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NCEMCH is interested in receiving copies of materials related to areas of maternal and child health services that would be useful in program development and evaluation. Tools for needs assessment, policy statements, guidelines and standards, record formats, and special reports are especially welcome. If you have any materials that you think might be of interest and help to colleagues, please forward two copies to NCEMCH at the address noted.

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Building on the success of the first two volumes of the *MCH Program Interchange: Focus on Oral Health*, the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center has produced the third volume in the series. Each successive volume is intended to supplement rather than replace the previous volumes. This volume contains a current listing of materials developed by state and community programs to promote the oral health of children, adolescents, and families nationwide. We hope that the Interchange will continue to serve as a forum for the cooperative exchange of information on program ideas, activities, and materials among the maternal and child oral health community.

The Interchange is just one resource developed by the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center in its efforts to assist health professionals, administrators, policymakers, researchers, and others working in states and communities to improve the oral health of children, adolescents, and their families. In November 1998, the resource center produced the *Early Childhood Caries Resource Guide*, an annotated bibliography listing journal articles and resources for use in the prevention of early childhood caries. In March 1999,

the resource center produced *Building Partnerships to Improve Children's Access to Medicaid Oral Health Services: National Conference Proceedings*, which reports on the conference held in Lake Tahoe, NV, in June 1998. Currently, the resource center is preparing two fact sheets: One provides an overview of the oral health status of the homeless population, and the other focuses on early childhood caries/baby bottle tooth decay.

The Maternal and Child Health Bureau and the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center are committed to providing ongoing mechanisms for sharing materials and information about programs that enhance oral health services. If you have materials that you feel could benefit others, please become part of this process; if you would like to access the resource center's materials and information, please use our expertise. We encourage you to complete and return the enclosed evaluation form so that the resource center staff can better meet your needs for oral health information. Improving the oral health of our nation's children requires a collaborative effort at many levels. We look forward to continuing to work with you toward this goal.

Oral Health Materials

MEDICAID AND CHIP

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS TO IMPROVE CHILDREN'S ACCESS TO MEDICAID ORAL HEALTH SERVICES: NATIONAL CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Spisak, S., and Holt, K. (Eds.) 1999. *Building partnerships to improve children's access to Medicaid oral health services: National conference proceedings*. Arlington, VA: National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health. 80 pp.

These proceedings summarize the work of seven groups at the national conference, Building Partnerships to Improve Children's Access to Medicaid Oral Health Services (June 1998). The publication is designed to help individuals working at the state and local levels and officials at the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to improve access to children's oral health services. Work groups discussed barriers and strategies focusing on communication and understanding among major players, financing and funding issues, Medicaid policies and administrative procedures, supply and distribution of providers, valuing oral health, and best practices and guidelines. Also included are recommendations to HCFA and HRSA in the areas of strategic activities, technical assistance, policy actions, and dental work force development initiatives. The appendices list the conference agenda and contact information for conference participants.

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DENTAL CARE IN MEDICAID MANAGED CARE: REPORT FROM A 19 STATE SURVEY

Kaye, N., and Pernice, C. 1998. *Dental care in Medicaid managed care: Report from a 19 state survey*. Portland, ME: National Academy for State Health Policy. 55 pp.

This report examines how 19 states deliver oral health services through a risk-based Medicaid managed care

structure and how they manage the delivery of these benefits. The report addresses the types of oral health services delivered through managed care, the data that states collect from plans to measure performance, the strategies that states use to ensure access to dental care, the procedures that states use to inform enrollees of their dental benefits, and activities to increase access.

Contact: Kristin Thomas, National Academy for State Health Policy, 50 Monument Square, Suite 502, Portland, ME 04101. Telephone: (207) 874-6524; fax: (207) 874-6527; e-mail: info@nashp.org; Web site: <http://www.nashp.org>. \$20.00.

LEGISLATION, REGULATION, AND INTERPRETATIONS GOVERNING CHILDREN'S MEDICAID DENTAL SERVICES

Milo, S. C., and Litch, C. S. 1998. *Legislation, regulation, and interpretations governing children's Medicaid dental services*. Washington, DC: Children's Dental Health Project. 16 pp.

This report discusses oral health provisions in the Medicaid legislation. Specific citations from current law are reproduced. Children's oral health coverage is discussed in relation to adult coverage. Regulations and suggested interpretations are also provided. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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MEDICAID PEDIATRIC DENTAL UTILIZATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA FROM THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS MEDICAID STATE REPORTS: FY 1995

Edelstein, B. L., and Bendor, D. B. 1998. *Medicaid pediatric dental utilization and expenditure data from the American Academy of Pediatrics Medicaid State Reports: FY 1995*. Washington, DC: Children's Dental Health Project. 11 pp.



This report describes state-level information on the percentage of Medicaid-enrolled children who received one or more dental visits, the percentage of expenditures committed to children's dental care, and the average cost to Medicaid programs for each child who accessed dental care. Data were excerpted from the American Academy of Pediatrics Division of Health Policy Research. This report provides fiscal year 1995 data describing state, regional, and national information on population and child health; Medicaid recipients, expenditures, and eligibles; Medicaid program characteristics; full-year child enrollees by eligibility category; and Medicaid managed care enrollment. The primary data source for excerpted information is the Health Care Financing Administration report (no. 2082) filed by each state. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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ORAL HEALTH SERVICES IN THE CHILD HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (CHIP)

Edelstein, B. L. 1998. *Oral health services in the Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP)*. Washington, DC: Children's Dental Health Project. 13 pp.

This fact sheet on children's dental care in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) defines CHIP, discusses state options and current responsibilities, coverage and benefits, types of dental services covered by CHIP, and congressional intent regarding dental coverage. The fact sheet also addresses why it is important to provide dental benefits to children eligible for CHIP, how much of the CHIP program should be devoted to dental care, what oral health services should be covered, what the cost-sharing prohibitions are, and current status of oral health services in CHIP. A list of talking points on CHIP is also provided. The appendix contains the Health Care Financing Administration report on state CHIP submissions. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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PUBLIC FINANCING OF DENTAL COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN: MEDICAID, MEDICAID MANAGED CARE AND STATE PROGRAMS

Edelstein, B. L. 1997. *Public financing of dental coverage for children: Medicaid, Medicaid managed care and state programs*. Washington, DC: Children's Dental Health Project. 16 pp.

This report provides an overview and a status assessment of pediatric oral health care under Medicaid programs (both fee-for-service and managed care) and state child health insurance programs. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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STATE SURVEYS OF ORAL HEALTH NEEDS AND DENTAL CARE ACCESS FOR CHILDREN: SUMMARY OF 15 STATE REPORTS

Tinanoff, N. 1998. *State surveys of oral health needs and dental care access for children: Summary of 15 state reports*. Washington, DC: Children's Dental Health Project. 12 pp.

This summary of 15 state reports discusses (1) oral health care issues for Medicaid-enrolled children, (2) the children at highest risk for dental caries, (3) barriers to provider participation, (4) Medicaid payments for oral health care in relation to state Medicaid expenditures, (5) states' response to children's oral health needs, (6) lack of access to oral health services for Medicaid recipients, and (7) the result of untreated oral health problems. Potential strategies for an integrated solution are discussed. Specific reports are provided for Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Hawaii, Iowa, Maryland, Montana, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, Virginia, and Washington. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**UNMET NEEDS AND SPECIAL ISSUES IN CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAMS**

National Conference of State Legislatures, Forum for State Health Policy Leadership. 1998. *Unmet needs and special issues in children's health programs*. Washington, DC: Forum for State Health Policy Leadership, National Conference of State Legislatures. 1 audiotape guide (21 pp.), 1 audiotape (30:28 minutes).

This audiotape and accompanying guide help provide legislators and staff with an understanding of special populations and services for children with special health care needs (CSHCN). In the areas of oral health, mental health, and substance abuse, the audiotape and guide address the eligibility of the CSHCN population with regard to the State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The audiotape, entitled "Children's Unmet Needs and Special Issues," is an edited recording of a March 1998 meeting in Nashville, TN, of legislative staff, state agency officials, and national experts who discussed such issues as the actual number of CSHCN and the conditions affecting these special populations.

Contact: National Conference of State Legislatures, 444 North Capitol Street, NW, Suite 515, Washington, DC 20001. Telephone: (202) 624-5400; fax: (202) 737-1069. \$20.00.

