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Introduction

The purpose of the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center (OHRC) is to respond to the needs of states and communities in addressing current and emerging public oral health issues. OHRC supports health professionals, program administrators, educators, policymakers, and others with the goal of improving oral health services for infants, children, adolescents, and their families. OHRC collaborates with federal, state, and local agencies; national and state associations and organizations; and foundations to gather, develop, and share high-quality information and materials.

The *Oral Health Resource Bulletin* is a periodic publication designed to stimulate thinking and creativity within the maternal and child health (MCH) community by providing information about selected materials of interest. Each successive volume is intended to supplement rather than replace previous volumes. The materials listed in the bulletin have been incorporated into the OHRC library. Copies of listed materials can be obtained directly from the contributing party or are available for loan from OHRC to those involved in MCH programs. When ordering materials from the HRSA Information Center, refer to the document code located within the contact information. Inclusion of items in the bulletin does not imply endorsement by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Georgetown University, or OHRC.

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, and evaluation, please become part of this process. Materials such as standards, guidelines, curricula, conference proceedings, policies, and reports are especially welcome. If you have any materials that you think might be of interest, please send two copies to

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Materials

GENERAL INFORMATION

AAPD FAST FACTS

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. 2002–2003. *AAPD fast facts*. Chicago, IL: American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. 29 pp.

This press kit includes 15 story ideas addressing common pediatric oral health issues. Topics include oral health issues for infants, children, and adolescents; cosmetic and restorative dentistry; behavior management; diet and oral health; fluoride; dental sealants; sports safety; and oral health emergencies.

Contact: Gina Sandoval. American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Suite 700, Chicago, IL 60611-2663. Telephone: (312) 337-2169; fax: (312) 337-6329; e-mail: gsandoval@aapd.org; Web site: <http://www.aapd.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.aapd.org/pdf/FastFacts02-03.pdf>.

DENTAL CARIES IN PRESCHOOL CHILDREN: EPIDEMIOLOGY, MECHANISMS, PREVENTION, AND CARE DELIVERY

Tinanoff, N., Kanellis, M. J., and Vargas, C. 2003. *Dental caries in preschool children: Epidemiology, mechanisms, prevention, and care delivery*. Washington, DC: Children's Dental Health Project. 19 pp.

This paper explains the epidemiology of dental caries in preschool-age children, discusses indicators of caries risk in this population, and sets forth requirements for providing primary prevention of caries among these children, especially those at high risk for caries. The paper describes the consequences of caries in preschool-age children, the mechanisms of the carious process, caries risk and anticipatory guidance, preventive strategies, and delivery of diagnostic and preventive therapies. Statistical information is presented in tables throughout the paper.

Contact: Mike Ambrose. Children's Dental Health Project, 1990 M Street, N.W., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036. Telephone: (202) 833-8288; fax: (202) 318-

0667; e-mail: mambrose@cdhp.org; Web site: <http://www.cdhp.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.cdhp.org/downloads/Interfaces/Interfaces%20caries%20in%20preschool.pdf>.

DENTAL HEALTH REPORT FOR SAN DIEGO COUNTY

San Diego Dental Health Coalition. 2002. *Dental health report for San Diego County*. San Diego, CA: San Diego Dental Health Coalition. 15 pp.

This report provides an overview of the oral health care crisis in San Diego County, California. The report topics include the high prevalence of early childhood caries, the lack of access to services, underinsurance, low provider participation in Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program, and low reimbursement for service providers. Additional topics include oral health and its impact on overall health and national, state, and county statistics on access to care, frequency of dental visits, and preventive measures. Local assets and an action plan are reviewed.

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FACT SHEET ON KIDS' ORAL HEALTH IN WASHINGTON

Citizen's Watch for Kids' Oral Health. 2002. *Fact sheet on kids' oral health in Washington*. Seattle, WA: Citizen's Watch for Kids' Oral Health. 2 pp.

This fact sheet describes the need for an oral health action plan for children in Washington. Topics include why children's oral health is important, the role of new technologies in providing oral health care, and an overview of oral health in the state. References are included.

Contact: Citizen's Watch for Kids' Oral Health, c/o Washington Kids Count, 1776 Eye Street, N.W.,

Ninth Floor, Washington, DC 20006. Telephone: (206) 616-1833; Web site: <http://www.kidsoralhealthwatch.org/about/WA/index.html>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.kidsoralhealthwatch.org/about/WA/facts.html>.

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IMPROVING CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH

Missoula City/County Health Department. 2002. *Improving children's oral health*. Missoula, MT: Missoula City/County Health Department. 3 pp.

This brief gives an overview of community efforts to improve children's oral health in Missoula, Montana, peer communities. The brief presents information on water fluoridation, dental clinics for children from families with low incomes, mobile dental services, school and preschool programs, dentists' participation in public programs, and promoting oral health services for families with low incomes. The brief also discusses what works at the community and state levels and challenges to the provision of oral health services. A chart identifies community assets for improving children's oral health in six communities in several states.

Contact: Greg Oliver. Missoula City/County Health Department, Office of Health Promotion, Missoula Measures, 301 West Alder, Missoula, MT 59802. Telephone: (406) 523-2886; fax: (406) 327-2303; e-mail: OliverG@co.missoula.mt.us; Web site: <http://www.co.missoula.mt.us/measures>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.co.missoula.mt.us/measures/PDF/child.oralhealth.peercomm.pdf>.

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IMPROVING ORAL HEALTH: PROMISE AND PROSPECTS

Ryan, J. 2003. *Improving oral health: Promise and prospects*. Washington, DC: National Health Policy Forum. 26 pp.

This background paper examines issues affecting access to oral health care in the United States. Topics include the possibilities and challenges in financing sources of care for families with low incomes and a review of some privately funded efforts; the shortage of dentists willing to serve families with low incomes or who are uninsured; the overall lack of growth in the oral health work force; and the changing role of other health professionals in providing oral health education, preventive care, and referrals to dentists. The appendix outlines

various privately funded efforts to increase access to oral health care.

Contact: National Health Policy Forum, George Washington University, 2021 K Street, N.W., Suite 500, Washington, DC 20052. Telephone: (202) 872-1390; fax: (202) 862-9837; Web site: <http://www.nhpf.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.nhpf.org/PDFs_bp/BP_oralhealth_6-03.pdf.

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KEEP AMERICA SMILING: ORAL HEALTH IN AMERICA—THE ORAL HEALTH AMERICA NATIONAL GRADING PROJECT 2003

Oral Health America. 2003. *Keep America smiling: Oral health in America—The Oral Health America National Grading Project 2003*. Chicago, IL: Oral Health America. 22 pp.

This report provides a snapshot of oral health in America using data available at the state level. The grading categories are intended to call greater policy attention to areas of need in prevention, access to care, infrastructure, oral health status, and oral-health-related laws across the country. The report provides national and individual state performance grades in chart format.

Contact: Oral Health America, 410 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 352, Chicago, IL 60611-4211. Telephone: (312) 836-9900; fax: (312) 836-9986; e-mail: liz@oralhealthamerica.org; Web site: <http://www.oralhealthamerica.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.oralhealthamerica.org/Report%20Card%202003%20final.pdf>.

