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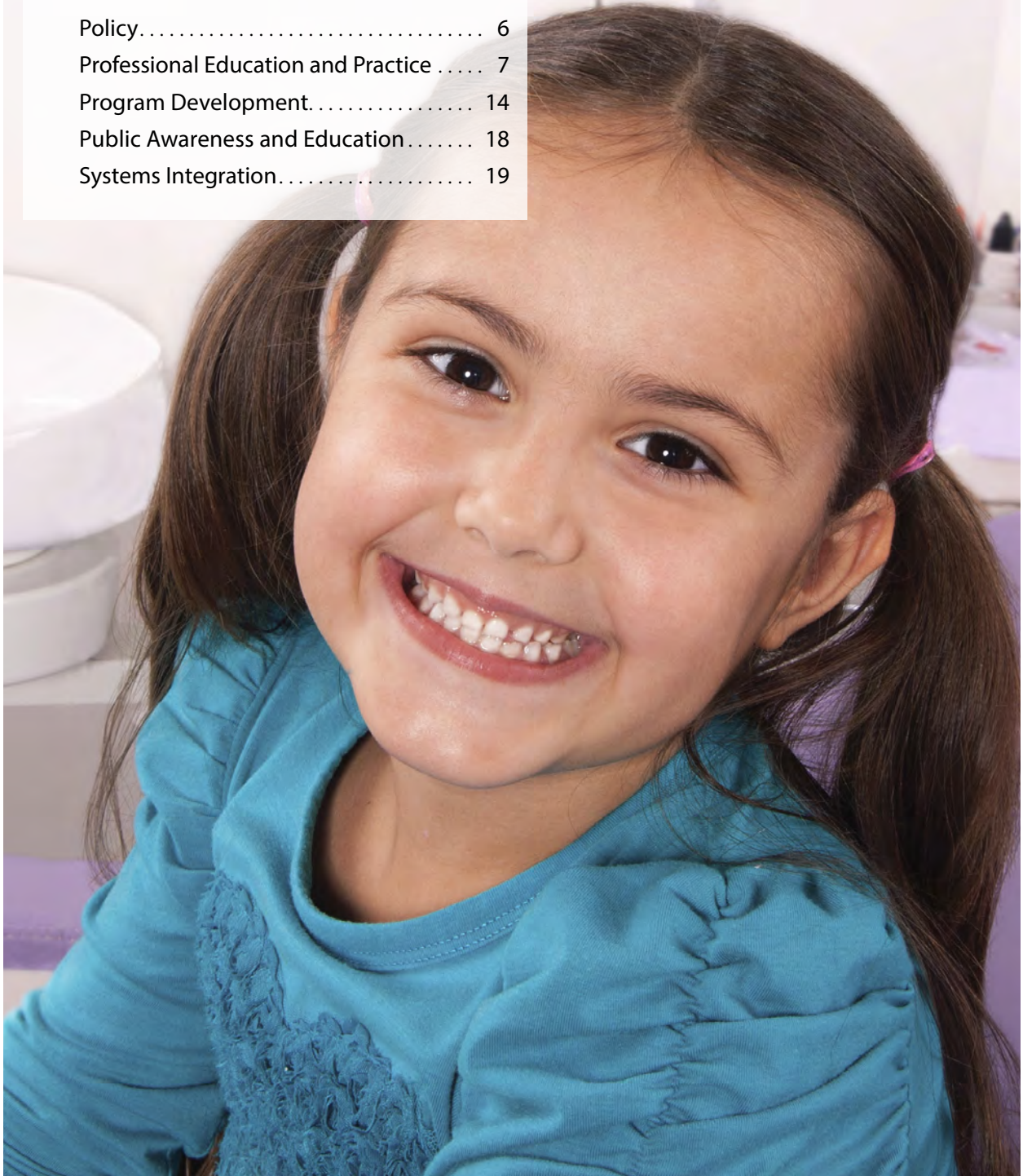
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About This Bulletin









The *Oral Health Resource Bulletin* is a periodic publication designed to stimulate thinking and creativity within the maternal and child health community by providing information about selected materials of interest. Each successive volume is intended to supplement rather than replace previous volumes. The materials listed in the bulletin have been incorporated into the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center (OHRC) library.

The resource bulletin describes materials, such as briefs, curricula, fact sheets, guidelines, manuals, papers, reports, and videos, published between 2020 and 2022. Each resource includes an icon to help readers quickly identify materials. The key to the categories appears on the right.

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 and local oral-health-related associations and societies, state or local oral health 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.

OHRC is committed to continuing to provide effective mechanisms for sharing information about materials that enhance oral health programs and services. If you have materials that you feel would be useful for program development, implementation, or evaluation, please become part of this process. Materials such as curricula, guidelines, policies, standards, and reports are especially welcome. If you have any materials that you think might be of interest, please send a copy to

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	Assessment (e.g., questionnaire, readiness assessment, survey)
	Book
	Brief, paper, or report
	Curriculum (e.g., course, training)
	Guide or guidelines (e.g., manual, pocket guide, practice guidance, resource guide, user guide)
	Infographic or poster
	Tool (e.g., brochure, checklist, flipbook, flipchart, form, handout, tip sheet, toolkit)
	Video

Materials

Data and Surveillance



Children's Health Under Medicaid: A National Review of Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment Services 2015–2019 (4th ed.)

This chartbook presents Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Form CMS-416 annual data submitted by states for federal fiscal years 2015 to 2019. This form measures states' efforts to ensure that children who are eligible for services, including oral health services provided through the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) program, receive these services. The chartbook includes background and provides an overview of EPSDT, describes the scope of EPSDT, and presents EPSDT reporting requirements.

Young D, Brown ZM, Somers S, Perkins J. 2021. *Children's Health Under Medicaid: A National Review of Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment Services 2015–2019* (4th ed.). Chapel Hill, NC: National Health Law Program. 163 pp.