POLICY AND PROGRAMS**ACCESS TO ORAL HEALTH SERVICES IN THE UNITED STATES: 1997 AND BEYOND**

Isman, R., and Isman, B. 1997. *Access to oral health services in the United States: 1997 and beyond*. Chicago, IL: Oral Health America. 133 pp., abstract (13 pp.).

This paper focuses on the proportion of persons who had a dental visit in the past year and on the number of dental visits as the primary indicator of access to oral health services. The paper discusses the definition of access, measures of access, utilization of oral health services in the United States, barriers to access, health insurance, dental insurance, Medicaid coverage, populations with special health care needs, utilization of preventive oral health services, dental managed care, dental managed care in Medicaid, and trends and implications for public policy. Conclusions and recommendations are also provided.

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CDC'S ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM—AT-A-GLANCE 1998

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Division of Oral Health. 1998. *CDC's oral health program—At-a-glance 1998*. Atlanta, GA: Division of Oral Health, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. 4 pp.

This brochure discusses the importance of oral health and describes the basic components of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's oral health program. The purpose of the program is to (1) enhance surveillance of oral diseases, (2) extend proven preventive strategies, (3) strengthen the oral health infrastructure, and (4) guide infection control in dentistry.

Contact: Division of Oral Health, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 4770 Buford Highway, NE, MailStop F-10, Atlanta, GA 30341. Telephone: (770) 488-6054; fax: (770) 488-6080; e-mail: ccdinfo@cdc.gov; Web site: <http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/oh>. Single copies available at no charge.

CHILDREN OUR FUTURE: ETHICS, HEALTH POLICY, MEDICAL/DENTAL CARE FOR CHILDREN—FOUR SEASONS OLYMPIC HOTEL, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, APRIL 3-4, 1998

University of Washington, Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center. 1998. *Children our future: Ethics, health policy, medical/dental care for children—Four Seasons Olympic Hotel, Seattle, Washington, April 3-4, 1998*. Seattle, WA: Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center, University of Washington. ca. 250 pp.

These conference materials serve the goal of improving children's health outcomes. The objectives of this conference are to (1) provide an overview of children's health, including oral health indicators; (2) discuss ethics and allocation of resources to children;



(3) promote academic, government, and private partnerships around common goals for children's health; and (4) examine multidisciplinary approaches to basic research and care in dental/craniofacial fields. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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COMPARING ORAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS: A SECOND INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIVE STUDY

Chen, M., Andersen, R. M., Barmes, D. E., Leclercq, M. H., and Lyttle, C. S. 1997. *Comparing oral health care systems: A second international collaborative study*. Geneva, Switzerland: World Health Organization. 335 pp.

This book describes the design and findings of a large international collaborative study to assess the status of oral health in different cultures and to identify the system factors that influence specific components of oral health. The study was undertaken from 1988 to 1992 at seven sites in five countries: Germany, Japan, New Zealand, Poland, and the United States (including the Navajo and Lakota peoples). The study aimed to reach conclusions about the determinants of oral health that could be generalized to other settings and thus could guide decisions about the best systems for promoting oral health. The study was designed to identify the factors that influence personal oral health practices and use of services and to investigate the link between these behaviors and selected oral health outcomes.

Contact: WHO Publications Center USA, 49 Sheridan Avenue, Albany, NY 12210. Telephone: (518) 436-9686; fax: (518) 436-7433; e-mail: qcorp@compuserve.com. \$40.50 plus \$5.00 shipping and handling; prepayment required.

THE COST OF CARING: EMERGENCY ORAL HEALTH SERVICES

Edelstein, B. L. 1998. *The cost of caring: Emergency oral health services*. Arlington, VA: National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health. 3 pp.

This policy brief examines the issue of emergency rooms being used as a primary source of dental care for children from families with low incomes, who access such care only when oral problems have become severe. The policy brief states that emergency rooms typically are not equipped to provide complete or cost-effective dental care, and that Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) offer opportunities to reach children from families with low incomes by providing accessible, cost-effective, preventive oral health care. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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CREATING A DENTAL NETWORK (MAKE OR BUY?) AND SELECTING A DENTAL VENDOR

Gong, C. C. 1998. *Creating a dental network (make or buy?) and selecting a dental vendor*. Arlington, VA: National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health. 10 pp.

This paper summarizes the requirements of a dental program, compares the differences between medical and dental managed care delivery, and discusses whether to "make" or "buy" a dental program (i.e., whether to develop the internal capabilities or to contract with a qualified vendor to develop and manage such a program). Also discussed are critical success factors in selecting dental vendors, and methods of compensating providers in dental managed care plans. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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CRISIS IN CARE: THE FACTS BEHIND CHILDREN'S LACK OF ACCESS TO MEDICAID DENTAL CARE

Edelstein, B. L. 1998. *Crisis in care: The facts behind children's lack of access to Medicaid dental care*. Arlington, VA: National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health. 3 pp.

This policy brief examines the hidden facts surrounding tooth decay, the reasons why tooth decay is an important policy problem, who "owns" the problem, the role of Medicaid, and the actions that need to be taken. Shared ownership of the problem and strong partnerships among families, health professionals, and Medicaid/State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) officials are considered essential. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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IMPROVING ORAL HEALTH: PREVENTING UNNECESSARY DISEASE AMONG ALL AMERICANS—AT-A-GLANCE 1999

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. 1999. *Improving oral health: Preventing unnecessary disease among all Americans—At-a-glance 1999*. Atlanta, GA: National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. 4 pp.

This report describes the leadership role of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in improving oral health. Topics include programs that have expanded water fluoridation, promotion of the use of dental sealants, targeting of oral and pharyngeal cancer, and guidance for infection control in dentistry. Also highlighted is the CDC's involvement in state prevention efforts by reaching vulnerable populations in the states, providing training for professionals, supporting a national oral health research network, and enhancing surveillance of oral disease.

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ORAL DISEASE: A CRISIS AMONG CHILDREN OF POVERTY

National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau; and Children's Dental Health Project. 1998. *Oral disease: A crisis among children of poverty*. Arlington, VA: National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health. 2 pp.

This fact sheet provides national data on the impact of oral diseases on children of all ages—infants through adolescents—and especially those in families with low incomes. Data are presented on the number of children affected by untreated oral diseases, the number of school days missed, the barriers to accessing needed dental care, and the costs of providing such care. Included is a graph illustrating the overall decline in recent years in the percentage of children receiving an Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) preventive dental service. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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PEDIATRIC DENTAL DISEASE: A CRITICAL MARKER FOR CHILDREN'S OVERALL HEALTH

Edelstein, B. L. 1998. *Pediatric dental disease: A critical marker for children's overall health*. Arlington, VA: National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health. 2 pp.

This paper discusses oral disease within the broad spectrum of overall health. Tooth decay may serve as a sentinel disease for other pediatric conditions related to inadequate diet and hygiene, self-esteem and personal well-being, family conditions, and ability to access care. The most prevalent preventable chronic disease in childhood, tooth decay must be examined in the



context of public policies that regard dental care as an "option," administrative attitudes related to dental Medicaid programs, parental behaviors that allow oral disease to develop, and professional efforts that fail to meet the needs of all children. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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STATE PROFILES AND SURVEYS

DEVELOPING COMMUNITY ORAL HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SYSTEMS: MEETING THE UNMET ORAL HEALTH NEEDS OF CONNECTICUT—CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Connecticut Department of Public Health, Bureau of Community Health, Connecticut Community Oral Health Project. 1998. *Developing community oral health care delivery systems: Meeting the unmet oral health needs of Connecticut—Conference proceedings*. Hartford, CT: Connecticut Community Oral Health Project, Connecticut Department of Public Health. 29 pp.

These conference proceedings summarize the speeches and workshop conclusions regarding unmet oral health needs of persons in Connecticut and how to address those needs. Conference speakers presented a framework of collaboration for addressing the service needs of patients and then described several pilot programs that were school based, health center based, and hospital based, including a public-private partnership and a mobile dental van. Workshops focused on practical strategies to develop similar programs within the collaboration framework.

Contact: Stanton Wolfe, Connecticut Community Oral Health Project, Connecticut Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, P.O. Box 340308, Hartford, CT 06134. Telephone: (860) 509-7850; fax: (860) 509-7854. Available at no charge.

RACIAL AND INCOME DISPARITIES IN PEDIATRIC ORAL HEALTH

Edelstein, B. L. 1998. *Racial and income disparities in pediatric oral health*. Washington, DC: Children's Dental Health Project. 7 pp.