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ORAL HEALTH AND LEARNING: WHEN CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH SUFFERS, SO DOES THEIR ABILITY TO LEARN (2ND ED.)

Holt, K., and Kraft, K. 2003. *Oral health and learning: When children's oral health suffers, so does their ability to learn* (2nd ed.). Washington, DC: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center. 2 pp.

This fact sheet presents information on the effects of poor oral health on learning in school-age children. It addresses the following four areas: lost school time and restricted-activity days, oral health and learning, nutrition and learning, and programs for improving oral

health. The fact sheet also provides references. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: HRSA Information Center, 2070 Chain Bridge Road, Suite 450, Vienna, VA 22182-2536. Telephone: (888) ASK-HRSA (275-4772), (877) 474-4772; fax: (703) 821-2098; e-mail: ask@hrsa.gov; Web site: <http://www.ask.hrsa.gov>. Available at no charge. Document code: MCHN074. Also available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.mchoralhealth.org/PDFs/learningfactsheet.pdf>.

ORAL HEALTH IN RURAL AMERICA

National Rural Health Association. 2003. *Oral health in rural America*. Kansas City, MO: National Rural Health Association. 3 pp.

This fact sheet addresses the growing crisis in access to oral health care services in rural America. The fact sheet discusses provider issues and consumer issues that pertain to oral-health-care-access barriers. Provider issues include participation by dentists and reimbursement factors. Consumer issues include lack of economic or insurance resources. The fact sheet proposes policy recommendations at the state and federal level to overcome barriers.

Contact: National Rural Health Association, One West Armour Boulevard, Suite 203, Kansas City, MO 64111. Telephone: (816) 756-3140; fax: (816) 756-3144; e-mail: mail@nrharural.org; Web site: <http://www.NRHARural.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.nrharural.org/dc/policybriefs/oralhealthbrief.pdf>.

PREVENTING DENTAL CARIES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. 2002. *Preventing dental caries*. Atlanta, GA: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. 2 pp.

This fact sheet presents a snapshot of efforts to reduce dental caries among U.S. children. A statistical overview of dental caries is provided, along with an outline of community-based tooth-decay-prevention strategies such as water fluoridation and school-based dental sealant programs. Additional information is included on efforts in Ohio, how these strategies help save money, samples of other effective prevention strategies, and a review of oral health objectives in *Healthy People 2010*.

Contact: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road, N.E., Atlanta, GA 30333. Telephone: (404) 639-3311, (404) 639-3312; Web site: <http://www.cdc.gov>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/pdfs/dental_caries.pdf.

PREVENTING TOOTH DECAY AND SAVING TEETH WITH DENTAL SEALANTS (2ND ED.)

Holt, K., and Bertness, J., with Siegal, M. 2003. *Preventing tooth decay and saving teeth with dental sealants* (2nd ed.). Washington, DC: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center. 2 pp.

This fact sheet provides information on the use of dental sealants in preventing tooth decay and in arresting the progression of decay. The fact sheet discusses strategies for improving awareness of dental sealants, costs and benefits related to the application of dental sealants, access to care issues, and school- and community-based dental sealant programs. The fact sheet also provides a list of references. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: HRSA Information Center, 2070 Chain Bridge Road, Suite 450, Vienna, VA 22182-2536. Telephone: (888) ASK-HRSA (275-4772), (877) 474-4772; fax: (703) 821-2098; e-mail: ask@hrsa.gov; Web site: <http://www.ask.hrsa.gov>. Available at no charge. Document code: MCHM055. Also available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.mchoralhealth.org/pdfs/OHDentSealantFactsheet.pdf>.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

ANTICIPATORY GUIDANCE FOR ORAL HEALTH

Association of Clinicians for the Underserved and Children's Dental Health Project. 2002. *Anticipatory guidance for oral health*. Tyson's Corner, VA: Association of Clinicians for the Underserved; Washington, DC: Children's Dental Health Project. 2 pp.

This laminated card provides guidance on oral health for health professionals working with new parents. Topics include diet, fluoridation, dental visits, dental sealants, and toothbrushing. Two additional cards in the series provide guidance for infant oral health care, including the infant oral evaluation, prenatal counsel-

ing, and well-child visits through age 36 months. References and resources are provided.

Contact: Association of Clinicians for the Underserved, 1420 Spring Hill Road, Suite 600, Tyson's Corner, VA 22102. Telephone: (703) 442-5318; fax: (703) 749-5348; e-mail: acu@clinicians.org; Web site: <http://www.clinicians.org>. \$4.00 per card member, \$6.00 per card nonmember; \$12.00 per set member, \$15.00 per set nonmember.

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CAVITY FREE KIDS: ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION FOR PRESCHOOLERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Huntley, B., and Hagen, J. 2003. *Cavity free kids: Oral health education for preschoolers and their families*. Seattle, WA: Washington Dental Service Foundation. 335 pp.

This curriculum includes information and activity suggestions for preschool teachers, family health advocates, oral health professionals, and nutrition coordinators to use in formulating sessions on the importance of oral health and proper dental care. Sections include (1) how to use the curriculum, (2) why oral health?, (3) a children's classroom curriculum, (4) a family curriculum, (5) implementing the curriculum, and (6) important supplements. Topics include tooth cleaning, the importance of healthy teeth, and guidelines for home visitors and parent meetings. Five sample presentations, as well as oral health training agendas and materials, are included. The supplements section provides guest speaker guidelines, song lyrics, a book list, and additional resources. Handouts and other reproducible materials appear throughout. Extensive illustrations have been integrated into the curriculum, and some materials are offered in Spanish.

Contact: Washington Dental Service Foundation, P.O. Box 75688, 9706 Fourth Avenue, N.E., Seattle, WA 98125-0688. Telephone: (206) 528-2331; fax: (206) 528-7373; e-mail: foundation@deltadentalws.com; Web site: <http://www.ddpwa.com/wdsfoundation/wdsfoundation.htm>. Contact for cost information.

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CLINICAL CARIES RISK ASSESSMENT

Kids Get Care. 2003. *Clinical caries risk assessment*. Seattle, WA: Kids Get Care. 1 p.

This assessment tool is designed to help clinicians in King County, Washington, assess children's oral health

and habits. It is also intended to provide guidance to parents or other caregivers on preventive oral health practices. The tool includes a list of questions for clinicians to ask parents and other caregivers at various stages during the child's first 5 years of life, including questions about dental caries, tooth decay, and fillings; toothbrushing habits; and fluoride toothpaste use.

Contact: Kids Get Care, 999 Third Avenue, Suite 1200, Seattle, WA 98104-4039. Telephone: (206) 296-2780; Web site: <http://www.metrokc.gov/health/kgc>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.metrokc.gov/health/kgc/clinician-assessment.doc>.

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COLGATE BRIGHT SMILES, BRIGHT FUTURES KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

Colgate-Palmolive Company. 2003. *Colgate Bright Smiles, Bright Futures kindergarten program*. New York, NY: Colgate-Palmolive Company. 6 items.

This kit contains materials for teaching young children about good oral health habits such as proper toothbrushing techniques, eating healthy foods, and visiting the dentist. The kit includes a two-sided poster, a 2003 calendar, a sample toothpaste packet, a 13-minute videotape titled "The Adventures of Wiggly Tooth," a short storybook, and a 16-page guide for kindergarten teachers.