Evaluation of SEAL!ND: School Year 2019–2021

This report provides information about an evaluation of the North Dakota Department of Health, Oral Health Program's school-based dental sealant program, SEAL!ND, which has been providing oral health screenings, dental sealant and fluoride varnish applications, education, and referrals for students throughout North Dakota since 2012. The report covers the following topics: evaluation; clinical reach and dental referrals; participating school personnel perceptions of SEAL!ND; and reach of the related program, Ronald McDonald Care Mobile in partnership with Bridging the Dental Gap, which offers access to oral health care at additional schools in the state.

Schroeder S. 2020. *Evaluation of SEAL!ND: School Year 2019–2021*. Grand Forks, ND: University of North Dakota, Center for Rural Health; Bismarck, ND: North Dakota Department of Health, Oral Health Program. 49 pp.



North Dakota Department of Health, Oral Health Program NOFO DP18-1810 Year 2 Evaluation Report

This report provides information about an evaluation of the North Dakota Department of Health, Oral Health Program, the purpose of which is to improve the oral health of all North Dakotans through prevention and education. The report addresses the following topics: evaluation and stakeholder engagement; community water fluoridation; statewide oral health surveillance; and evaluation use and dissemination.

Schroeder S, Knutson S. 2020. *North Dakota Department of Health, Oral Health Program NOFO DP18-1810 Year 2 Evaluation Report*. Grand Forks, ND: University of North Dakota, Center for Rural Health; Bismarck, ND: North Dakota Department of Health, Oral Health Program. 41 pp.



Obtaining and Using Data in Practice Improvement: A Handbook for Health IT Advisors and Practice Facilitators

This handbook is intended as a resource for coaches who provide primary care practices with health information technology (IT)-related assistance to support their quality-improvement (QI) and practice-transformation efforts. Topics include strategies for health IT advisors, working with electronic health records (EHRs), clinical-decision support, patient portals and engagement technologies, and incorporating patient-generated data for QI. Additional topics include EHR cases for QI, alternative data sources for QI, and reviews of clinical quality measures and of risk stratification in primary care.

Bannon J, Bienstock A, Cass B, Dickinson P, Gleason L, Kendrick D, Knierim K, McCaskill M, McCormack J, Ross S, Whitley E. *Obtaining and Using Data in Practice Improvement: A Handbook for Health IT Advisors and Practice Facilitators*. Rockville, MD: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. 153 pp.



The State of America's Oral Health Report

This report presents data about consumers' oral-health-related behaviors throughout 2020. It provides insights into the public's awareness of the connection between oral health and overall health. Topics include the importance of oral health to overall health, oral

hygiene practices, prioritization of preventive dental visits, and the relationship between having dental insurance and oral health status.

Delta Dental Plans Association. 2021. *The State of America's Oral Health Report*. Oak Brook, IL: Delta Dental Plans Association. 14 pp.

Policy



Are Your Kids Covered? Medicaid Coverage for the Essential Oral Health Benefits (2nd ed.)

This brief evaluates Medicaid coverage for a select group of dental insurance codes that address barriers to optimal oral health care for children. It explains how these codes are created and why they are important. For each code, the brief offers a rationale, a recommendation, and a list of states that reimburse for the code. The goal of the brief is to raise awareness of the codes and of the benefits of advocating for their inclusion in state fee schedules.

Caffrey E, Lu J, Wright R, Litch CS, Casamassimo P. 2021. *Are Your Kids Covered? Medicaid Coverage for the Essential Oral Health Benefits* (2nd ed.). Chicago, IL: American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. 16 pp.



Oral Health Policy Equity Tool

This tool was designed to help stakeholders analyze policies and focus oral-health-policy-agenda setting on principles of equity and community engagement. The tool includes (1) questions, discussion prompts, and resources to inform policy-agenda setting; (2) questions focused on how populations and marginalized groups will be affected by a policy, how inequities might be addressed, and how advocacy efforts can follow the lead of impacted populations and groups; (3) links to additional policy-analysis tools; and (4) a follow-up survey.

Community Catalyst. 2021. *Oral Health Policy Equity Tool*. Boston, MA: Community Catalyst. Multiple items.



Dentist Participation in Medicaid

This brief provides information about dentist participation in Medicaid. Topics include the importance of being able to find a dentist, barriers to accessing oral health care for Medicaid participants, and the degree to which dentists participate in Medicaid according to different measuring methods. Policy-related factors that play a role in dentists' Medicaid participation are discussed, along with how common it is for dentists, compared with physicians, to participate in Medicaid.

Reynolds JC, Naavaal S. 2021. *Dentist Participation in Medicaid*. Springfield, IL: Association of Public Health Dentistry. 5 pp.



Silver Diamine Fluoride: Policy and Fact Summary

This fact sheet provides information about silver diamine fluoride (SDF). It explains what SDF is and discusses its effectiveness, safety, and advantages and disadvantages; whether it is cost effective; and potential cost savings for health care systems resulting from SDF use. Also addressed are when, where, and why to use SDF; who is a good candidate for SDF; who should apply SDF; reimbursement for SDF application; coverage for SDF use; and the insurance code for SDF.

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, Pediatric Oral Health Research and Policy Center. 2021. *Silver Diamine Fluoride: Policy and Fact Summary*. Chicago, IL: American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. 6 pp.



What We Have Learned from Community Health Workers Throughout the Pandemic: Recommendations for Policymakers

This brief presents lessons learned and recommendations for maintaining and building on community health worker (CHW) deployment during the first 2 years of the COVID-19 pandemic. It discusses who

CHWs are and what they do and provides information about the policy landscape, taking into consideration the American Rescue Plan Act's allocation of funds for the public health workforce to support pandemic-relief efforts.

Families USA. 2022. *What We Have Learned from Community Health Workers Throughout the Pandemic: Recommendations for Policymakers*. New York, NY: Families USA. 10 pp.

Professional Education and Practice



AMCHP's Implementation Toolkit for Performance Measure 13: 13.1: Percent of Women Who Had a Preventive Dental Visit During Pregnancy; 13.2: Percent of Children and Adolescents, Ages 1 Through 17, Who Had a Preventive Dental Visit in the Past Year

This toolkit for Title V program staff and other stakeholders provides information to help address national performance measure 13.1 (preventive dental visits for pregnant women) and 13.2 (preventive dental visits for children and adolescents ages 1–17). The strategic approaches described in the toolkit are informed by evidence and include resources from national and state organizations. The approaches are divided into categories, with relevant resources listed for each. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs. 2020. *AMCHP's Implementation Toolkit for Performance Measure 13: 13.1: Percent of Women Who Had a Preventive Dental Visit During Pregnancy; 13.2: Percent of Children and Adolescents, Ages 1 Through 17, Who Had a Preventive Dental Visit in the Past Year*. Washington, DC: Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs. Multiple items.