This report discusses racial and income disparities and their effect on the treatment of dental caries in children. Federal and state statistics are used to show disparities in caries occurrence, caries severity, untreated caries, tooth loss, access to dental care, parental reports of unmet needed treatment, and parental reports of unmet desired treatment. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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TRENDS IN CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH

National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center. 1999. *Trends in children's oral health*. Arlington, VA: National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health. 2 pp.

This fact sheet provides an overview of children's oral health trends. Its contents include access issues, early childhood caries (baby bottle tooth decay), fluoridation, dental sealants, children with special health care needs, injury and violence, tobacco, and a list of references. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

MULTNOMAH COUNTY ORAL HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT, 1995-96

Phipps, K. 1996. *Multnomah County oral health needs assessment, 1995-96*. Portland, OR: Multnomah County Health Department. 17 pp.

This report describes the survey process and presents the results of a survey to assess the oral health status of school children in Multnomah County, OR. Also included in this report is a comparison between the



1995–96 data and the data collected as part of the Oregon Oral Health Needs Assessment conducted during the 1991–92 school year. The oral health needs assessment targeted Head Start children, elementary-school children ages 6–8 years, and elementary-school children ages 10–12 years.

Contact: Gordon Empey, Multnomah County Health Department, 426 SW Stark Street, Eighth Floor, Portland, OR 97204. Telephone: (503) 248-3674; fax: (503) 248-3676. Available at no charge.

AN ORAL HEALTH ACTION PLAN FOR NEVADA

Nevada Governor's Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board, Oral Health Subcommittee. 1998. *Oral health action plan for Nevada*. Carson City, NV: Oral Health Subcommittee, Nevada Governor's Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board. 45 pp.

This report presents a needs assessment focused on improving dental care access for children, the elderly, and families with low incomes. Its introduction covers a statement of the problem, the magnitude of the problem, current attempts at the local level to address the problem, statewide projects, results of focus group meetings, and attributes of access. Additional chapter topics include (1) state leadership, (2) access to treatment services, (3) prevention, and (4) health education and recommendations. Appendices provide comments of focus groups and list the membership of the Governor's Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board, Oral Health Subcommittee.

Contact: Maria Canfield, Primary Care Development Center, Health Division, Nevada Department of Human Resources, 505 East King Street, Room 203, Carson City, NV 89701-4761. Telephone: (775) 684-4220; e-mail: mcanfiel@govmail.state.nv.us. Single photocopies available at no charge.

THE ORAL HEALTH STATUS OF ILLINOIS CHILDREN: 1985–1996

Illinois Department of Public Health, Division of Dental Health. 1996. *The oral health status of Illinois children: 1985–1996*. Springfield, IL: Division of Dental Health, Illinois Department of Public Health. 59 pp.

This statistical summary, which presents a composite of the oral health status of children living in Illinois,

has been gathered from surveys conducted from 1985 through 1996. It documents the oral health status of children and demonstrates the continued need for preventive oral health programs that can reduce the physical and economic impact of oral diseases. The survey results discuss Illinois Medicaid dental services, the need for oral health services, current oral health efforts, oral health resources, and utilization of the oral health care delivery system. The report concludes with recommendations necessary to ensure that all Illinois children maintain good oral health.

Contact: Division of Dental Health, Illinois Department of Public Health, 535 West Jefferson Street, Room 500, Springfield, IL 62761. Telephone: (217) 785-4899; fax: (217) 524-2831. Available at no charge; limited quantities available.

PRIMARY CARE DENTAL CAPACITY IN OREGON

Oregon Department of Human Resources, Oregon Health Division, Office of the Administrator. 1998. *Primary care dental capacity in Oregon*. Portland, OR: Office of the Administrator, Oregon Department of Human Resources. 9 pp.

This document presents the results of an Oregon statewide survey of dentists. The survey's purpose was to supply policymakers and communities with information on access to dental care. The survey also identified areas of the state with a shortage of dentists. In addition to the findings and recommendations, the report includes two tables representing the information.

Contact: Librarian, National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health, 2000 15th Street, North, Suite 701, Arlington, VA 22201. Telephone: (703) 524-7802; fax: (703) 524-9335; e-mail: info@ncemch.org; Web site: <http://www.ncemch.org>. Photocopy available at no charge.

A REPORT ON THE IOWA TITLE XIX DENTAL PROGRAM

Damiano, P. C., Kanellis, M. J., Willard, J. C., and Momany, E. T. 1996. *A report on the Iowa Title XIX Dental Program*. Iowa City, IA: Public Policy Center and College of Dentistry, University of Iowa. 74 pp.

This report describes a project to (1) assist the Iowa Department of Human Services in providing access to dental care for Title XIX recipients, (2) evaluate aspects of the Title XIX dental program in Iowa, and



(3) develop a series of policy options for improving the program. The report includes a detailed discussion of the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) Dental Registry of Title XIX participating dentists, and information on educating Iowa dentists and physicians about the oral health component of the EPSDT Care for Kids program; the utilization of dental services by Title XIX-enrolled children ages 5 years and younger; attitudes and participation of Iowa dentists in the Title XIX program and factors affecting their participation; fees reimbursed by the Title XIX program compared to fees of Iowa private practice dentists; and policy options for improving the Title XIX dental program.

Contact: Peter C. Damiano, Health Policy Research Program, Public Policy Center, University of Iowa, 227 South Quad, Iowa City, IA 52242. Telephone: (319) 335-6813; fax: (319) 335-6801; e-mail: peter-damiano@uiowa.edu. Available at no charge; \$3.00 shipping and handling.

CONTINUING DENTAL EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

1996/97 SURVEY OF ADVANCED DENTAL EDUCATION: ANNUAL REPORT

American Dental Association. 1997. *1996/97 survey of advanced dental education: Annual report*. Chicago, IL: American Dental Association. ca. 75 pp.

This survey reports on general demographic data, enrollment levels, graduate statistics, application deadlines, tuition, and stipends for advanced dental education programs in the United States. Also listed are accredited advanced oral and maxillofacial surgery programs. Data are presented in tabular and figural form. An appendix includes a sample survey instrument.

Contact: Survey Center, American Dental Association, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611. Telephone: (312) 440-2568; fax: (312) 440-7461. \$40.00 for members; \$60.00 for nonprofit organizations; \$120.00 for others; plus \$9.95 shipping and handling.

ASDA 1997-1998 GUIDE TO POSTDOCTORAL PROGRAMS (7TH ED.)

American Student Dental Association. 1997. *ASDA 1997-1998 guide to postdoctoral programs (7th ed.)*. Chicago, IL: American Student Dental Association. 2 v.

This directory lists postdoctoral dental programs. Volume 1 covers general practice residencies and advanced education in general dentistry. Volume 2 covers dental public health, endodontics, oral pathology, orthodontics, pediatric dentistry, periodontics, and prosthodontics. Information about the application process, preparation of a curriculum vitae, and accreditation is included.

Contact: American Student Dental Association, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Suite 1160, Chicago, IL 60611. Telephone: (312) 440-2795; fax: (312) 440-2820. \$20.00 per volume for members; \$30.00 per volume for nonmembers; plus \$5.00 shipping and handling per volume.

BRIGHT SMILES, BRIGHT FUTURES VOLUNTEER PARTNERSHIP: ENROLLMENT PACKET

Colgate-Palmolive Company. 1998. *Bright Smiles, Bright Futures Volunteer Partnership: Enrollment packet*. Franklin, MA: Colgate-Palmolive Company. 6 items.

This information package contains enrollment forms and information for oral health professionals and community organizations interested in signing up to volunteer with Colgate's national Bright Smiles, Bright Futures Volunteer Partnership, which provides dental services to at-risk children. The package contains participation forms to enroll in the Volunteer Partnership, as well as procedural flow charts and a parental consent/proof of service form for the oral health professional to use, once enrolled in the program. The flow charts illustrate how to provide in-office preventive care and treatment or how to conduct oral health education programs in the community. The consent forms are for parents or guardians to sign before services can be rendered. Also included is a copy of the official Colgate Bright Smiles, Bright Futures Volunteer Partnership sweepstakes rules.

Contact: Lisa Burdick, Volunteer Partnership, Colgate Bright Smiles, Bright Futures, 279 East Central Street, Suite 104, Franklin, MA 02038-1317. Telephone: (800) 545-1168; fax: (508) 520-4156. Available at no charge.

**DENTAL EDUCATION AT THE CROSSROADS:
CHALLENGES AND CHANGE**

Field, M. (Ed.) 1995. *Dental education at the crossroads: Challenges and change*. Washington, DC: National Academy Press. 345 pp.