Contact: Colgate Bright Smiles, Bright Futures, 60 Madison Avenue, Suite 501, New York, NY 10010. Telephone: (800) 334-7734, (212) 924-3052; fax: (212) 889-4420; e-mail: bsbf@jmheducation.com; Web site: <http://www.colgatebsbf.com>. Contact for cost information.

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COLOR ATLAS OF ORAL DISEASES (3RD ED.)

Laskaris, G. 2003. *Color atlas of oral diseases* (3rd ed.). New York, NY: Thieme Publishers. 454 pp.

This reference book covers the spectrum of oral diseases of the oral mucosa, including etiology, clinical presentation, differential diagnosis, laboratory diagnostic tests, and therapy guidelines. Topics include normal anatomic variants; developmental anomalies; genetic diseases; mechanical injuries; oral lesions from a variety of sources; radiation-induced injuries; allergies to chemical agents; diseases of the gums, tongue, and lips; soft tissue cysts; infections and diseases; and cancers.

The reference is extensively illustrated with full-color photographs. A selected bibliography and index are included.

Contact: Thieme Medical Publishers, 333 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY 10001. Telephone: (212) 760-0888; fax: (212) 947-1112; e-mail: info@thieme.com; Web site: <http://www.thieme.com>. \$149.00, plus shipping and handling. ISBN 1-58890-138-6.

Contact: Debby Kurtz-Weidinger. Phoenix College, Center for Health Professions, 1202 West Thomas Road, Phoenix, AZ 85013. Telephone: (602) 285-7331; e-mail: d.kurtz-weidinger@pcmail.maricopa.edu; Web site: <http://www.pc.maricopa.edu/departments/dental/online.htm>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.pc.maricopa.edu/departments/dental/online.htm>.

DIABETES AND DENTAL DISEASE

Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. 2003. *Diabetes and dental disease*. Helena, MT: Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. 2 pp.

This brochure explains the connection between oral health and general health and discusses diabetes mellitus and complications. It lists the warning signs of oral disease, explains what individuals with diabetes should do to stay healthy and prevent oral disease, and provides detailed instructions for how to brush and floss effectively. The brochure is also available in large print and Braille.

Contact: Cheri Seed. Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, 1400 Broadway, Helena, MT 59620-0901. Telephone: (406) 444-0276, (406) 444-0276; fax: (406) 444-2606; e-mail: cseed@state.mt.us; Web site: <http://www.dphhs.state.mt.us>. Available at no charge.

EDUCATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS TO IMPROVING PHYSICIAN COMPETENCIES IN ORAL HEALTH

Krol, D. M. 2003. *Educational considerations to improving physician competencies in oral health*. Washington, DC: Children's Dental Health Project. 15 pp.

This paper addresses the education and training that pediatricians and family physicians need to competently engage families in oral health guidance, prevention, and possible therapeutic oral health treatments. The paper presents background for each phase of the medical education process, examines oral-health-related educational requirements in physician training, provides physician surveys that assess the amount of training included in their education, and discusses physicians' knowledge of oral health issues and the incorporation of these issues into their practice. The paper then presents policy opportunities for improving oral health education for physicians and describes programs that focus on integrating oral health training into medical education.

Contact: Mike Ambrose. Children's Dental Health Project, 1990 M Street, N.W., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036. Telephone: (202) 833-8288; fax: (202) 318-0667; e-mail: mambrose@cdhp.org; Web site: <http://www.cdhp.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.cdhp.org/downloads/Interfaces/Interfaces%20education.pdf>.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES: A MEDICAL AND DENTAL PERSPECTIVE ONLINE

Phoenix College, Center for Health Professions. 2003. *Early childhood caries: A medical and dental perspective online*. Phoenix, AZ: Center for Health Professions, Phoenix College.

This online continuing education course presents current information on early childhood caries (ECC). Topics include the etiology of ECC, prevention strategies for children under age 3, ECC screening methods; and a rationale and techniques for the use of alternative restorative technique and fluoride varnishes. The course is hosted on Phoenix College's Center for Health Professions Web site and is co-sponsored by the Arizona Department of Health Services' Office of Oral Health and the Health Resources and Services Administration.

FLUORIDE VARNISH PROTOCOL

Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of Oral Health. 2003. *Fluoride varnish protocol*. Des Moines, IA: Bureau of Oral Health, Iowa Department of Public Health. 2 pp.

This protocol outlines the importance of fluoride varnish in the prevention of tooth decay. Topics include the content and uptake of fluoride in tooth enamel, dental caries prevention, safety concerns, fluoride

varnish application techniques, and personnel requirements.

Contact: Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of Oral Health, Lucas State Office Building, Third Floor, 321 East 12th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319. Telephone: (515) 281-3733; fax: (515) 242-6384; Web site: <http://www.idph.state.ia.us/fch/dh.htm>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.idph.state.ia.us/ch/oral_health_content/dental/varnish_protocol.htm.

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HEALTH AND NUTRITION IN FAMILY SERVICES: A GUIDE TO FAMILY HEALTH AND NUTRITION FOR THE HEAD START FAMILY SERVICE WORKER

Bickel, H. W., Mydlenski, P., and Sailors, J. 2002. *Health and nutrition in family services: A guide to family health and nutrition for the Head Start family service worker*. Bowling Green, KY: Training and Technical Assistance Center, Region IV Head Start Quality Improvement Center. 66 pp.

This training guide outlines the key concepts of health in Head Start including the basics of health care, oral health, nutrition, and mental health. Topics include health records confidentiality and common forms, financing and utilizing health services, working with families, and health resources.

Contact: Training and Technical Assistance Center, Western Kentucky University, 344 Tate Page Hall, Bowling Green, KY 42101. Telephone: (800) 882-7482; Web site: <http://www.ttas.org>. Contact for cost information.

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A HEALTH PROFESSIONAL'S GUIDE TO PEDIATRIC ORAL HEALTH MANAGEMENT

Holt, K., and Barzel, R. 2003. *A health professional's guide to pediatric oral health management*. Washington, DC: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center.

This guide is a series of seven self-contained online modules designed to assist health professionals in managing the oral health of infants and young children. The modules include information on performing oral screenings to identify infants and children at increased risk for oral health problems, offering referrals to oral health professionals, and providing parents with antici-

patory guidance. Module titles are (1) an introduction to infants' and young children's oral health, (2) managing infants' and young children's oral health, (3) oral conditions and abnormalities, (4) prevention of oral disease, (5) nonnutritive sucking habits, (6) oral injury, and (7) infants and young children with special health care needs. Each module includes an overview, learning objectives, key points, a self-assessment quiz, references, and additional resources. The content of the modules was adapted from *Oral Health Management of Pediatric Patients for Non-Oral Health Professionals: A Study Guide*, prepared by Arthur J. Nowak, Center for Training in Pediatric Dentistry, University of Iowa. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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IMPROVING THE ORAL HEALTH STATUS OF ALL AMERICANS: ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ACADEMIC DENTAL INSTITUTIONS

American Dental Education Association President's Commission. 2003. *Improving the oral health status of all Americans: Roles and responsibilities of academic dental institutions*. Washington, DC: President's Commission, American Dental Education Association. 22 pp.