Best Practice Approach: Oral Health Care of People with Special Health Care Needs

This report focuses on the oral health of people with special health care needs (SHCN). It offers a description of the issue and provides guidelines and recommendations related to oral health, research evidence, best practice criteria, and state and community practice examples. Oral health needs, access to oral health care, and limitations of the oral health care system for this population are discussed. A strategic framework for improving the oral health of people with SHCN is included. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors and National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center. 2021. *Best Practice Approach: Oral Health Care of People with Special Health Care Needs*. Reno, NV: Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors; Washington, DC: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center. 15 pp.



Best Practice Approach: Teledentistry—Opportunities for Expanding the Capacity and Reach of the Oral Healthcare System

This report discusses the role of teledentistry in reducing barriers that communities and populations face when seeking oral health care. It is intended to serve as a framework for states and territories to use in identifying opportunities and strategies for how to incorporate teledentistry into their oral-health-delivery systems. Topics include background and rationale, guidelines and recommendations, best practice criteria, and state practice examples.

Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 2021. *Best Practice Approach: Teledentistry—Opportunities for Expanding the Capacity and Reach of the Oral Healthcare System*. Reno, NV: Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 16 pp.



Brushing Is Fun! Guidelines for Toothbrushing in North Carolina Child Care Programs

These two sets of guidelines, one for infants and children from tooth eruption to age 3 and one for children ages 3–6, provide information about toothbrushing in North Carolina preschool programs. Topics include steps for group toothbrushing in preschool programs, toothbrush and storage-rack care, and general toothbrushing information. Helpful hints for group toothbrushing and information about fluoride toothpaste are also included. The guidelines are available in English and in Spanish.

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Gillings School of Global Public Health. 2019. *Brushing Is Fun! Guidelines for Toothbrushing in North Carolina Child Care Programs*. Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Gillings School of Global Public Health; Raleigh, NC: North Carolina Division of Public Health, Oral Health Section. Four items.



CMS Oral Health Initiative and Dental Technical Support Opportunity

This bulletin provides an update on state Medicaid agencies' progress related to the Oral Health Initiative (OHI), launched in 2010, which set goals to increase use of preventive oral health care and reduce the incidence of tooth decay among children enrolled in Medicaid. The bulletin announces the continuation of OHI and provides an overview of technical assistance opportunities that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services will provide states. It also offers background on OHI, discusses its performance and its next phase, and shares promising state practices intended to improve oral health among children enrolled in Medicaid.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. 2021. *CMS Oral Health Initiative and Dental Technical Support Opportunity*. Baltimore, MD: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. 10 pp.



Dental Health Guide for School Nurses

This guide is intended to help school nurses address minor oral injuries and other oral health problems. It discusses administering oral first aid; supplies; inflamed or irritated gum tissue; fever blisters, cold sores, and canker sores; toothache; prolonged or recurrent bleeding after an extraction; broken or displaced tooth; traumatic avulsion; possible jaw dislocation or fracture; orthodontic problems and emergencies; objects wedged between teeth; lacerated lip or tongue; and tooth-eruption pain. Eruption and shedding of the primary teeth is also discussed, and eruption tables for primary and permanent teeth are included.

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Office of Dental Health. 2020. *Dental Health Guide for School Nurses*. Jefferson City, MO: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Office of Dental Health. 14 pp.



Dental Hygienist Liaison Project

This handout provides information about the dental hygienist liaison (DHL) project coordinated by the National Center on Health, Behavioral Health, and Wellness, working in partnership with the American Dental Hygienists' Association. Under the DHL project, volunteer dental hygienists help promote oral health for pregnant women and children enrolled in Head Start. The handout explains the rationale for and purpose of the project and discusses the role of the DHL. Information on how to contact the DHL in each state is included.

National Center on Health, Behavioral Health, and Safety. 2022. *Dental Hygienist Liaison Project*. Washington, DC: National Center on Health, Behavioral Health, and Safety. 2 pp.



Dental Sealants

This fact sheet explains the purpose of dental sealants and discusses their efficacy in preventing tooth decay in children. It also addresses who can apply sealants, provides information about trends in sealant application, and discusses the purpose and importance of school-based dental sealant programs.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Oral Health. 2021. *Dental Sealants*. Atlanta, GA: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Oral Health. 1 item.



Dental Sealants: A Resource Guide (5th ed.)

This resource guide provides an overview of the use and application of dental sealants. The first section features descriptions of and links to materials on policy, professional education, tools, training, public education, and state and local programs. The second section lists federal agencies, national professional associations, and resource centers that may serve as resources. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center. 2021. *Dental Sealants: A Resource Guide* (5th ed.). Washington, DC: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center. 19 pp.



Dental Sealants and Disease Prevention: Points for Providers

This fact sheet for health professionals provides information about the use of dental sealants to prevent tooth decay. It includes information about the advantages of sealants, whether certain types of sealants are more effective than others, cost savings from sealant application, practice standards for sealant application, and the efficacy of sealants.

American Dental Association. 2022. *Dental Sealants and Disease Prevention: Points for Providers*. Chicago, IL: American Dental Association. 1 p.



Healthy People 2020: An End of Decade Snapshot

This report provides a snapshot of the progress that the Healthy People 2020 initiative has achieved in the past decade and highlights areas that need improvement. It includes background information about the initiative and covers the following topics: tracking progress of objectives; status of leading health indicators; status of objectives, including oral health objectives, by population subgroup; and transition to Healthy People 2030.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health. 2020. *Healthy People 2020: An End of Decade Snapshot*. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health. 36 pp.