This book discusses dental education from the perspectives of its background and evolution, oral health objectives, mission, research mission, patient care mission, the relationship of dental schools to universities and the public, and a dental work force for the future.

Contact: National Academy Press, 2101 Constitution Avenue, NW, Lockbox 285, Washington, DC 20055. Telephone: (800) 624-6242; fax: (202) 334-2793; Web site: <http://www.nap.edu/bookstore>. \$54.95 plus \$5.00 shipping and handling.

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE IADR SYMPOSIUM: MINIMAL
INTERVENTION TECHNIQUES FOR DENTAL CARIES**

Rozier, R. G. 1996. Proceedings of the IADR Symposium: Minimal intervention techniques for dental caries. *Journal of Public Health Dentistry* 56(3):129-166. Special issue.

This special issue reviews the work done before June 1995 in minimal intervention techniques for the treatment of dental caries. Atraumatic restorative treatment (ART), its use in field trials in Thailand, glass ionomer cements as fissure sealants, and the use of glass ionomer cements in treating dental caries are discussed.

Contact: Jim Toothaker, American Association of Public Health Dentistry, 3760 Southwest Lyle Court, Portland, OR 97221. Telephone: (503) 242-0712; fax: (503) 242-0721; e-mail: natoff@aol.com. \$25.00.

**TREATING FEARFUL DENTAL PATIENTS: A PATIENT
MANAGEMENT HANDBOOK (2ND ED., REV.)**

Milgrom, P., Weinstein, P., and Getz, T. 1995. *Treating fearful dental patients: A patient management handbook* (2nd ed., rev.). Seattle, WA: Continuing Dental Education, University of Washington. 359 pp.

This manual presents information on treating fearful and phobic dental patients. The manual covers the following topics: the problem of fear in dentistry, the etiology of dental fear, the assessment process in the

office, the psychological assessment of fear, specific strategies to enhance trust and control, psychological and pharmacological management, pain management, specific problems, periodontal health, and treating fearful children. An extensive bibliography is included.

Contact: Continuing Dental Education, School of Dentistry, University of Washington, Box 357137, Seattle, WA 98795. Telephone: (206) 543-5448; fax: (206) 543-6465. \$37.50 includes shipping and handling; combination of text and videotape is \$85.00 plus \$5.00 shipping and handling.

**WOMEN'S HEALTH IN THE DENTAL SCHOOL
CURRICULUM: WOMEN'S HEALTH—REPORT OF A
SURVEY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Silverton, S., Sinkford, J., Inglehart, M., Tedesco, L., and Valachovic, R. [ca. 1998]. *Women's health in the dental school curriculum: Women's health—Report of a survey and recommendations*. Rockville, MD: Office of Research on Women's Health, National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. 404 pp.

This report provides the analytical results of a survey of U.S. and Canadian dental schools that was conducted during 1997 by the American Association of Dental Schools. The focus of the document is how women's health and oral health issues are addressed in the dental school curriculum. The appendix documents include an annotated bibliography of research involving oral and craniofacial health and disease in women, as well as articles and other documents (testimony, statistical charts and graphs, models, and samples) related to dental education and women's health.

Contact: Office of Research on Women's Health, National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 1, Room 201, Bethesda, MD 20892. Telephone: (301) 402-1770. Available at no charge.



GUIDELINES AND MANUALS

BRIGHT SMILES FOR BRIGHT FUTURES: LOUISIANA ORAL HEALTH SCREENING MANUAL FOR THE SCHOOL NURSE

Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health, Oral Health Program. 1998. *Bright Smiles for Bright Futures: Louisiana oral health screening manual for the school nurse*. New Orleans, LA: Oral Health Program, Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals. 1 manual (14 pp.), appendices pages (8 pp.), 1 computer disk, 1 survey (6 pp.).

This information package explains the rationale and the training objectives for the Louisiana oral health program. Dentition, the parts of a tooth, dental decay, dental sealants, fluoride, periodontal disease, and oral health screening objectives are discussed for the school nurse. The sections on dental decay and fluoride also contain questions and answers for the reader. The appendices include protocol and diagnostic criteria for visual screening, related form letters, a screening data form, information about first aid for dental emergencies, and the *Healthy People 2000* national objectives. The survey is intended to give Louisiana dentists an opportunity to provide information regarding their attitudes and practices in relation to the Dental Medicaid program. The computer disk contains related files.

Contact: Shelia Robinson, Oral Health Program, Office of Public Health, 325 Loyola Avenue, Room 612, New Orleans, LA 70112. Telephone: (504) 568-5073; fax: (504) 568-8162. Contact for availability and cost information.

DENTAL HEALTH MANUAL FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS AND/OR PARENT VOLUNTEERS: FOR GRADES: 7-9

Holder, C. B., Gibson-Howell, J., Komives-Norris, B., Medley, K., Huffman, C., and Angel-Fooce, T. n.d. *Dental health manual for school teachers and/or parent volunteers: For grades: 7-9*. South Charleston, WV: Office of Maternal and Child Health, West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources. 141 pp.

This curriculum guide for grades 7-9 provides resources for health education teachers. It includes lesson plans for dental-related class activities, background and resource materials, and a glossary. Topics include structures of the mouth, dental disease, visiting the dental office, nutrition and oral health, brushing and

flossing, fluoride, dental sealants, selecting oral health products, prevention of oral injury, dental first aid, and smokeless tobacco. Lesson plans identify objectives, materials and resources, and activities. The objectives of the guide are to help teachers provide instruction to students, identify potential dental problems, assist in obtaining dental treatment for indigent and low-income students, and handle dental emergencies. The guide also lists other resources available from the West Virginia Bureau for Public Health.

Contact: Materials Management Office, Office of Maternal and Child Health, West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, 151 11th Avenue, Charleston, WV 25303. Telephone: (304) 558-3417; fax: (304) 558-1524. Single copies available at no charge.

A GUIDE FOR ORTHODONTIC SCREENING FOR NORTH DAKOTA HEALTH TRACKS NURSES (REV.)

Mangskau, K. A. (Comp.) 1996. *A guide for orthodontic screening for North Dakota Health Tracks nurses* (rev.). Bismarck, ND: Dental Health Program, North Dakota Department of Health. 23 pp.

This Health Tracks training manual for nurses was developed to help screen patients for orthodontic services and to standardize procedures statewide. Material in the manual covers (1) recognition and understanding of malocclusions, (2) screening procedures, (3) infection control, and (4) treatment options under Health Tracks. Related information in the appendix includes a glossary of terms, an orthodontic index, a list of screening supplies, a tooth eruption chart, and a reference guide. A list of reference resources completes the document.

Contact: Kathleen Mangskau, Dental Health Program, North Dakota Department of Health, 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58505-0200. Telephone: (701) 328-4930; e-mail: kmangskau@state.nd.us. Single copies available at no charge.

PARTNERS IN PREVENTION: INFANT ORAL HEALTH MANUAL FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

New York University College of Dentistry, Department of Pediatric Dentistry. 1998. *Partners in prevention: Infant oral health manual for health professionals*. New York, NY: Department of Pediatric

Dentistry, New York University College of Dentistry. 38 pp., 5 pamphlets, directory (90 pp.).

This infant oral health manual for nondental professionals is designed to provide information to educate pregnant women and new mothers about promoting oral health and preventing dental disease in their infants and young children. The topics discussed are prenatal care, pregnancy, and oral health; tooth formation; acquisition of oral flora; initial oral evaluations; benefits of fluoride and understanding dental caries in the context of diet and nutrition; nutritive and nonnutritive sucking; oral hygiene; dental/orofacial trauma; simple rules for good oral health; a summary of anticipatory guidance; oral pathology of the infant and toddler; and oral manifestations of systemic disease. A list of relevant Web sites is provided. A packet of oral health education pamphlets is included. A pocket in the binder also contains a copy of the *Directory of Clinical Dental Services: New York City* (1996). An infant oral health questionnaire pretest, a posttest, and a session evaluation form are also included in the pocket of the binder.

Contact: Jill Fernandez, Department of Pediatric Dentistry, New York University College of Dentistry, 345 East 24th Street, Room 969 Weissman, New York, NY 10010-4086. Telephone: (212) 998-9650; fax: (212) 995-4242. Contact for cost information.

REFERENCE MANUAL

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. 1994-95. *Reference manual*. Chicago, IL: American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. Annual.

This special issue of the *Journal of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry*, which promotes practice, education, and research related to the specialty of pediatric dentistry, includes the oral health policies, guidelines, quality assurance criteria, and constitution and bylaws of the Academy.