This report describes the results of the American Dental Education Association President's Commission meeting of national experts to explore the roles and responsibilities of academic dental institutions in improving the oral health status of Americans. The report is organized around the following themes: (1) identifying barriers to oral health care; (2) guiding principles for academic dental institutions; (3) anticipating work force needs; (4) the patient care mission of academic dental institutions; (5) improving access through a diverse work force; (6) removing barriers to achieving a more diverse work force; and (7) types of oral health providers. The report also provides recommendations in five different areas with the purpose of focusing academic dentistry on a common set of strategies to improve the oral health of all Americans, especially the underserved.

Contact: American Dental Education Association, 1625 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Suite 600,

Washington, DC 20036-2212. Telephone: (202) 667-9433; fax: (202) 667-0642; Web site: <http://www.adea.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.adea.org/publications/access/access.pdf>.

**MEDICAL PROVIDERS ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION
PROJECT: NEW HAMPSHIRE 2002-2005**

Endowment for Health. 2002. *Medical Providers Oral Health Education Project: New Hampshire 2002-2005*. Concord, NH: Endowment for Health. 26 pp.

This resource describes a project to educate physicians and dental hygienists about dental caries in infants and children ages 3 and younger. Materials include age-specific forms and handouts such as questionnaires, assessment and recommendation forms, and protocols. The resource also provides contact information for additional program details.

Contact: Endowment for Health, 14 South Street, Concord, NH 03301. Telephone: (603) 228-2448; fax: (603) 228-1304; e-mail: info@endowmentforhealth.org; Web site: <http://www.endowmentforhealth.org>. Contact for cost information.

**ORAL CONDITIONS IN CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL
NEEDS: A GUIDE FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS**

Isman, B., and Newton, R. N. 2002. *Oral conditions in children with special needs: A guide for health care providers*. Los Angeles, CA: California Connections Project. 2 pp.

This guide describes oral conditions, including abnormalities in oral development, oral trauma, bruxism, oral infections, and gingival overgrowth, that can occur in children with special health care needs. The guide provides definitions for various conditions and infections, describes treatment methods, and discusses when to refer to an oral health professional. Photographs and a short reading list are included.

Contact: National Oral Health Information Clearinghouse, One NOHIC Way, Bethesda, MD 20892-3500. Telephone: (301) 402-7364, (301) 656-7581; fax: (301) 907-8830; e-mail: nohic@nidcr.nih.gov; Web site: <http://www.nohic.nidcr.nih.gov>. Available at no charge. Document code: OP-70. Also available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.nohic.nidcr.nih.gov/pubs/oral_conditions/index.htm.

ORAL HEALTH RED FLAGS CHECKLIST

Kids Get Care. 2003. *Oral health red flags checklist*. Seattle, WA: Kids Get Care. 1 p.

This assessment tool is designed to help individuals in King County, Washington, assess children's oral health and habits. It is intended for use in both community and clinical settings and includes guidance for parents and other caregivers on preventive oral health practices. The tool includes a list of questions for clinicians to ask parents and other caregivers at various stages during a child's first 5 years of life, including questions about the occurrence of dental caries, tooth decay, and fillings; toothbrushing habits; and fluoride toothpaste.

Contact: Kids Get Care, 999 Third Avenue, Suite 1200, Seattle, WA 98104-4039. Telephone: (206) 296-2780; Web site: <http://www.metrokc.gov/health/kgc>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.metrokc.gov/health/kgc/redflags-checklist.doc>.

SAFETY NET DENTAL CLINIC MANUAL

Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Oral Health Services, Indian Health Service, and Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 2003. *Safety net dental clinic manual*. Columbus, OH: Ohio Department of Health. 14 pp., 1 CD-ROM.

This material includes a printed user's guide and CD-ROM that contains the safety net dental clinic manual available on the Web. The manual provides information on partnerships and planning, facilities and staffing, financing, clinic operations, and quality awareness and improvement. Links to sample policies, budget worksheets, design tips, equipment photographs, and Web sites are also included. The user's guide provides information to aid the user in navigating the manual, printing contents, and saving and editing documents; it also highlights Web site features, including document download and searching features. The guide includes recommended software and hardware for viewing the manual. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: HRSA Information Center, 2070 Chain Bridge Road, Suite 450, Vienna, VA 22182-2536. Telephone: (888) ASK-HRSA (275-4772), (877) 474-4772; fax: (703) 821-2098; e-mail: ask@hrsa.gov; Web site: <http://www.ask.hrsa.gov>. Available at no charge. Document code: HRS00321. Also available at no charge from the Web site at <http://dentalclinicmanual.com>.

WIC LESSON PLANS

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Office of Oral Health. 2003. *WIC lesson plans*. Baltimore, MD: Office of Oral Health, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. 32 pp.

This series of oral health lesson plans was developed for use by counselors in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). The lesson plans introduce mothers to proper oral health for their children, good nutrition for oral health, their child's first dental visit, and oral health for pregnant women. Each lesson plan is accompanied by an activity page for parents and children to complete together. Coordinating bulletin board layouts are also available for use in conjunction with the lesson plans or alone.

Contact: Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Office of Oral Health, 201 West Preston Street, Third Floor, Baltimore, MD 21201. Telephone: (410) 767-5300; fax: (410) 767-7106; e-mail: oralhealth@dhmh.state.md.us; Web site: <http://www.fha.state.md.us/oralhealth>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.fha.state.md.us/oralhealth/html/wicplan.html>.

POLICY

ACCESS TO ORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR LOW-INCOME PEOPLE: POLICY BARRIERS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERVENTION FOR THE ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION

Gehshan, S., and Straw, T. 2002. *Access to oral health services for low-income people: Policy barriers and opportunities for intervention for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation*. Denver, CO: Forum for State Health Policy Leadership, National Conference of State Legislatures. 25 pp.

This paper reviews policy barriers to accessing oral health care for people with low incomes and describes opportunities for The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) to address these barriers. The paper identifies barriers in the areas of supply, distribution, and practice patterns of dentists; federal and state policies and programs; dental education; research; leadership; advocacy; and public education. Areas for RWJF involvement identified in the paper include defining the problem, developing solutions, and building sup-

port. The appendix offers information on the study activities and methodologies.

Contact: National Conference of State Legislatures, Forum for State Health Policy Leadership, 444 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20001. Telephone: (202) 624-5400; Web site: <http://www.ncsl.org/programs/health/forum>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.ncsl.org/programs/health/forum/rwjoral.pdf>.

BUILDING A CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH SAFETY NET

Ellingson, M., and Howard, J. 2003. *Building a children's oral health safety net*. Minneapolis, MN: Minneapolis Department of Health and Family Support. 4 pp.

This policy brief reviews the state of oral health for children in Minnesota and Minneapolis. Topics include access to oral health care services, insurance, and work force issues. The brief outlines policy strategies to increase provider participation; expand oral health screening and dental sealants in child care, school, and community settings; and incorporate oral health into local public health officials' overall health priorities. A list of Minnesota oral health safety net partners is included.