An Introduction to Oral Health

This video provides information about oral health for the public. It discusses the following topics: (1) how to recognize common oral health problems and the terminology to use for them; (2) how to prevent common oral health problems; (3) the importance of oral health to quality of life for children and adults, including older adults and pregnant women; and (4) the interconnection between oral health, overall health, and mental health. Specific situations are discussed, and viewers are asked to pause and consider what they would do in these situations.

University of Michigan School of Dentistry, Division of Dental Hygiene. 2020. *An Introduction to Oral Health*. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan School of Dentistry, Division of Dental Hygiene. 1 video (19:17 min.)



Networks for Oral Health Integration (NOHI)—Overview and Project Profiles: Update 2021

This report provides an overview of the Networks for Oral Health Integration (NOHI) Within the MCH Safety Net project and descriptions of the three networks. The report includes a profile of each network: (1) Midwest Network for Oral Health, (2) Rocky Mountain Network for Oral Health, and (3) Transforming Oral Health for Families. Each profile provides information about the network's partners, approach, settings, models of care, and core function activities, as well as a discussion of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on network activities. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center. 2022. *Networks for Oral Health Integration (NOHI)—Overview and Project Profiles: Update 2021*. Washington, DC: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center. 13 pp.



Oral Disease Is Common. Access to Care Is Not. State of Oral Health Equity in America 2021

This report provides information about oral health inequities. Drawing on results from the State of Oral Health Equity in America 2021 survey of 5,320 adults, the report shows that people of color and those with low incomes bear a disproportionate burden of oral disease and disproportionately lack access to needed care. Also discussed are symptoms of oral disease, how frequently symptoms are treated across the U.S. population, and the importance of establishing a dental home.

CareQuest Institute for Oral Health. 2021. *Oral Disease Is Common. Access to Care Is Not. State of Oral Health Equity in America 2021*. Boston, MA: CareQuest Institute for Oral Health. 6 pp.



Oral Health Equality Project Reports

This toolkit includes resources related to the Oral Health Equality project, including a community-engagement survey available in English and in Spanish, a survey to gather information about oral health status and knowledge, a discussion guide for facilitators to use with communities to learn about children's oral health needs in the Worcester and Holyoke communities, and oral health profiles for Worcester and Holyoke. A data sheet that provides information about efforts to improve access to oral health care for black and Hispanic children ages 10–14 in these Massachusetts communities is also available.

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Office of Health Equity. 2022. *Oral Health Equality Project Reports*. Boston, MA: Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Office of Health Equity. Multiple items.



Oral Health in America: Advances and Challenges

This report represents an effort to provide an overview of the state of oral health in the United States. Topics include the effect of oral health on the community, well-being, and the economy; oral health among children, adolescents, working-age adults, and older adults; oral health workforce, education, and practice integration; pain, mental illness, substance abuse, and oral health; and emerging science and promising technologies for transforming oral health.

National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research. 2021. *Oral Health in America: Advances and Challenges*. Bethesda, MD: National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research. 790 pp.



Oral Health in Illinois: A Focus on Pregnancy and Early Childhood

This guide highlights resources to improve the oral health status of women of childbearing age, pregnant women, infants, and young children in Illinois. It provides an introduction and background and discusses health information for women of reproductive age and pregnant women; the role of health professionals in improving the oral health of pregnant women, infants, and young children; prescribing opioids for women of reproductive age; and progress toward improving oral health in Illinois. State guidelines for policy and practice are included. [Partially funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Illinois Department of Public Health. 2021. *Oral Health in Illinois: A Focus on Pregnancy and Early Childhood*. Springfield, IL: Illinois Department of Public Health. 76 pp.



Prevention and Treatment of Dental Caries with Mercury-Free Products and Minimal Intervention: WHO Oral Health Briefing Note Series

This brief focuses on the prevention and treatment of tooth decay with mercury-free products and minimally invasive interventions. It explains why these products and interventions are important aspects of oral health care. It also describes six strategies using mercury-free products and minimally invasive intervention approaches to prevent and treat tooth decay, use of fluoridated toothpaste, fluoride varnish application, glass ionomer cement sealant application, glass ionomer cement restoration application, silver diamine fluoride application, and composite resin restoration placement.

World Health Organization. 2022. *Prevention and Treatment of Dental Caries with Mercury-Free Products and Minimal Intervention: WHO Oral Health Briefing Note Series*. Geneva, Switzerland: World Health Organization. 28 pp.



Prevention of Dental Caries in Children Younger Than 5 Years: Screening and Interventions—Final Recommendation Statement

This statement provides recommendations for how primary care clinicians can prevent tooth decay in infants and children under age 5. Recommendations include prescribing oral fluoride supplements starting at age 6 months for infants and children whose water supply is deficient in fluoride, applying fluoride varnish to the teeth of all infants and children starting at the age of primary tooth eruption, and routinely screening infants and children under age 5 for carious lesions.

U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. 2021. *Prevention of Dental Caries in Children Younger Than 5 Years: Screening and Interventions—Final Recommendation Statement*. Rockville, MD: U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. Multiple items.



Promoting Oral Health in Young Children: A Resource Guide (3rd ed.)

This guide provides an overview of the topic and features descriptions of and links to materials on data and surveillance, policy, professional education and training, public education, and state and local programs. The resource guide also includes descriptions of organizations that can provide additional support for activities that promote the availability of high-quality oral health care for young children. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Barzel R, Holt K. 2022. *Promoting Oral Health in Young Children: A Resource Guide* (3rd ed.). Washington, DC: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center. 30 pp.



Protect Tiny Teeth Implementation Project: A Prenatal Oral Health Medical-Dental Integration Quality Improvement Project—Overview and Results

This report provides an overview of the Protect Tiny Teeth Implementation Project, which was designed to improve the oral health of the maternal and child population, and project results. Topics included background, focus group testing and communications messaging, environmental scan, project description, project aim, results, and Protect Tiny Teeth Toolkit overview and testing.

American Academy of Pediatrics. 2022. *Protect Tiny Teeth Implementation Project: A Prenatal Oral Health Medical-Dental Integration Quality Improvement Project—Overview and Results*. Itasca, IL: American Academy of Pediatrics. 12 pp.



