD 20850-4006
Telephone: (301) 527-6670
Fax: (301) 527-6401
E-mail: oralhealthdrc@ngc.com
Website: http://drc.hhs.gov

The Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Data Resource Center (DRC) serves as a resource on data for the research community, clinical practitioners, public health planners, policymakers, advocates, and the public. DRC’s website provides a chartbook, survey data and options for creating reports, and lists of questions included in national surveys.
HISPANIC DENTAL ASSOCIATION
3085 Stevenson Drive, Suite 200
Springfield, IL 62703
Telephone: (217) 529-6517
Fax: (217) 529-9120
E-mail: HispanicDental@hdassoc.org
Website: http://www.hdassoc.org

The Hispanic Dental Association (HDA) provides leadership and represents professionals who share a common commitment to improving the oral health of the Hispanic community. HDA’s website features information on events, careers, data sources, professional education, and educational materials in Spanish for clients. It also includes information about HDA’s translation services.

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE
Division of Oral Health
801 Thompson Avenue, Suite 300
Rockville, MD 20852
Telephone: (301) 443-1106, (800) IHS-DENT (447-3368)
Fax: (301) 594-6610
E-mail: dentaljobs@ihs.gov
Website: http://www.ihs.gov/MedicalPrograms/Dental/index.cfm

The Indian Health Service, Division of Oral Health, addresses the oral health needs of American Indians and Alaska Natives. The website provides information on recruitment events, dental career path options, externships, the loan-repayment program, and volunteering. Information on networking and resources is also included.

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH BUREAU
Health Resources and Services Administration
5600 Fishers Lane
Parklawn Building, Room 18-05
Rockville, MD 20857
Telephone: (301) 443-2170
Fax: (301) 443-1797
E-mail: ctibbs@hrsa.gov
Website: http://www.mchb.hrsa.gov

The Maternal and Child Health Bureau provides leadership, partnership, and resources to advance the health of mothers, infants, children, and adolescents, including those with special health care needs. Services to consumers include referrals to state Children’s Health Insurance Programs or Medicaid programs and publications.

NATIONAL DENTAL ASSOCIATION
3517 16th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20010
Telephone: (202) 588-1822
Fax: (202) 588-1244
Website: http://www.ndaonline.org

The National Dental Association (NDA) works to improve the delivery of oral health care in underserved communities and to improve the educational opportunities of minorities underrepresented in the oral health field. NDA’s website features information on events, dental education, dental schools, programs, and initiatives.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DENTAL AND CRANIOFACIAL RESEARCH
National Institutes of Health
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Fax: (301) 480-4098
E-mail: nidcrinfo@mail.nih.gov
Website: http://www.nidcr.nih.gov

The National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) seeks to improve oral health through research, research training, and the dissemination of information. NIDCR’s website provides information on diseases and conditions, prevention, oral complications of systemic diseases, and individuals with special health care needs. NIDCR’s National Oral Health Information Clearinghouse (NOHIC) also provides information and materials on topics related to children’s oral health. NOHIC produces and distributes consumer- and professional-education materials and provides information on organizations.

NATIONAL MATERNAL AND CHILD ORAL HEALTH RESOURCE CENTER
Georgetown University
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Washington, DC 20057-1272
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Fax: (202) 784-9777
E-mail: OHRCinfo@georgetown.edu
Website: http://www.mchoralhealth.org

The National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center (OHRC) gathers, develops, and shares information and materials to respond to
the needs of states and communities in addressing current and emerging public oral health issues. OHRC’s website describes and provides links to professional and family resources, including brochures, curricula, fact sheets, guidelines, manuals, policies, and reports.

NATIONAL NETWORK FOR ORAL HEALTH ACCESS
PMB 329
3700 Quebec Street, Unit 100
Denver, CO 80207-1639
Telephone: (303) 957-0635, (866) 316-4995
E-mail: info@nnoha.org
Website: http://www.nnoha.org

The National Network for Oral Health Access (NNOHA) provides advocacy and support for health centers working to improve the oral health status of underserved populations. NNOHA’s website features resources for health professionals on topics such as practice management, evidence-based dentistry, and medical and dental partnership. Information on NNOHA programs and initiatives are also available from the website.

NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY IN CHILD CARE AND EARLY EDUCATION
University of Colorado Denver
13120 East 19th Avenue, Mail Stop F541
P.O. Box 6511
Aurora, CO 80045
Telephone: (800) 598-5437; (800) 598-KIDS
Fax: (303) 724-0960
E-mail: info@nrckids.org
Website: http://nrckids.org

The National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care and Early Education (NRC) promotes health and safety in out-of-home child care settings throughout the nation. NRC collaborates with the American Public Health Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Maternal and Child Health Bureau to produce national health and safety performance standards guidelines for out-of-home child care programs. The center’s website provides resources for child care providers, parents, health consultants, regulators, and early childhood systems leaders.

PARTNERSHIP FOR HEALTHY MOUTHS HEALTHY LIVES
Dental Trade Alliance
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Arlington, VA 22203
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Website: http://www.healthymouthshealthylives.org

The Partnership for Healthy Mouths Healthy Lives is working with the Ad Council on an oral health literacy campaign to provide education and raise awareness about children’s oral health among parents and caregivers.

SOCIETY OF AMERICAN INDIAN DENTISTS
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The Society of American Indian Dentists promotes oral health in the American Indian community, serves as a resource for assistance to American Indian students interested in the dentistry profession, promotes American Indian heritage and traditional values, and promotes and supports the concerns of American Indian dentists.

SPECIAL CARE DENTISTRY ASSOCIATION
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Website: http://www.SCDonline.org

The Special Care Dentistry Association (SCDA) is dedicated to promoting good oral health and well-being for individuals with special health care needs. SCDA’s website provides information on residency programs; fellowships; continuing education opportunities; leadership; the SCDA journal, Special Care Dentistry; and other services.