Contact: Minneapolis Department of Health and Family Support, 250 South Fourth Street, Room 510, Minneapolis, MN 55415-1372. Telephone: (612) 673-2301, (612) 673-2157; fax: (612) 673-3866; Web site: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/dhfs>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/dhfs/docs/children_dental_brief.pdf.

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS: PATIENT, PROFESSIONAL AND SYSTEMS ISSUES

Casamassimo, P. S. 2003. *Children with special health care needs: Patient, professional and systems issues*. Washington, DC: Children's Dental Health Project. 22 pp.

This paper describes the current state of oral health care for children with special health care needs in the United States and provides background information on the evolution of the health care system currently available to these children and their families. The paper includes a scorecard indicating how well the system is addressing *Healthy People 2010* oral health objectives and describing major issues and obstacles impeding

improvement. Additionally, the paper presents recommendations for changes in financing and professional education and provides extensive references. Tables throughout the paper outline problems identified by children and their families, potential roles for health professionals in improving the system, and desirable characteristics of a family-centered oral health care system for children and their families.

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**CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH ACT OF 2003
INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE**

Children's Dental Health Project. 2003. *Children's Dental Health Act of 2003 introduced in the Senate*. Washington, DC: Children's Dental Health Project. 1 p.

This legislative alert endorses legislation proposed by Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) on May 27, 2003, to improve children's access to oral health care through improvements in Medicaid, the State Children's Health Insurance Program, the Indian Health Service, and community health centers.

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**COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST RESPONSES TO THE
INTERFACE BETWEEN MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY IN
MEETING THE ORAL HEALTH NEEDS OF YOUNG
CHILDREN—EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Hegner, R. E. 2003. *Communities of interest responses to the Interface Between Medicine and Dentistry in Meeting the Oral Health Needs of Young Children—Executive summary*. Washington, DC: Children's Dental Health Project. 11 pp., exec. summ. (5 pp.).

This document reviews and synthesizes the major concerns raised by experts and stakeholders who provided comments on a white paper developed for a meeting convened to discuss ways to improve the coordination of primary medical care and oral health care for young children. Topics in part 1 include the completeness of the white paper, the policy relevance and utility of the white paper, and differing orientations to improving dental access. Part 2 examines more specific reviewer comments on topics such as the potential role of physicians in enhancing access, age of the first dental visit, referrals for oral health care, the "team care" approach and the role of allied oral health professions, current curricula for primary care practitioners, public safety and patient protection concerns, basic science, research and how it guides policy, and oral health finance and reimbursement issues.

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DELIVERY SYSTEM AND FINANCING ISSUES

Crall, J. J. 2003. *Delivery system and financing issues*. Washington, DC: Children's Dental Health Project. 20 pp.

This paper provides an overview of dental and medical pediatric primary care delivery and financing systems, examines existing interfaces, and proposes several potential opportunities for enhancing their collective performance with respect to pediatric oral health. Topics include oral health care for children, provider issues, modes of service delivery, basic elements of current oral health care delivery systems, pediatric oral health care by medical primary care personnel, and delivery system interface opportunities. The paper discusses the challenges associated with clinical practice and with linking delivery systems and policies. The paper includes maps of dental health professional shortage areas and health professional shortage areas. Statistics are presented in tables throughout the paper.

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site at <http://www.cdhp.org/downloads/Interfaces/Interfaces%20delivery%20finance.pdf>.

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EXPANDING ACCESS TO PEDIATRIC DENTAL CARE: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES CREATED BY THE LAW

Rosenbaum, S., and Kamoie, B. 2003. *Expanding access to pediatric dental care: Opportunities and challenges created by the law*. Washington, DC: Children's Dental Health Project. 18 pp.

This paper examines basic elements of the legal framework governing pediatric dentistry in the United States. It discusses types of legal issues that can arise in health practice and payment, including the regulation of dental practice, the legal obligation of dentists to furnish care, federal and state laws regulating health insurance and employee health benefit plans, federal requirements related to pediatric dental care under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program, and professional liability.

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FILLING THE GAPS: PROFESSIONAL POLICIES—A CALL FOR COHERENT, COMMON, AND COMPLEMENTARY HEALTH CARE POLICIES

Acs, G. 2003. *Filling the gaps: Professional policies—A call for coherent, common, and complementary health care policies*. Washington, DC: Children's Dental Health Project. 25 pp.

This paper proposes aligning a variety of health professionals to achieve improvements in pediatric oral health and to share the responsibility for education about the prevention of oral disease. Section topics include an overview of the need for dental caries prevention in children; the role of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry; models of collaboration in supporting oral and general health; a review of existing collaborative efforts; and the partnering roles of various levels of government in supporting infrastructure enhancements, creating health policies, and offering

guidance to achieve oral-health-related outcomes. The paper also includes statements of fact from numerous professional health organizations on oral health promotion and policies and positions and a review of de facto policies as illustrated by a review of funded programs throughout the nation. The final section reviews opportunities-in-waiting at the national and state levels. The appendix includes an extensive list of professional health organizations, their Web site addresses, and an indicator of health care and oral health policy positions. References conclude the paper.

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KEEPING HEALTH IN HEAD START: LESSONS LEARNED FROM DENTAL CARE

Children's Dental Health Project. 2003. *Keeping health in Head Start: Lessons learned from dental care*. Washington, DC: Children's Dental Health Project. 2 pp.

This brief discusses the proposition to transfer Head Start program oversight to several demonstration states, giving them the authority to determine the range of services, including oral health services, the program provides to children. Topics include the impact the change would have on the oral health of children from families with low incomes who are served by Head Start programs, a review of Head Start oral health care service requirements, suggested congressional opportunities to improve oral health services in Head Start, and lessons learned about the association between oral health care and school readiness.

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A NATIONAL CALL TO ACTION TO PROMOTE ORAL HEALTH: A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL

National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research. 2003. *A national call to action to promote oral health: A public-private partnership under the leadership of the Office of the Surgeon General*. Rockville, MD: National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research. 53 pp.

This report describes a set of five principal actions and implementation strategies to be undertaken by public and private organizations and individuals to ensure that all Americans can achieve optimal oral health. The five actions include (1) change the perceptions of oral health; (2) replicate effective programs and proven efforts; (3) build the science base and accelerate science transfer; (4) increase oral health work force diversity, capacity, and flexibility; and (5) increase collaborations. Additional sections in the report address partnering for progress, the need for action plans, and next steps. The appendices include a list of partnership network members and summaries of presentations at listening sessions.

Contact: National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, Building 45, Room 4AS19, Bethesda, MD 20892-6400. E-mail: nidcrinfo@mail.nih.gov; Web site: <http://www.nidcr.nih.gov>. Available at no charge. Document code: 03-5303. Also available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.nidcr.nih.gov/sgr/nationalcalltoaction.htm>.

ORAL HEALTH IN ILLINOIS: THE ILLINOIS ORAL HEALTH PLAN AND THE COMMUNITY ORAL HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

IFLOSS Coalition. 2002. *Oral health in Illinois: The Illinois Oral Health Plan and the Community Oral Health Infrastructure Development Project*. Springfield, IL: IFLOSS Coalition. 76 pp.