Providing Oral Health Service in Primary Care Practice

This tool presents information about a video that offers instructions for how to provide five essential oral health services (caries risk assessment, knee-to-knee oral examination, fluoride varnish application, education/anticipatory guidance, and providing a referral for a dental home) during a well-child visit. The tool also includes steps for fluoride varnish application and photographs to help health professionals identify tooth decay in infants and young children. A fluoride-varnish-progress-note template is included.

University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing. 2022. *Providing Oral Health Service in Primary Care Practice*. Honolulu, HI: University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing. 4 pp.

Iowa Department of Public Health. 2020. *The Ripple Effect of Poor Oral Health During Pregnancy and Adulthood*. Des Moines, IA: Iowa Department of Public Health. 1 p.



Providing Oral Health Service in Primary Care Practice

This video shows a physician providing five essential oral health services (caries risk assessment, knee-to-knee oral examination, fluoride varnish application, education/anticipatory guidance, and providing a referral for a dental home) during a well-child visit with a young child and mother. The fluoride varnish-application process is demonstrated.

University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing. 2022. *Providing Oral Health Service in Primary Care Practice*. Honolulu, HI: University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing. 1 video (7:45 min.)



Resources for Medical Providers: Training and Certification

These trainings are designed to help health professionals integrate oral health care into well-child care for children. Trainings include *Smiles for Life: A National Oral Health Curriculum*, which can be completed for continuing medical education (CME) or continuing nursing education credit, and a training that focuses on tooth decay prevention, oral health assessment, and fluoride-varnish application in Maine, which can be completed for CME credit.

From the First Tooth. 2018-. *Resources for Medical Providers: Training and Certification*. Portland, ME: From the First Tooth. Multiple items.



The Ripple Effect of Poor Oral Health During Pregnancy and Adulthood

This infographic provides information about the consequences of poor oral health during pregnancy and adulthood. It discusses how an unhealthy mouth can impact employability, pregnancy, child health, and mental health. Barriers to accessing oral health care are listed, and steps that the Iowa Department of Public Health is taking to address the problem are presented.



RoMoNOH [Rocky Mountain Network of Oral Health] Parent/Caregiver Oral Health Risk Assessment

This form for parents to complete at well-child visits for infants and children ages 6 months to 6 years includes space to provide the infant's or child's name and date of birth and the current date. It also provides a list of questions about the infant's or child's oral health and oral hygiene, their eating and drinking behaviors, whether they have seen an oral health professional in the past 6 months, whether they have a special health care need that makes it difficult to brush their teeth, and whether the parent thinks there is something they could do better to keep their infant's or child's teeth healthy.

Rocky Mountain Network of Oral Health. 2022. *RoMoNOH [Rocky Mountain Network of Oral Health] Parent/Caregiver Oral Health Risk Assessment*. Denver, CO: Denver Health and Hospital Authority. 2 pp.



Teledentistry Is an Effective Tool to Triage Patients and Save Money

This report explains what telehealth and teledentistry are and discusses the increasing use of teledentistry across the country since the COVID-19 pandemic began. Statistical information is provided on the percentage of dentists using telehealth and the percentage planning to use it in the near future, services provided via telehealth or another virtual platform, telehealth modalities, and patients' attitudes toward teledentistry. Snapshots about how telehealth is being used in several states are included.

Tranby EP, Samtani MT. 2020. *Teledentistry Is an Effective Tool to Triage Patients and Save Money*. Boston, MA: CareQuest Institute for Oral Health. 6 pp.



The Virtual Dental Home: Building Best Practices into California’s Oral Health Care Delivery System for Children

This brief provides information about the virtual dental home (VDH) implemented by four communities in five California counties as part of their local dental pilot projects (LDPPs). The aim of the LDPPs is to increase use of oral health care among children enrolled in Medi-Cal through innovative pilot projects. The brief provides background on the VDH, outlines how it was implemented, identifies lessons learned and best practices, and provides recommendations for integrating the VDH into California’s oral-health-care-delivery system. It also considers the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on VDH implementation.

The Children’s Partnership and California Northstate University, College of Dental Medicine. 2020. *The Virtual Dental Home: Building Best Practices into California’s Oral Health Care Delivery System for Children*. Los Angeles, CA: The Children’s Partnership. 16 pp.



The Virtual Dental Home in Sacramento: Building Best Practices into the Oral Health Care Delivery System for Children

This brief provides information about the virtual dental home (VDH) implemented by four communities in five California counties as part of their local dental pilot projects (LDPPs). The aim of the LDPPs is to increase use of oral health care among children enrolled in Medi-Cal through innovative pilot projects. The brief outlines how the VDH has been implemented by community health centers in Sacramento County, identifies lessons learned and best practices related to the VDH, and provides recommendations for sustaining best practices and integrating them into the oral-health-care-delivery system throughout Sacramento County and the state.

Kattlove J, Glassman P. 2020. *The Virtual Dental Home in Sacramento: Building Best Practices into the Oral Health Care Delivery System for Children*. Elk Grove, CA: California Northstate University, College of Dental Medicine. 17 pp.



The Virtual Dental Home in Orange County: Building Best Practices into the Oral Health Care Delivery System for Children

This brief provides information about the virtual dental home (VDH) implemented by four communities in five California counties as part of their local dental pilot projects (LDPPs). The aim of the LDPPs is to increase use of oral health care among children enrolled in Medi-Cal through innovative pilot projects. The brief outlines how the VDH has been implemented by community health centers in Orange County, identifies lessons learned and best practices related to the VDH, and provides recommendations for sustaining best practices and integrating them into the oral-health-care-delivery system throughout Orange County and the state.

Kattlove J, Glassman P. 2020. *The Virtual Dental Home in Orange County: Building Best Practices into the Oral Health Care Delivery System for Children*. Elk Grove, CA: California Northstate University, College of Dental Medicine. 16 pp.



The Virtual Dental Home in San Joaquin County: Building Best Practices into the Oral Health Care Delivery System for Children

This brief provides information about the virtual dental home (VDH) implemented by four communities in five California counties as part of their local dental pilot projects (LDPPs). The aim of the LDPPs is to increase use of oral health care among children enrolled in Medi-Cal through innovative pilot projects. The brief outlines how the VDH has been implemented by community health centers in San Joaquin County, identifies lessons learned and best practices related to the VDH, and provides recommendations for sustaining best practices and integrating them into the oral-health-care-delivery system throughout San Joaquin County and the state.