Contact: American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611. Telephone: (312) 337-2169; fax: (312) 237-6329; Web site: <http://www.aapd.org/refmantoc.html>. Available from the Web site at no charge; print edition \$14.00 for members; \$23.00 for nonmembers.

GENERAL EDUCATION MATERIALS

BABY TEETH: LOVE 'EM AND LOSE 'EM

Washington Association of Local WIC Agencies. 1995. *Baby teeth: Love 'em and lose 'em*. Edmonds, WA: Washington Association of WIC Agencies. 1 videotape (16:44 minutes, VHS 1/2 inch).

This humorous health education videotape is produced in a nightly news format, with children acting as reporters for the Baby News Network. One reporter, Sam Smile, outlines the do's and don'ts of early dental care and hygiene, giving special attention to the importance of weaning young children from bottle feeding. Babies cutting their first teeth provide commentary on the importance of baby teeth in early childhood development and later dental health. The videotape also outlines the role that parents play in setting good examples of dental hygiene. It is available in English- and Spanish-language versions, which feature the same message but different actors.

Contact: Washington Association of Local WIC Agencies, 16901 76th Avenue, West, Edmonds, WA 98104. Telephone: (425) 745-8820; fax: (425) 787-5109. \$10.00 includes shipping and handling; discounts available for bulk orders.

BABY TEETH II: THE FIRST DENTAL VISIT WITH SAM SMILE

Washington Association of Local WIC Agencies. 1997. *Baby teeth II: The first dental visit with Sam Smile*. Edmonds, WA: Washington Association of WIC Agencies. 1 videotape (10:30 minutes, VHS 1/2 inch).

This health education videotape prepares parents for their child's first dental visit. Sam Smile, Tooth Detective, uncovers the key facts that make the first dental visit a success. The videotape shows parents what will happen during the first dental appointment and answers questions about how to find a dentist, when to take their child for a first visit, how to make a first dental appointment, and how to care for baby teeth.

Contact: Washington Association of WIC Agencies, 16901 76th Avenue, West, Edmonds, WA 98206. Telephone: (425) 745-8820; fax: (425) 787-5109. \$35.00.



BRUSHING BABY TEETH DAILY: TEACHING THE CLEANING OF ERUPTING TEETH

University of Washington, School of Dentistry. ca. 1997. *Brushing baby teeth daily: Teaching the cleaning of erupting teeth*. Seattle, WA: School of Dentistry at the University of Washington. 1 videotape (4:25 minutes, VHS 1/2 inch).

This videotape presents techniques for cleaning an infant's erupting teeth. It shows methods and positions for best results. The intended audience is parents or caregivers.

Contact: Continuing Dental Education, School of Dentistry, University of Washington, Box 357137, Seattle, WA 98795. Telephone: (206) 543-5448; fax: (206) 543-6465. \$19.00 includes shipping and handling; accepts credit cards.

CLIENT COUNSELING GUIDELINES ON ORAL HEALTH FROM BIRTH TO TWO YEARS OF AGE

Chinook Health Region. 1998. *Client counseling guidelines on oral health from birth to two years of age*. Fort Macleod, Alberta, Canada: Chinook Health Region. 9 pp.

These guidelines are designed to improve consistency of information, provide counseling guidelines for staff, and ensure that the most current approaches are recommended to maintain and improve oral health of children in the Chinook Health Region of Alberta, Canada. The topics discussed are breastfeeding, bottle-feeding, nutrition, sucking behaviors, teething, teeth cleaning, prevention of transfer of cariogenic bacteria, children at high risk for dental caries, visits to oral health professionals, pacifiers vs. thumbsucking, the Chinook Health Region Oral Health Program, and fluoridation. An oral health screening document for parents is included.

Contact: Coral Grant, Chinook Health Region, Box 727, 521 26 Street, Fort Macleod, Alberta, Canada T0L0Z0. Telephone: (403) 553-4451; fax: (403) 553-2333; e-mail: cgrant@mox.chr.ab.ca. Single copies available at no charge.

DENTAL JEOPARDY

Swize, S. 1997. *Dental jeopardy*. Unpublished manuscript. 9 pp.

These instructions for an interactive game are designed to teach WIC clients about dental health. Parents of infants and children learn the steps to good oral health, dental prevention techniques in general, and the prevention of early childhood caries (baby bottle tooth decay) in particular. The game is designed to be played after clients watch *Take Time for Teeth*, a videotape about dental health produced by the Texas Department of Health Dental Bureau. The instructions include a drawing of the game board and photocopies of the game cards.

Contact: Sharon Swize, Nutrition Education Coordinator, Driscoll Children's Hospital, 400 East Main Street, Robstown, TX 78380. Telephone: (512) 694-6768. Photocopy available at no charge.

DENTAL SEALANT EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services System, Dental Health Division. 1998. *Dental sealant educational materials*. Lincoln, NE: Dental Health Division, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services System. 2 pp.

This catalog is a pictorial listing of available educational materials about dental sealants. The materials listed include dental sealant brochures, booklets, stickers, smile fans, bookmarks, videotapes, and posters. Some of the materials are also available in Spanish and Vietnamese.

Contact: Kim McFarland, Dental Health Division, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, 301 Centennial Mall, South, Third Floor, P.O. Box 95007, Lincoln, NE 68509-5007. Telephone: (402) 471-0166; fax: (402) 471-0383; e-mail: doh5131@vmhost.cdp.state.ne.us; Web site: <http://www.hhs.state.ne.us>. Available at no charge.

A HEALTHY MOUTH FOR YOUR BABY

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Dental Research. 1998. *A healthy mouth for your baby*. Bethesda, MD: National Institute of Dental Research, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. 8 pp.



This brochure informs parents and caregivers about oral health in infants. Topics include prenatal influences, fluoride, cleaning baby's teeth, infant nutrition, early childhood caries (baby bottle tooth decay), and dental care. The brochure is also available in a Spanish-language version (published in 1996).

Contact: Public Information Office, National Institute of Dental Research, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 31 Center Drive, MSC 2290, Bethesda, MD 20892. Available at no charge.

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INFORMATION SHEET[S]

University of Louisville, School of Dentistry, and Jefferson County Health Department. ca. 1995. *Information sheet[s]*. Louisville, KY: Dental Program, Jefferson County Health Department. 9 pp.

These information sheets discuss oral health for infants, young children, and adults. Topics include dental disease, early childhood caries (baby bottle tooth decay), tooth eruption dates, caring for children's teeth, first aid for dental emergencies, brushing, flossing, fluorides, mouthguards, and oral cancer.

Contact: Dental Program, Jefferson County Health Department, 400 East Gray Street, Louisville, KY 40202. Telephone: (502) 574-6688; fax: (502) 574-5734. Available at no charge.

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LIFT THE LIP: HOW TO CHECK INFANTS' AND TODDLERS' TEETH

Washington Association of Local WIC Agencies, and University of Washington, School of Dentistry. n.d. *Lift the lip: How to check infants' and toddlers' teeth*. Edmonds, WA: Washington Association of WIC Agencies. 1 videotape (4:20 minutes, VHS 1/2 inch).

This health education videotape shows parents and child care staff how to conduct a brief screening of infants' and toddlers' teeth. The progression of decay is shown from nascent to advanced stages. The videotape is available in English and Spanish.

Contact: Washington Association of WIC Agencies, 16901 76th Avenue, West, Edmonds, WA 98206. Telephone: (425) 745-8820; fax: (425) 787-5109. \$7.00.

MCH PROGRAM INTERCHANGE: FOCUS ON ORAL HEALTH

National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health. 1997-1998. *MCH program interchange: Focus on oral health*. Arlington, VA: National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health. Volumes I and II.

This *MCH Program Interchange* lists recent publications related to oral health. The general materials for professionals include policy and programs; guidelines, manuals, and models; and educational materials. Volume I lists sources related to Head Start and local needs assessments, and general consumer education materials such as catalogs, curricula, pamphlets, and brochures. Also included for consumers and professionals are topic-specific materials that cover early childhood caries (baby bottle tooth decay), children with special health care needs, fluoride, injury prevention, dental sealants, oral cancer, and tobacco products. A list of oral health organizations is included. Volume II lists sources related to state profiles and surveys, general education materials, early childhood caries, children with special health care needs, fluoride, injury and violence prevention, and dental sealants. A list of oral health Web sites is included. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: National Maternal and Child Health Clearinghouse, 2070 Chain Bridge Road, Suite 450, Vienna, VA 22182-2536. Telephone: (703) 356-1964; fax: (703) 821-2098; e-mail: nmchc@circsol.com; Web site: <http://www.nmchc.org>. Available at no charge.