This plan articulates the goals, priorities, and strategies for improving the oral health of all Illinoisans. The plan includes an executive summary, an introduction, and information on the plan's development, policy goals, priorities, recommendations, and strategies. The plan includes several maps and figures. Five appendices are provided; they include a call to action, a list of acronyms and definitions, a summary of the Surgeon General's report on oral health, and other related materials.

Contact: IFLOSS Coalition, 1415 East Jefferson, Springfield, IL 62703. Telephone: (217) 789-2185; fax: (217) 789-2203. Available at no charge.

ORAL HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT TIMING AND ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DENTAL HOME

American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Pediatric Dentistry. 2003. *Oral health risk assessment timing and establishment of the dental home*. Elk Grove Village, IL: American Academy of Pediatrics. 7 pp.

This policy statement from the American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Pediatric Dentistry focuses on guidelines for the identification of pregnant women and children at high risk for dental caries. It also outlines anticipatory guidance, behavior modification in oral hygiene and feeding practices, and the importance of establishing a dental home by age 1 for children deemed at risk for dental caries. The statement provides background on the prevalence and risk factors for early childhood caries, the oral health risk assessment, groups at risk for dental caries, and establishing the dental home, as well as on anticipatory guidance, parent and patient education, and recommendations.

Contact: American Academy of Pediatrics, P.O. Box 747, 141 Northwest Point Boulevard, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007-1098. Telephone: (847) 434-4000, (800) 433-9016; fax: (847) 434-8000; e-mail: kidsdocs@aap.org; Web site: <http://www.aap.org/>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.aap.org/policy/S040137.html>.

PRESERVING THE FINANCIAL SAFETY NET BY PROTECTING MEDICAID AND SCHIP DENTAL BENEFITS

Children's Dental Health Project. 2003. *Preserving the financial safety net by protecting Medicaid and SCHIP dental benefits*. Washington, DC: Children's Dental Health Project. 2 pp.

This fact sheet discusses the importance of preserving Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) oral health benefits. It explains why benefits improve access for vulnerable populations, discusses the erosion of benefits, and explains why sustaining the oral health safety net requires Medicaid and SCHIP benefits.

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REAUTHORIZING HEAD START: THE FUTURE FEDERAL ROLE IN PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR THE POOR

Koppelman, J. 2003. *Reauthorizing Head Start: The future federal role in preschool programs for the poor*. Washington, DC: National Health Policy Forum. 25 pp.

This paper describes President Bush's proposal to devolve federal authority for administering the Head Start program to the states and to alter the organization and funding of all government early childhood programs, with the goal of improving the school readiness skills of children enrolled in Head Start. The paper addresses implications of this plan, including the potential quality of these new systems, the extent to which programs will offer health and family support services, and the capacity of the states to administer large-scale preschool systems given state budget deficits and demands for providing more child care for working parents with low incomes.

Contact: National Health Policy Forum, George Washington University, 2021 K Street, N.W., Suite 500, Washington, DC 20052. Telephone: (202) 872-1390; fax: (202) 862-9837; Web site: <http://www.nhpf.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.nhpf.org/pdfs_ib/IB789_HeadStart_4-11-03.pdf.

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SERVING AMERICA'S YOUNGEST: A SNAPSHOT OF EARLY HEAD START CHILDREN, FAMILIES, TEACHERS, AND PROGRAMS IN 2002

Irish, K., Schumacher, R., and Lombardi, J. 2003. *Serving America's youngest: A snapshot of Early Head Start children, families, teachers, and programs in 2002*. Washington, DC: Center for Law and Social Policy, George Washington University. 7 pp.

This policy brief, the third in a series of Head Start Program Information Report (PIR) data analyses, examines Early Head Start PIR data from 2001 to 2002, describes the unique features of the program, and discusses these features within the context of the over-

all Head Start program. Sections give overviews of findings from the following groups participating in Early Head Start: children and pregnant women; families; and teachers, home visitors, and programs. The brief provides data on the number and ages of children and pregnant women enrolled in Early Head Start and the services utilized by each group. The brief also includes data on education levels, employment status, and child care needs of families participating in the program. Information on child care arrangements, the receipt of family services, and educational qualifications of teachers and home visitors is also presented.

Contact: George Washington University, Center for Law and Social Policy, 1015 15th Street, N.W., Suite 400, Washington, DC 20005. Telephone: (202) 842-8000; fax: (202) 842-2885; e-mail: info@clasp.org; Web site: <http://www.clasp.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.clasp.org/DMS/Documents/1056552655.59/HS_brief3.pdf.

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TAKING THE FIZZ OUT OF SODA CONTRACTS: A GUIDE TO COMMUNITY ACTION

California Project LEAN. 2002. *Taking the fizz out of soda contracts: A guide to community action*. Sacramento, CA: California Project LEAN. 40 pp.

This guide provides resources that can be utilized when discussing school district policy on soda and other sweetened drinks with parents, students, community members, and school decision-makers. It contains fact sheets on child and adolescent soda consumption and the related health consequences, and it details the commercial implications of school soda contracts. The guide includes an overview of soda contracts, a blueprint for success, action tools, resources, and a PowerPoint presentation.

Contact: California Project LEAN, P.O. Box 942732, Mailstop 675, Sacramento, CA 94234-7320. Telephone: (916) 323-4742; fax: (916) 445-7571; Web site: <http://www.californiaprojectlean.org/>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.californiaprojectlean.org/popups/pdfs/sodareport.pdf>.

TURNING THE CORNER WITH POLICYMAKERS ON ACCESS TO ORAL HEALTH SERVICES

Edelstein, B. 2002. *Turning the corner with policymakers on access to oral health services*. Washington, DC: Community Voices: HealthCare for the Underserved. 3 pp.

This paper outlines communities' roles in advocating for equity to reduce disparities in access to oral health care. Section topics include crafting policy, structural barriers, and recommendations.

Contact: Paul Delponte. Community Voices, c/o Hyde Park Communications, 1101 17th Street, N.W., Suite 508, Washington, DC 20036-4715. Telephone: (202) 872-4860, ext. 238; fax: (202) 872-4867; e-mail: pdelponte@hydeparkcommunications.com; Web site: <http://www.communityvoices.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.communityvoices.org/Article.aspx?ID=259>.

PROGRAMS

ACHING TEETH AND VANISHING DREAMS: THE DENTAL PROBLEMS OF PHILADELPHIA'S AT-RISK CHILDREN AND YOUTH—A NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND BLUEPRINT FOR ACTION

Epstein, N. E. 2003. *Aching teeth and vanishing dreams: The dental problems of Philadelphia's at-risk children and youth—A needs assessment and blueprint for action*. Philadelphia, PA: School of Public Health, Drexel University. 28 pp.

This report provides an overview of the data available to identify the problems and assess the needs of children and adolescents in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who are at risk for poor oral health. National data are presented first, followed by state and local data. A blueprint for action provides strategies to address the causes and symptoms of poor oral health among children and adolescents. Topics include developing family-based oral health education and prevention programs; developing social marketing and public education campaigns; developing policy proposals at local, state, and national levels; and conducting needs assessments, evaluation, and applied research on an ongoing basis. An executive summary, conclusions, and references are provided.