Kattlove J, Glassman P. 2020. *The Virtual Dental Home in San Joaquin County: Building Best Practices into the Oral Health Care Delivery System for Children*. Elk Grove, CA: California Northstate University, College of Dental Medicine. 14 pp.



The Virtual Dental Home in the Inland Empire: Building Best Practices into the Oral Health Care Delivery System for Children

This brief provides information about the virtual dental home (VDH) implemented by four communities in five California counties as part of their local dental pilot projects (LDPPs). The aim of the LDPPs is to increase use of oral health care among children enrolled in Medi-Cal through innovative pilot projects. The brief outlines implementation of the VDH in the Inland Empire (Riverside and San Bernardino counties), identifies lessons learned and best practices, and provides recommendations for sustaining the VDH and integrating best practices into the oral-health-care-delivery system. It also considers the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on VDH implementation.

The Children's Partnership and California Northstate University, College of Dental Medicine, with First 5 Riverside and First 5 San Bernardino. 2020. *The Virtual Dental Home in the Inland Empire: Building Best Practices into the Oral Health Care Delivery System for Children*. Los Angeles, CA: The Children's Partnership. 17 pp.



Why Does Oral Health Matter?

This fact sheet provides information about the importance of oral health. It discusses links between oral health and overall health, health during pregnancy and childhood, economic security, academic success, and costs to states. Oral health disparities related to economic, racial, and geographic factors are also discussed.

Community Catalyst. 2021. *Why Does Oral Health Matter?* Boston, MA: Community Catalyst. 1 p.

Program Development



CMS Framework for Health Equity 2022–2032

This framework describes the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS's) plan to incorporate health equity and efforts to address health disparities as a foundational element across all its work. The framework discusses five priority areas: expanding the collection, reporting, and analysis of standardized data; assessing causes of disparities within CMS programs and addressing inequalities in policies and operations to close gaps; building capacity of health care organizations and the workforce to reduce health and health care disparities; advancing language access, health literacy, and the provision of culturally tailored services; and increasing all forms of access to health care services and coverage.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. 2022. *CMS Framework for Health Equity 2022–2032*. Baltimore, MD: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. 40 pp.



Current Status and Strategies to Improve Oral Health Program Infrastructure and Capacity in Puerto Rico: A Needs Assessment Project

This report provides information about the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors' efforts related to conducting an oral health needs assessment for and providing technical assistance to Puerto Rico. The report provides an overview of the project, an overview of Puerto Rico, a description of the oral health environment in Puerto Rico, and findings from the needs assessment.

Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors and Puerto Rico Strategy 3 Workgroup. 2021. *Current Status and Strategies to Improve Oral Health Program Infrastructure and Capacity in Puerto Rico: A Needs Assessment Project*. Reno, NV: Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 39 pp.



Dental Care Coordination and Access to Care: How Local Dental Pilot Projects Connect Children to Dental Care in California's State Medicaid Program

This brief examines elements of oral health care coordination embedded within 12 of California's Dental Transformation Initiative Local Dental Pilot Projects (LDPPs), part of the state's Section 1115(a) Medicaid waiver. The brief discusses how LDPPs define care coordination, how they determine the effectiveness of care coordination, challenges they face in providing care coordination, facilitator factors for providing care coordination, and challenges to and facilitators of sustainability and replicability of care-coordination efforts.

Andrew K, Gonzales R, Alongi R. 2020. *Dental Care Coordination and Access to Care: How Local Dental Pilot Projects Connect Children to Dental Care in California's State Medicaid Program*. Oakland, CA: Children Now. 31 pp.



HHS Equity Action Plan

This action plan is based on an internal determination that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) must urgently assess and change (if changes are needed) policies, programs, and processes the department administers. The plan discusses HHS's shift in the culture, resources, and approaches available to staff to institutionalize a focus on equity, including health equity. The plan provides a summary of early accomplishments and discusses civil rights protections and language access, acquisitions (opportunities for small businesses owned by individuals from disadvantaged populations to apply for contracts within HHS procurement programs), grants, capacity-building, and maternal mortality.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. 2022. *HHS Equity Action Plan*. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. 15 pp.



I-Smile™ @ School: 2019–2020 Update on the Iowa Department of Public Health's School-Based Sealant Program

This report provides information about I-Smile, a preventive school-based dental program that focuses on improving the oral health of Iowa's students. The report describes the program; the services it offers, which include oral health screenings, risk assessments, dental sealant and fluoride varnish application, and classroom and individual oral health education; student and school participation in the program; and program impact.

Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of Oral and Health Delivery Systems. 2021. *I-Smile™ @ School: 2019–2020 Update on the Iowa Department of Public Health's School-Based Sealant Program*. Des Moines, IA: Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of Oral and Health Delivery Systems. 2 pp.



Lessons for Advancing and Sustaining State Community Health Worker Partnerships

This brief presents lessons learned that can help states build, sustain, or expand partnerships with community health workers (CHWs). It discusses engaging CHWs and other community-based stakeholders in policymaking to inform CHW programs and identify communities' needs and strengths, leveraging experience from the COVID-19-pandemic response, and transitioning work with CHWs to advance other policies and financing approaches. It also discusses investing in CHWs to ensure sustainability, including through reimbursement of services, building career paths, and strengthening CHW networks.

Higgins E, Chhean E, Wilkniss S, Tewarson H. 2021. *Lessons for Advancing and Sustaining State Community Health Worker Partnerships*. Portland, ME: National Academy for State Health Policy. 9 pp.



Louisiana Oral Health State Action Plan 2018–2023

This action plan focuses on the Louisiana Oral Health Coalition’s goals related to improving the oral health of all Louisianans. It provides direction for achieving priorities set forth by stakeholders representing individual oral health champions and multiple organizations across the state. The plan describes three oral-health-promotion interventions across the state: Well Ahead Louisiana (a chronic-disease-prevention and health-care-access initiative of the Louisiana Department of Health), school dental sealant programs, and community water fluoridation. Information about the Louisiana Oral Health Coalition is provided.