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MULTILINGUAL HEALTH EDUCATION RESOURCE GUIDE (2ND ED.)

Center for Applied Linguistics, and Fuenzalida and Associates. 1996. *Multilingual health education resource guide* (2nd ed.). Washington, DC: Center for Applied Linguistics; Silver Spring, MD: Fuenzalida and Associates. 153 pp.

This bibliography, developed for the Illinois Department of Public Health, lists health educational materials in 10 languages that have been identified as a priority by the Illinois state refugee health coordinators: Cambodian, Hmong, Lao, Vietnamese, Arabic, Bosnian, Russian, Haitian/Creole, Somali, and Spanish. Topics covered include infectious diseases (tuberculosis, hepatitis B, HIV/AIDS, and sexually transmitted diseases); dental care; and maternal and child health (immunization, breast health, family plan-



ning, and prenatal care). Appendices include cross-references by language, sources for materials, a directory of refugee health coordinators, and ordering information.

Contact: Refugee Service Center, Center for Applied Linguistics, 1118 22nd Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037. Telephone: (202) 362-0700; fax: (202) 659-5641. \$7.00 includes shipping and handling.

SHOW YOUR TEETH!!!: GOOD BEGINNINGS FOR GORGEOUS SMILES—ONLY GROWNUPS CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN

Halofsky, M., and Gellert, K. 1996. *Show your teeth!!!: Good beginnings for gorgeous smiles—Only grownups can make it happen.* Westwood, NJ: New Jersey Statewide Coalition for Child Care. 2 pp.

This flyer describes the formation of children's teeth and teaches how to prevent early childhood caries (baby bottle tooth decay). It presents the value of fluoride toothpaste in the prevention of dental caries. Extensive color illustrations are included. One side of the flyer is in English; the other side is in Spanish.

Contact: Librarian, National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health, 2000 15th Street, North, Suite 701, Arlington, VA 22201-2617. Telephone: (703) 524-7802; fax: (703) 524-9335; e-mail: info@ncemch.org; Web site: <http://www.ncemch.org>. Photocopy available at no charge.

TAKING GOOD CARE OF YOU: TRAINING WORKSHOPS

Rogers, F. 1998. *Taking good care of you: Training workshops.* Pittsburgh, PA: Family Communications. 2 videotapes (VHS 1/2 inch), 2 manuals, ca. 50 pp. each.

In the first of this two-part set of videotapes, Mister Rogers shows his young viewers what to expect from a doctor visit and a dental visit. He also teaches children how to stay healthy by getting their immunizations and washing their hands. In the second videotape, Mister Rogers shows his young viewers how to stay healthy and safe by wearing helmets and eating well. He takes children through an ambulance and an emergency department to help them understand what happens in an emergency.

Contact: Family Communications, 4802 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. Telephone: (412) 687-2990; fax: (412) 687-1226; Web site: www.misterrogers.org. \$150.00 plus \$8.95 shipping and handling.

TEXAS WIC NEWS

Ogle, S. (Ed.) 1992-. *Texas WIC news.* Austin, TX: Bureau of Nutrition Services, Texas Department of Health. Monthly.

This monthly periodical for WIC staff in Texas includes news and information on such topics as readiness to use a cup, advantages of drinking from a cup, and early childhood caries (baby bottle tooth decay). Each issue also includes sections on local agency news and nutrition, as well as an events calendar.

Contact: Shelly Ogle, Texas WIC News, 1100 West 49th Street, Austin, TX 78756-3199. Telephone: (512) 406-0700, ext. 262. Single copies available at no charge.

WHAT TO DO IF INJURY OCCURS?

Nebraska Health and Human Services System. n.d. *What to do if injury occurs?* Lincoln, NE: Nebraska Health and Human Services System. 1 poster (16 x 24 inches).

This poster explains, in simple terms, what to do when oral injuries occur in children. Responses are provided for a cut or bitten lip, cheek, or tongue; a broken tooth; an avulsed (knocked out) tooth; and bleeding after a baby tooth falls out. The poster is also available in Spanish.

Contact: Kim McFarland, Dental Health Division, Nebraska Health and Human Services System, 301 Centennial Mall, South, Third Floor, P.O. Box 95007, Lincoln, NE 68509-5007. Telephone: (402) 471-0166; fax: (402) 471-0383; e-mail: doh5131@vmhost.cdp.state.ne.us; Web site: <http://www.hhs.state.ne.us>. Available at no charge.



WHY BABY TEETH ARE IMPORTANT

American Dental Association. 1996. *Why baby teeth are important*. Chicago, IL: American Dental Association. 2 pp.

This brochure discusses the importance of baby teeth. The topics covered are the teething cycle, care of children's teeth, preventing decay of primary teeth, and the use of space maintainers in preparation for permanent teeth.

Contact: Catalog Sales, American Dental Association, P.O. Box 776, Saint Charles, IL 60174. Telephone: (800) 947-4746; fax: (630) 443-9970. Minimum order 100 brochures \$28.50 plus \$5.95 shipping and handling.

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS

CLEFT LIP AND PALATE: CRITICAL ELEMENTS OF CARE

Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center. 1997. *Cleft lip and palate: Critical elements of care*. Seattle, WA: Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center. 47 pp.

This report and accompanying five charts provide information on the stages of care and treatment from birth through age 21 for children and adolescents with cleft lips or palates. Appendices include standards of care, prenatal diagnosis, feeding, pediatrics, developmental issues, genetics, plastic surgery, hearing and speech problems, orthodontics, and dental care.

Contact: Anne Dolan, Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center, P.O. Box 5371, MS: CM-09, Seattle, WA 98105. Telephone: (800) 293-2462. \$5.00 includes shipping and handling.

GETTING CONNECTED: PREVENTION AND PRIMARY CARE FOR YOUNG CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS IN MANAGED CARE

Childrens Hospital Los Angeles, University Affiliated Program, University of Southern California, California Connections Project. 1997. *Getting connected: Prevention and primary care for young children with special health care needs in managed care*. Los Angeles: USC University Affiliated Program, Childrens Hospital Los Angeles. irregular.

This series of information sheets addresses health issues for children with special health care needs. The sheets address the topics of nutrition, infant/child mental health, family support, and oral health. The series is also available in Spanish. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: Cary Bujold, USC University Affiliated Program, Childrens Hospital Los Angeles, P.O. Box 54700, MS #53, Los Angeles, CA 90054-0700. Telephone: (323) 669-2300; fax: (323) 671-3842; e-mail: cbujold@chlais.usc.edu. Single copies available at no charge with self-addressed, stamped envelope.

ORAL CONDITIONS IN YOUNG CHILDREN WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES: ADDRESSING COMMON PARENTAL CONCERNS

Isman, B., and Newton, R. N. 1997. Oral conditions in young children with developmental disabilities: Addressing common parental concerns. *Dental Hygienist News* 10(1):5-6.

This journal article is designed as a pullout ready reference for dental professionals. It illustrates and briefly describes oral and dental developmental problems, oral trauma, bruxism, oral infections, and gingival overgrowth in children with developmental disabilities. Each condition described is accompanied by suggested counsel for parents and/or suggested therapy. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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ORAL DEVELOPMENT AND ORAL CONDITIONS IN YOUNG CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS: A GUIDE FOR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

Isman, B., and Newton, R. N. 1998. *Oral development and oral conditions in young children with special health care needs: A guide for medical professionals*. Los Angeles, CA: California Connections. 2 pp.

This guide describes and illustrates 11 types of oral development and oral conditions in young children with special health care needs. They are tooth eruption, malocclusions, tooth anomalies, developmental defects,



fungal infections, viral infections, gingival infections, dental caries, oral trauma and abrasion, bruxism, and gingival overgrowth from medications. With each section, there is a recommendation to medical professionals for counseling of parents, referral, or treatment. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES/BABY BOTTLE TOOTH DECAY

BABY BOTTLE TOOTH DECAY

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service, Dental Services Branch. n.d. *Baby bottle tooth decay*. Albuquerque, NM: Dental Program, Division of Clinical and Preventive Services, Indian Health Service, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. 1 card.

This tip card explains the causes of early childhood caries (baby bottle tooth decay) and lists seven ways to avoid the problem. The front of the card includes an illustration of early childhood caries. The card is available in English and Spanish.