Contact: Drexel University, School of Public Health, Bellet Building, 11th Floor, 1505 Race Street,

Philadelphia, PA 19101. Telephone: (215) 761-4110; Web site: <http://www.drexel.edu/pubhealth>. Single copies available at no charge. Also available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.drexel.edu/pubhealth/news/dentalneeds.pdf>.

ASSESSING ORAL HEALTH NEEDS: ASTDD SEVEN-STEP MODEL (REV. ED.)

Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 2003. *Assessing oral health needs: ASTDD seven-step model* (rev. ed.). Jefferson City, MO: Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 230 pp., 1 CD-ROM.

This manual presents a model for conducting a needs assessment at the state and community levels as part of developing an oral health action plan. The manual reviews federal requirements for state assessments and provides an overview of the seven-step model developed by the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. Following a brief discussion of needs-assessment theories, the manual presents information on how to systematically collect and analyze data and translate it into an action plan. Additional sections include an in-depth hypothetical example, references, an example of the Delphi Technique, and sample questionnaires. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors, 322 Cannondale Road, Jefferson City, MO 65109. Telephone: (573) 636-0453; fax: (573) 636-0454; e-mail: astdd@earthlink.net; Web site: <http://www.astdd.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.astdd.org/docs/ASTDDdocs/sevenstep/sevensteps.htm>.

CHILDREN'S DENTAL CARE ACCESS IN MEDICAID: THE ROLE OF MEDICAL CARE USE AND DENTIST PARTICIPATION

VanLandeghen, K., Bronstein, J., and Brach, C. 2003. *Children's dental care access in Medicaid: The role of medical care use and dentist participation*. Rockville, MD: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. 6 pp.

This brief reports on children's access to oral health care in the Alabama and Georgia Medicaid programs before these states implemented efforts to improve dentist participation in Medicaid. Topics include which

children enrolled in Medicaid were more likely to receive oral health care, what oral health services were most frequently used, and whether medical care use or the number of participating dentists was associated with greater oral health care use. Statistics, definitions, study methodology, and resources are also provided.

Contact: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 540 Gaither Road, Rockville, MD 20850. Telephone: (301) 427-1360, (301) 427-1200, (800) 358-9295; e-mail: info@ahrq.gov; Web site: <http://www.ahrq.gov>. Available at no charge. Document code: 03-0032. Also available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.ahrq.gov/chiri/chirident.pdf>.

appropriation. The report also presents recommendations for increasing children's access to oral health services, including efforts to increase dentists' participation in Medicaid. The appendix provides results of a telephone survey of selected dentists in five Missouri counties.

Contact: Citizens for Missouri's Children, 2717 Sutton Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63143. Telephone: (314) 647-2003; fax: (314) 644-5437; e-mail: cmchild@mokids.org; Web site: <http://www.mokids.org>. \$7.50, includes postage and handling. Also available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.mokids.org/publications/KCDental.pdf>.

DENTAL ACTION PLAN

Alaska Head Start Program. 2003. *Dental action plan*. Juneau, AK: Alaska Head Start Program. 6 pp.

This plan outlines eight oral health issues identified within the Alaska Head Start Program. Issues include education of Head Start staff and parents, preventive services, access to services, surveillance, work force/training, financing, and collaboration. For each issue, the plan includes a list of proposed activities, descriptions, outcomes, the lead agency, and evaluation steps.

Contact: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center, Georgetown University, Box 571272, Washington, DC 20057-1272. Telephone: (202) 784-9771; fax: (202) 784-9777; e-mail: info@mchoralhealth.org; Web site: <http://www.mchoralhealth.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.mchoralhealth.org/pdfs/AK_HSOHActPlan.pdf.

HEAD START HAWAII ORAL HEALTH STRATEGIC PLAN

Head Start Collaboration Project; Head Start Association of Hawaii; Hawaii Department of Health, Dental Health Division; and Hawaii Women, Infants and Children Services Branch (WIC). 2003. *Head Start Hawaii oral health strategic plan*. Honolulu, HI: Head Start Collaboration Project. 35 pp.

This document provides charts for developing Hawaii's Head Start oral health strategic plan. Plan elements include increasing access to health professionals through system, work force, and program changes; increasing access to resources and information for children and families enrolled in Head Start; providing oral health education to Head Start program staff and community members; and implementing dental-carries-prevention initiatives. The charts list objectives, strategies, and action steps. For each action step, space is provided to indicate the accountable party or parties, the schedule, resources, and the feedback system. The addendum includes a list of additional resources and an outline of potential implementation barriers.

Contact: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center, Georgetown University, Box 571272, Washington, DC 20057-1272. Telephone: (202) 784-9771; fax: (202) 784-9777; e-mail: info@mchoralhealth.org; Web site: <http://www.mchoralhealth.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.mchoralhealth.org/PDFs/HSOHStratPlanHawaii.pdf>.

DENTAL HEALTH CARE COUNTS: DECAY IN THE HEARTLAND—A CRISIS FOR KANSAS CITY CHILDREN

Citizens for Missouri's Children. 2003. *Dental health care counts: Decay in the heartland—A crisis for Kansas City children*. St. Louis, MO: Citizens for Missouri's Children. 26 pp.

This report describes difficulties families with low incomes face in obtaining oral health care for their children in Missouri, and, specifically, in the greater Kansas City area. Topics include a review of federal and state oral health legislation; Medicaid programs; managed care programs; the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment program; and

IOWA ACCESS TO BABY AND CHILD DENTISTRY (ABCD) PROGRAM MODEL

Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of Oral Health. 2002. *Iowa Access to Baby and Child Dentistry (ABCD) program model*. Des Moines, IA: Bureau of Oral Health, Iowa Department of Public Health. 4 pp.

This fact sheet describes the Iowa Access to Baby and Child Dentistry (ABCD) Program, designed to improve access to oral health services for children and adolescents ages 1 to 21 from families with low incomes. The program contains two major components: (1) the community component, which includes efforts to increase the local community's capacity to provide services, and (2) the direct services component, which includes education, care coordination, screenings, fluoride varnish applications, and referrals to dentists. Flow charts illustrate specific items within each component.

Contact: Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of Oral Health, Lucas State Office Building, Third Floor, 321 East 12th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319. Telephone: (515) 281-3733; fax: (515) 242-6384; Web site: <http://www.idph.state.ia.us/fch/dh.htm>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.idph.state.ia.us/ch/oral_health_content/dental/ABCDmodel.pdf.

MEDICAID AND DENTAL CARE FOR CHILDREN: A REVIEW OF THE LITERATURE

Coulter, I. D., Maida, C. A., Belloso, R., Freed, J., Petters, K., and Marcus, M. 2003. *Medicaid and dental care for children: A review of the literature*. Chicago, IL: Health Policy Resources Center, American Dental Association. 26 pp.

This report identifies factors that have contributed to children's lack of access to Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), with particular attention to their lack of access to oral health care within these programs. Factors presented in this report include shifts in federal funding, changes in employer-based insurance, and declines in the level of specialist participation in Medicaid. The report discusses the impact of Medicaid coverage and other programs directed at the health of children (e.g., Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment, Head Start, SCHIP), on children's access to health care. Other topics include managed care, school-based health centers, barriers to care among immigrants, inequities in children's oral health, program financing,

and Medicaid oral health programs. Background information, conclusions, and references are also presented.