Louisiana Oral Health Coalition. 2022. *Louisiana Oral Health State Action Plan 2018–2023*. N.p.: Louisiana Oral Health Coalition. 13 pp.



Moving Toward Value-Based Payment in Oral Health Care

This brief provides information about value-based payment (VBP), a set of performance-based strategies that link financial incentives to a health professional’s performance on a set of defined quality measures, summarizes VBP models, examines challenges and opportunities for VBP in the oral health environment, and provides considerations for the expansion of VBP focused on oral health. The brief also highlights insights from interviews with stakeholders across the country.

Howe G, Pucciarello M, Moran L, Houston R. 2021. *Moving Toward Value-Based Payment in Oral Health Care*. Hamilton, NJ: Center for Health Care Strategies. 20 pp.



Nevada Pilots Innovative Program to Increase Access to Preventive Oral Care for Children

This report provides information about a pilot program in Nevada in which parents apply fluoride varnish to their children’s teeth under virtual supervision from a licensed oral health professional using teledentistry. The purpose of the program is to prevent oral disease in children during the COVID-19 pandemic. The report presents an overview of the program, describes program services and the types of oral health professionals involved, and discusses early lessons and recent activity.

Roth E, Hanlon C. 2021. *Nevada Pilots Innovative Program to Increase Access to Preventive Oral Care for Children*. Portland, ME: National Academy for State Health Policy. 5 pp.



Ohio’s State Oral Health Plan, 2021–2022

This report describes Ohio’s state oral health plan. It is divided into two sections. Section 1, an overview of oral health in Ohio, addresses the burden of oral disease during pregnancy and in children, adults, and older adults. Ohio’s oral health workforce is also discussed. Section 2 presents goals, objectives, and strategies aimed toward preventing and treating oral disease to improve oral health and overall health for Ohioans. Opportunities for strategy implementation are highlighted.

Morse M, ed. 2021. *Ohio’s State Oral Health Plan, 2021–2022*. Cincinnati, OH: Oral Health Ohio. 51 pp.



Ohio’s State Oral Health Plan 2021–2022: Goal—Integration of Oral and Overall Health Across Systems

This infographic provides information about Ohio’s 2021–2022 state oral health plan goal to integrate oral health and overall health across systems in the state. It discusses school-based health centers and the impact that tooth decay in children and adolescents can have on school readiness, absenteeism, career readiness, and mental health and well-being. Also discussed are two policy opportunities: adopting K–12 education standards and including oral health in school-based drug-prevention-education and mental-health-promotion curricula.

Oral Health Ohio. 2021. *Ohio’s State Oral Health Plan 2021–2022: Goal—Integration of Oral and Overall Health Across Systems*. Cincinnati, OH: Oral Health Ohio. 1 p.



Protect Tiny Teeth Implementation Project: A Prenatal Oral Health Medical-Dental Integration Quality Improvement Project—Implementation Guide

This guide for prenatal care health professionals and others who care for pregnant women and their families is intended to serve as a roadmap for clinics interested in implementing a project to improve the oral health of the maternal and child population. The guide discusses steps for integrating oral health care and primary care, including planning the project; education and training; launching the project and tracking progress; adapting, reviewing, calibrating, and discussing the project; and maintaining and sustaining the project.

American Academy of Pediatrics. 2022. *Protect Tiny Teeth Implementation Project: A Prenatal Oral Health Medical-Dental Integration Quality Improvement Project—Implementation Guide*. Itasca, IL: American Academy of Pediatrics. 8 pp.



Tobacco Cessation Toolkit for California Dental Providers

This toolkit is designed to help oral health professionals in California integrate tobacco-cessation interventions into routine oral health care. It provides tools and evidence-based resources that oral health professionals can use or share with their patients who use tobacco. Information is offered on trends in tobacco products and use in California, oral health professionals' role in tobacco cessation, tobacco dependence and the benefits of quitting, and FDA-approved medications for tobacco cessation. Brief interventions for use in dental settings are included.

University of California, San Francisco, School of Dentistry, California Oral Health Technical Assistance Center; San Joaquin County Public Health Services, Smoking and Tobacco Outreach and Prevention Program and Local Oral Health Program; and California Department of Public Health, Office of Oral Health. 2022. *Tobacco Cessation Toolkit for California Dental Providers*. San Francisco, CA: University of California, San Francisco, School of Dentistry. 22 pp.



Teledentistry in Community Health Centers: Planning Checklist and Readiness Assessment

This checklist and readiness assessment provides information to help community health centers determine whether teledentistry is an appropriate strategy for their center to implement and to assist in planning its implementation. It discusses leadership vision and support, infrastructure, policies, and protocols to review in evaluating whether to add teledentistry as a service.

National Network for Oral Health Access. 2022. *Teledentistry in Community Health Centers: Planning Checklist and Readiness Assessment*. Denver, CO: National Network for Oral Health Access. 9 pp.



Washington Rural Health Clinic Dental Services Toolkit: A Guide to Implementing Dental Services in Washington's Rural Health Clinics

This toolkit provides information about implementing oral health services in Washington's rural health clinics (RHCs). It discusses assessing a community's oral health needs and how an RHC can address these needs, procuring funding and equipment, determining a dental encounter rate, recruiting staff, collaborating with primary care and emergency services, selecting health records software, and managing costs and patient processes. Getting started, implementing a program, program impact, and looking ahead are also addressed.

Washington State Department of Health. 2022. *Washington Rural Health Clinic Dental Services Toolkit: A Guide to Implementing Dental Services in Washington's Rural Health Clinics*. Olympia, WA: Washington State Department of Health. 35 pp.

Public Awareness and Education



Fluoride Varnish: Fact Sheet for Parents

This fact sheet for parents answers common questions about fluoride varnish. It explains what it is and why fluoride varnish application is recommended. It discusses the safety of fluoride varnish for infants and children, how it is applied, and how long it remains effective after application. Instructions related to eating, drinking, and toothbrushing after application are provided, along with information about insurance coverage.