Contact: Candace Jones, Indian Health Service Dental Program, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 5600 Fishers Lane, Parklawn Building, Room 6A-30, Rockville, MD 20857. Telephone: (301) 443-4330; fax: (301) 594-6610; e-mail: jonesc@hqe.ihs.gov. Single copies available at no charge.

BABY HEALTH TIP CARDS: EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES INTERVENTION EDUCATION

Arizona Department of Health Services, Bureau of Community and Family Health Services, Office of Oral Health. 1998. *Baby health tip cards: Early childhood caries intervention education*. Phoenix, AZ: Office of Oral Health, Arizona Department of Health Services. 6 cards (4 x 6 inches).

These tip cards for baby health are part of an early childhood caries/baby bottle tooth decay intervention

program in Arizona. The cards are designed for use with clients in a series of health education visits or for conveying prevention messages that stand alone. Each of the six cards in the set provides information on a different aspect of infant oral health: the causes of early childhood caries, the harmful effects of this dental disease, how to bottlefeed a baby, when the baby should give up drinking from a bottle, how to help the baby learn to drink from a cup, and what the white spots on a young child's teeth indicate. This health information is age appropriate and culturally representative. The cards are available in both English and Spanish.

Contact: RaNee Tuscano, Office of Oral Health, Arizona Department of Health Services, 1740 West Adams Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007-2670. Telephone: (602) 542-1866; fax: (602) 542-2936. Single sets available at no charge.

BABY'S FIRST CUP

Seattle-King County Department of Public Health, Parent, Child and Reproductive Health. n.d. *Baby's first cup*. Seattle, WA: Parent, Child and Reproductive Health, Seattle-King County Department of Public Health. 1 bookmark.

This bookmark is designed to promote using a cup to help prevent early childhood caries. The bookmark explains how to use the cup, provides tips for bottle-feeding and breastfeeding, and lists four ways to protect babies' teeth. The bookmark is available in Spanish, Russian, Ukrainian, Korean, Cambodian, Vietnamese, Chinese, and Laotian.

Contact: Materials Warehouse, Department of Health Warehouse, P.O. Box 47845-7845, Olympia, WA 98504-7845. Telephone: (360) 586-9046; fax: (360) 664-2929. \$.04 each.

BREAST FEEDING AND EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES: AN ASSESSMENT AMONG BRAZILIAN INFANTS OF THE CITY OF RECIFE

Rosenblatt, A., Oliveira, J. P. T., Silveira, G. C. A., and Pontual, M. L. A. 1998. *Breast feeding and early childhood caries: An assessment among Brazilian infants of the city of Recife*. Unpublished manuscript. 15 pp.

This survey was carried out to evaluate the extent of breastfeeding caries among infants living in poor

socioeconomic conditions in the city of Recife, Brazil. It was conducted with the larger goal of defining the general health needs and priorities for this segment of the population with respect to breastfeeding and oral health. The findings are intended to be generalized and applied to communities with similar living conditions in other parts of the world.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES: A NEW LOOK AT AN OLD FOE

Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Oral Health Services. 1998. *Early childhood caries: A new look at an old foe*. Columbus, OH: Bureau of Oral Health Services, Ohio Department of Health. 26 pp.

This presentation is designed to help nurses define early childhood caries, list risk factors associated with the condition, recognize the "white spots" and name treatment modalities, understand the effects on children, describe different strategies that can be used to treat it, give the caregiver appropriate anticipatory guidance (based on the age of the child), and use the "lift the lip" technique for diagnosing the condition. Included are a list of resources on early childhood caries as well as an infant oral health anticipatory guidance chart, risk assessment form, parent information questionnaire, participant evaluation form, and participant 6-month evaluation form.

Contact: Shannon Cole, Bureau of Oral Health Services, Division of Family and Community Health Services, Ohio Department of Health, 246 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43266. Telephone: (614) 466-4180; fax: (614) 728-3616; e-mail: scole@gw.odh.state.oh.us. Single copies available at no charge.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES RESOURCE GUIDE

Clark, M., and Holt, K. (Eds.) 1998. *Early childhood caries resource guide*. Arlington, VA: National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health. 26 pp.

This resource guide is designed to assist health professionals, caregivers, and others in the prevention of early childhood caries (ECC), also known as baby bottle tooth decay. The guide is divided into three sections. The first section lists journal articles appearing in the literature between 1997 and 1998. The second section describes the following types of materials: books; curricula, manuals, and modules; guidelines; pamphlets and brochures; and videotapes. The third section lists federal agencies and professional organizations that may serve as resources. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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EASY-TO-READ DENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION PAMPHLETS

Maine Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health, Oral Health Program. 1995. *Easy-to-read dental health education pamphlets*. Augusta, ME: Oral Health Program, Maine Department of Human Services. 8 items (4 pp. each).

This series of eight pamphlets presents dental health education and promotion information for the public. Geared toward a fifth- or sixth-grade reading level, the pamphlets have been client-tested and can be photocopied. Titles include *Fluoride Facts for Parents*, *Taking Care of Your Baby's Teeth*, *Taking Care of Your Child's Mouth*, *Dental Sealants Help Prevent Tooth Decay*, *Mouthguards: Don't Play Without One, Keep Your Teeth for Life*, *Do You Have Dry Mouth?*, and *Prevent Baby Bottle Tooth Decay*. An order form and a statement of the Maine program goals for oral health are included.

Contact: Sandy Rodrigue, Oral Health Program, Maine Department of Human Services, 11 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0011. Telephone: (207) 287-3121; fax: (207) 287-4631. Samples free; \$1.00 each for photocopy masters.



HOW TO PREVENT BABY BOTTLE TOOTH DECAY

California Department of Health Services, Children's Medical Services. 1997. *How to prevent baby bottle tooth decay*. Sacramento, CA: Children's Medical Services, California Department of Health Services. 4 pp.

This pamphlet describes what early childhood caries is and how it is caused. Illustrated sections discuss what parents and caregivers can do about early childhood caries, how to put a baby to bed without a bottle, how to check a baby's teeth, and what parents or caregivers should do if they think their baby has early childhood caries. This pamphlet is available in English, Spanish, Hmong, Vietnamese, Russian, Chinese, and Cambodian. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: Librarian, National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health, 2000 15th Street, North, Suite 701, Arlington, VA 22201-2617. Telephone: (703) 524-7802; fax: (703) 524-9335; e-mail: info@ncemch.org; Web site: <http://www.ncemch.org>. Photocopy available at no charge.

IF YOU MUST PUT YOUR BABY TO BED WITH A BOTTLE, FILL IT ONLY WITH WATER

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Dental Research, Public Information and Reports Branch. n.d. *If you must put your baby to bed with a bottle, fill it only with water*. Bethesda, MD: National Institute of Dental Research, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. 1 bookmark.

This bookmark is designed to promote the prevention of early childhood caries. The importance of allowing a baby only a bottle of water at bedtime is the focus.

Contact: Public Information and Reports Branch, National Institute of Dental Research, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 31, Room 2C35, Bethesda, MD 20892. Telephone: (301) 496-4261; Web site: <http://www.nidr.nih.gov>. Available at no charge.

PROCEEDINGS: CONFERENCE ON EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES, BETHESDA, MARYLAND, USA, OCTOBER 1997

Tinanoff, N. (Ed.) 1998. Proceedings: Conference on Early Childhood Caries, Bethesda, Maryland, USA, October 1997. *Community Dentistry and Oral Epidemiology* 26(1, Suppl.):1-119.

This special issue provides the proceedings of a conference on early childhood caries, also called baby bottle tooth decay. An initial description and discussion of current understanding are followed by papers on biological mechanisms of early childhood caries, psychosocial and behavioral issues in early childhood caries, prevention of early childhood caries, related research issues, related public health issues, policy issues, and a synopsis of the problem.

Contact: Journals Department, Munksgaard International Publishers, Commerce Place, 350 Main Street, Malden, MA 02148-5018. Telephone: (781) 388-8273; fax: (781) 388-8274. \$77.00.

PROTECT YOUR BABY'S PRECIOUS SMILE

Dental Society of the State of New York. 1998. *Protect your baby's precious smile*. Albany, NY: Dental Society of the State of New York. 2 pp.

This brochure explains the causes of early childhood caries and describes its serious effects. Ways to prevent early childhood caries are discussed, including putting the baby to bed without a bottle and restricting liquids containing sugars.

Contact: Sandra Gally, Dental Society of the State of New York, 121 State Street, Fourth Floor, Albany, NY 12207-1622. Telephone: (518) 465-0044; fax: (518) 465-3219; e-mail: sgally@dssny.org. Single copies available at no charge.