University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing. 2022. *Fluoride Varnish: Fact Sheet for Parents*. Honolulu, HI: University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing. 1 p.



Healthy Teeth for Young Children

This series of videos for parents discusses the importance of primary teeth, passing bacteria that cause tooth decay from parent to infant, and how to brush a child's teeth. Each video presents information in plain language, along with visual depictions of the concepts being discussed.

Arizona Department of Health Services, Arizona Advisory Council on Indian Health Care, First Things First, Native American Connections, and March of Dimes. 2022. *Healthy Teeth for Young Children*. Phoenix, AZ: First Things First. Multiple items.



SJBPH Oral Health Videos

These videos provide information about oral health for children and adolescents in pre-kindergarten to grade 2, grades 3–5, grades 6–8, and grades 9–12. The videos discuss the importance of oral health, how to keep the teeth and mouth healthy, the importance of toothbrushing and flossing, and the importance of eating healthy foods and drinking water and avoiding foods and drinks high in sugar. They also explain what tooth decay and gum disease are and discuss the importance of visiting the dentist and what happens during dental visits.

San Juan Basin Public Health. 2021. *SJBPH Oral Health Videos*. San Juan Basin Public Health. Multiple items.



Tooth Brushing Technique Graphic and Snippet

These graphics and video convey messages about the importance of brushing teeth twice a day, using the appropriate amount of toothpaste, and using correct brushing motions throughout the mouth. The messages are communicated visually, with short, simple words in English and in Spanish.

American Academy of Pediatrics, Campaign for Dental Health. 2020. *Tooth Brushing Technique Graphic and Snippet*. Multiple items.



The True Cost of a Cavity

This infographic provides information about the cost savings that can result from getting preventive oral health care twice a year, brushing and flossing regularly, avoiding tobacco, and drinking fluoridated water. It provides a breakdown of the lifetime cost of treating a decayed tooth, including the cost of a filling, a replacement filling, a crown, a root canal, an extraction, and an implant.

Northeast Delta Dental. 2021. *The True Cost of a Cavity*. Concord, NH: Northeast Delta Dental. 1 p.

Systems Integration



Blueprint

This tool presents a blueprint for structural improvement designed to rebuild the national oral health care system with the goal of providing equitable oral health care for everyone. The tool encompasses five “levers” (worksheets) that include national-, state-, and local-level action items in the following areas: amplify consumer voices, advance oral health policy, integrate oral health care and medical care, emphasize prevention, and bring care to the people.

OPEN, Oral Health Progress and Equity Network. 2021. *Blueprint*. Washington, DC: OPEN, Oral Health Progress and Equity Network. Multiple items.



The Early Childhood Oral Health Assessment in the Inland Empire: From Pilot to Health Care Systems Integration

This issue brief provides information about the Early Childhood Oral Health Assessment (ECOHA) mobile app designed for community health workers (CHWs) to use in addressing oral health needs of young children, particularly those from minority groups and from families with low incomes. The brief outlines how ECOHA has been used; identifies lessons learned and best practices related to its use; and provides recommendations for integrating these into health, oral health, and social support systems. It also addresses how CHWs have continued to support children’s oral health throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Children’s Partnership and California Northstate University, College of Dental Medicine. 2020. *The Early Childhood Oral Health Assessment in the Inland Empire: From Pilot to Health Care Systems Integration*. Los Angeles, CA: The Children’s Partnership. 13 pp.



Evaluation Report: Medical-Dental Integration at the University of North Dakota Center for Family Medicine

This report provides information about an evaluation of the North Dakota Department of Health’s Oral Health Program after it hired a public health hygienist to provide oral health education to medical residents and staff and to provide preventive oral health services and oral health education to children and their families with low incomes who were uninsured. The report introduces the program and discusses evaluation results related to the medical-dental integration model, patient data, and oral health training for medical residents.

Schroeder S, Knutson S. 2020. *Evaluation Report: Medical-Dental Integration at the University of North Dakota Center for Family Medicine*. Bismarck, ND: North Dakota Department of Health, Oral Health Program; Grand Forks, ND: University of North Dakota, Center for Rural Health. 57 pp.



Medical-Dental Integration Manual

This manual is intended for health professionals interested in integrating a dental hygienist into a medical care team. It discusses billing, contracting, rules and regulations, and scope of dental hygiene practice specific to North Dakota. It also provides information related to workflow, patient data, and education relevant to health professionals outside North Dakota. The manual discusses scheduling a visit, the oral health screening process, integrating a dental hygienist into the workflow, electronic medical and dental records, care coordination, charging and billing services, rules and regulations, and medical resident and clinical staff evaluation.

Bopp V, Schroeder S, Kiefer C. 2021. *Medical-Dental Integration Manual*. Grand Forks, ND: University of North Dakota, Center for Rural Health; Bismarck, ND: North Dakota Department of Health, Oral Health Program. 51 pp.



Oral Health, Mental Health and Substance Use Treatment: A Framework for Increased Coordination and Integration

This toolkit is designed to serve as a guide for health professionals, organizations, health systems, states, and payers interested in advancing the integration and coordination of oral health, mental health, and substance use care and treatment. It presents a coordination and integration framework based on 10 models. For each model, a description is provided, along with examples of the model in practice, key planning questions, potential funding approaches, potential data-monitoring measures, a list of tools, and an example or case study.

National Council for Mental Wellbeing and Bowling Business Strategies. 2021. *Oral Health, Mental Health and Substance Use Treatment: A Framework for Increased Coordination and Integration*. Washington, DC: National Council for Mental Wellbeing. 34 pp.



Santa Fe Group Continuum on the Benefits of Integrating Oral Health into Overall Health

This report provides information on a continuum undertaken to explore the benefits of integrating oral health into overall health. The continuum consisted of a series of webinars, background analyses, published papers, and a virtual salon. The report includes an overview of continuum components and discusses key themes from the continuum. A summary of sessions is included.

Mouradian WE, Kleinman D, Wilentz J. 2021. *Santa Fe Group Continuum on the Benefits of Integrating Oral Health into Overall Health*. New York, NY: Santa Fe Group. 19 pp.