A REVIEW OF THE STRATEGIES AND PROGRAMS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES PREVENTION

Jokovic, A., and Locker, D. 1998. *A review of the strategies and programs for early childhood caries prevention*. Final draft. Toronto, Ontario, Canada: Community Dental Health Services Research Unit, University of Toronto. 16 pp.



This report provides a systematic review of the interventions for early childhood caries prevention that are either currently implemented or being developed in the United States and Canada. Included are descriptions of these interventions and the studies conducted to evaluate their efficacy and cost-effectiveness.

Contact: David Locker, Community Dental Health Services Research Unit, University of Toronto, 124 Edward Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5G 1G6. Telephone: (416) 979-4907, ext. 4497; fax: (416) 979-4938. Single copies available at no charge; limited quantities available.

TAKING CARE OF YOUR BABY'S TEETH: FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGES BIRTH-3 YEARS

Maine Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health, Division of Dental Health. 1991. *Taking care of your baby's teeth: For parents of children ages birth-3 years.* Augusta, ME: Maine Department of Human Services. 2 pp.

This brochure explains how to care for babies' gums and teeth and includes information about teething, fluoride, and baby bottle tooth decay. Aimed at parents with a fifth-grade reading level, the brochure uses line drawings to illustrate good oral health habits for infants and young children. The brochure was developed with input from focus groups and health professionals and was field-tested among adult basic education students before distribution.

Contact: Sandy Rodrigue, Oral Health Program, Maine Department of Human Services, 11 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0011. Telephone: (207) 287-3121; fax: (207) 287-4631. Single copies available at no charge; \$1.00 for laser paper photocopy master.

WARNING: DON'T PUT YOUR CHILD TO BED WITH A BOTTLE

Maine Department of Human Services. n.d. *Warning: Don't put your child to bed with a bottle.* Augusta, ME: Division of Dental Health, Maine Department of Human Services. 1 p.

This poster presents pictures of the mouths of small children who have mild, moderate, and severe tooth decay, and lists the steps that parents can take to save

their child's teeth from early childhood caries (baby bottle tooth decay).

Contact: Sandy Rodrigue, Oral Health Program, Maine Department of Human Services, 11 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0011. Telephone: (207) 287-3121; fax: (207) 287-4631. Available at no charge.

YOU CAN PREVENT BABY BOTTLE TOOTH DECAY (REV. ED.)

California Department of Health Services, Children's Medical Services. 1996. *You can prevent baby bottle tooth decay* (rev. ed.). Sacramento, CA: Children's Medical Services, California Department of Health Services. 16 pp.

This flip chart for teaching prevention of early childhood caries is intended for use with one to three clients at a time. The format allows the client to look at the picture(s) on the front and the instructor to look at information from the back at the same time. Text is in both English and Spanish.

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FLUORIDE

DIRECTORY OF FLUORIDE LEVELS IN NEW JERSEY WATER

Cardoso, A. F. (Ed.) 1998. *Directory of fluoride levels in New Jersey water.* Trenton, NJ: Division of Family Health Services, New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services. 67 pp.

This directory has been prepared as a resource for identification of fluoride levels in local community water supplies in New Jersey. The first part of the document contains fluoride by county and municipality; the second part contains the names and telephone numbers of water purveyors.

Contact: Division of Family Health Services, New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services. Web



site: <http://www.state.nj.us/health/fhs/fluoride.htm>. Available from the Web site at no charge.

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FLUORIDES AND ORAL HEALTH: REPORT OF A WHO EXPERT COMMITTEE ON ORAL HEALTH STATUS AND FLUORIDE USE

World Health Organization. 1994. *Fluorides and oral health: Report of a WHO Expert Committee on Oral Health Status and Fluoride Use*. Geneva, Switzerland: World Health Organization. 37 pp.

This report briefly summarizes what is known about environmental sources of fluoride, its metabolism and excretion, and its incorporation into teeth and bones. The report also evaluates the various body fluids and tissues that can serve as markers for monitoring intakes of biologically available fluoride. Drawing on clinical research experience, the report discusses the relative merits of currently available methods of fluoride administration. Attention is also drawn to the role that public health authorities can play in monitoring the population's total fluoride exposure, and the incidence of both dental caries and exposure to excessive amounts of fluoride (fluorosis).

Contact: WHO Publications Center USA, 49 Sheridan Avenue, Albany, NY 12210. Telephone: (518) 436-9686; fax: (518) 436-7433; e-mail: qcorp@compuserve.com. \$7.20 plus \$1.00 shipping and handling; prepayment required.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF WATER FLUORIDATION, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, SEPTEMBER 1995

Rozier, R. G. 1996. Proceedings of the International Symposium Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Water Fluoridation, Grand Rapids, Michigan, September 1995. *Journal of Public Health Dentistry* 56(5):233-300. Special issue.

This special issue discusses the history of water fluoridation; fluoridation and the private practice of dentistry; the status of and strategic plans for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention fluoridation programs; disputes over fluoridation; the effectiveness of community water fluoridation in the United States; the results of fluoridation in Ireland and in Basel, Switzerland; the impact of fluoridation on dental prac-

tice; the future of recombinant DNA technology in oral medicine; and the future of dental curricula.

Contact: Jim Toothaker, American Association of Public Health Dentistry, 3760 SW Lyle Court, Portland, OR 97221. Telephone: (503) 242-0712; fax: (503) 242-0721; e-mail: natoff@aol.com. \$25.00.

TOBACCO AND ORAL CANCER

HOW TO HELP YOUR PATIENTS STOP USING TOBACCO: A NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE MANUAL FOR THE ORAL HEALTH TEAM

Mecklenburg, R. E., Christen, A. G., Gerbert, B., Gift, H. C., Glynn, T. J., Jones, R. B., Lindsay, E., Manley, M. W., and Severson, H. 1996. *How to help your patients stop using tobacco: A National Cancer Institute manual for the oral health team*. Bethesda, MD: National Cancer Institute, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. 61 pp.

This tobacco intervention manual for the oral health team is part of an effort to develop, test, and disseminate the most effective techniques to reduce the prevalence of tobacco use in America. This document emphasizes the importance of helping patients who use smoking or smokeless tobacco. The interventions recommended in the manual (which are based on National Cancer Institute trials and several other studies' findings) have demonstrated a positive and enduring effect on significant numbers of participants. The manual, divided into three sections, provides a detailed description of a successful intervention, presenting practical steps for establishing an office program, helping patients to stop using tobacco, and following through with patients and others affected by tobacco use. The appendices contain additional information about how to quit using tobacco. Included are sample forms and protocols, lists of available resources, self-help tips, and selected references. Tear-out materials are provided at the end of the manual for use in implementing the program.

Contact: Office of Communications, National Cancer Institute, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 31, Room 10A24, Bethesda, MD 20892. Telephone: (800) 4-CANCER; fax: (301) 496-0846; Web site: <http://www.nci.nih.gov>. Available at no charge.



PREVENTING AND CONTROLLING ORAL AND PHARYNGEAL CANCER: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM A NATIONAL STRATEGIC PLANNING CONFERENCE

Ward, J. W. (Ed.) August 28, 1999. Preventing and controlling oral and pharyngeal cancer: Recommendations from a national strategic planning conference. *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report: Recommendations and Reports* 47(RR-14).

This report provides recommendations and strategies for the prevention of oral cancer and pharyngeal cancer. Participants in a 1996 national strategic planning conference made recommendations in the following areas: advocacy, collaboration, and coalition building; public health policy; public education; professional education and practice; and data collection, evaluation, and research. A 1997 follow-up meeting selected 10 of the 1996 conference strategies for priority implementation. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will use the 10 recommended strategies to develop programs to reduce the occurrence of these two cancers in the United States.

Contact: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250. Telephone: (202) 512-1800; fax: (202) 512-2250; Web site: [http://web.health.gov/healthy people](http://web.health.gov/healthy%20people). \$2.25 per copy; prepayment required.

SPITTING INTO THE WIND: THE FACTS ABOUT DIP AND CHEW

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, National Cancer Institute and National Institute of Dental Research. 1996. *Spitting into the wind: The facts about dip and chew*. Bethesda, MD: National Cancer Institute and National Institute of Dental Research, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. 10 pp.

This brochure describes the dangers of using spit tobacco. The danger of addiction, the contents of spit tobacco, the effect on oral health, the risk of cancer, and the signs of oral cancer are discussed. A plan and resources for quitting are also included.

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