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ORAL HEALTH FOR OHIO HEAD START CHILDREN: APPROACHES THAT WORK INTERVIEW RESULTS

University of Cincinnati, Evaluation Services Center. 2003. *Oral health for Ohio Head Start children: Approaches That Work interview results*. Columbus, OH: Bureau of Oral Health Services, Ohio Department of Health. 15 pp.

This companion document to *Oral Health for Ohio Head Start Children: Compendium of Promising Approaches* presents findings from a series of interviews conducted as part of an oral health program evaluation. The document presents survey data (including response rates); participant programs, roles, and years in role; duration of partnerships and collaborations; the health coordinator's perceptions of collaboration, barriers, and success indicators; other approaches that work well to meet the oral health needs of children; and suggestions for Head Start programs and communities. The document provides additional data on Head Start and Early Head Start programs by setting. The appendix includes the survey instrument.

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ORAL HEALTH FOR OHIO HEAD START CHILDREN: COMPENDIUM OF PROMISING APPROACHES

University of Cincinnati, Evaluation Services Center. 2003. *Oral health for Ohio Head Start children: Compendium of promising approaches*. Columbus, OH: Bureau of Oral Health Services, Ohio Department of Health. 17 pp.

This compendium highlights the structure of Ohio oral health partnerships and collaborations, operational challenges, and elements worthy of replication within Head Start programs. Topics include systematic collaboration in rural Head Start and Early Head Start (HS/EHS) programs, community oral health planning in urban HS/EHS programs, mass screenings, working with universities and training programs, promotion and incentive strategies, comprehensive approaches for EHS programs, mobile services, and education and prevention.

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ORAL HEALTH FOR OHIO HEAD START CHILDREN: PARENT AND STAFF ATTITUDES AND PRACTICES—INTERVIEW RESULTS

University of Cincinnati, Evaluation Services Center. 2003. *Oral health for Ohio Head Start children: Parent and staff attitudes and practices—Interview results*. Columbus, OH: Bureau of Oral Health Services, Ohio Department of Health. 32 pp.

This companion document to *Oral Health for Ohio Head Start Children: Compendium of Promising Approaches* presents the results of interviews of parents and staff in the evaluation study. Selected Head Start and Early Head Start staff and parents of children in the programs were interviewed about their attitudes and practices related to oral health care for young children in Ohio. Tables provide the interview results on program, staff, and family demographics; child age; staff and parent comments about age recommended for a child's first visit to the dentist; difficulty in finding participating providers and reasons for the difficulty; oral health care payment sources; needs and access to care; assistance to parents; strategies used by staff in oral health education; and additional strategies to improve oral health services for those in need. The appendices include the survey instruments used for Head Start staff and parents.

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SCHOOL-BASED DENTAL CARE: SPREADING SMILES THROUGH SCHOOLS

Center for Health and Health Care in Schools. 2003. *School-based dental care: Spreading smiles through schools*. Washington, DC: Center for Health and Health Care in Schools. 8 pp.

This brief describes Caring for Kids, a multi-site national grant program established by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to develop sustainable mental and oral health care for young people by locating them in school-based health centers. The brief describes the crisis in oral health care for children, including problems resulting from high costs and limited access. It also discusses solutions, such as providing oral health care in schools, ensuring financial security for school-based oral health services, and tracking program results.

Contact: Center for Health and Health Care in Schools, George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services, 1350 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 505, Washington, DC 20036. Telephone: (202) 466-3396; fax: (202) 466-3467; e-mail: chhcs@gwu.edu; Web site: <http://www.healthinnschools.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.healthinschools.org/cfk/dent_broch.pdf.

STATE INNOVATIONS TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO ORAL HEALTH CARE FOR LOW INCOME CHILDREN: A COMPENDIUM

American Dental Association. 2003. *State innovations to improve access to oral health care for low income children: A compendium*. Chicago, IL: American Dental Association. 350 pp.

This compendium identifies and summarizes successful state interventions to improve access to oral health services for children enrolled in Medicaid or the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). State summaries are divided into two main sections: (1) Medicaid/SCHIP oral health care for children and (2) state oral health care innovations. Information about each of the interventions is presented in the

following categories: (1) administrative policies and procedures; (2) work force resources; (3) education, communication, and patient care facilitation; and (4) financing and reimbursement. When possible, the summaries also include “reported results.” Statistical information is presented in tables throughout the compendium.

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SUMMARY: FY01 SCHOOL-BASED SEALANT PROGRAM

Iowa Department of Public Health, Dental Health Bureau. 2003. *Summary: FY01 school-based sealant program*. Des Moines, IA: Bureau of Oral Health, Iowa Department of Public Health. 1 p.

This summary outlines the Iowa Bureau of Oral Health statistics for fiscal year 2001. Categories (for both state- and federal-grant-funded programs) include statistics on number of children examined, dental sealants received, permanent molars sealed, contractors used, and counties in the program.

Contact: Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of Oral Health, Lucas State Office Building, Third Floor, 321 East 12th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319. Telephone: (515) 281-3733; fax: (515) 242-6384; Web site: <http://www.idph.state.ia.us/fch/dh.htm>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.idph.state.ia.us/ch/oral_health_content/reports.asp.

SUMMARY: FY02 SCHOOL-BASED SEALANT PROGRAM

Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of Oral Health. 2002. *Summary: FY02 school-based sealant program*. Des Moines, IA: Bureau of Oral Health, Iowa Department of Public Health. 2 pp.

This summary of Iowa’s FY 2002 school-based sealant program consists of two tables. The first table indicates the total number of children, as well as the percentage of children, for indicators such as children receiving an oral health exam, children receiving dental sealants,

children enrolled in Medicaid receiving dental sealants, and children with a history of tooth decay. The second table lists these same indicators according to five specific agencies in Iowa.

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UNDERSTANDING DENTAL MEDICAID: MANDATORY AND OPTIONAL POPULATIONS AND BENEFITS

Children’s Dental Health Project. 2003. *Understanding dental Medicaid: Mandatory and optional populations and benefits*. Washington, DC: Children’s Dental Health Project. 1 p.

This fact sheet provides information about who is currently eligible for oral health services through Medicaid and about who is “optional” (i.e., may be selected to receive benefits at each state’s discretion). The fact sheet explains how oral health benefits under Medicaid are handled and describes how the proposed changes to Medicaid could impact dental services.

Contact: Mike Ambrose. Children’s Dental Health Project, 1990 M Street, N.W., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036. Telephone: (202) 833-8288; fax: (202) 318-0667; e-mail: mambrose@cdhp.org; Web site: <http://www.cdhp.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.cdhp.org/downloads/publications/medicaid/Mand-Opt%20Medicaid.pdf>.

UNDERSTANDING THE CONNECTICUT DENTAL MEDICAID REFORM PROPOSAL: STATE OPTIONS IN CONTRACTING DENTAL CARE IN MEDICAID

Edelstein, B. L. 2003. *Understanding the Connecticut dental Medicaid reform proposal: State options in contracting dental care in Medicaid*. Farmington, CT: Connecticut Health Foundation. 14 pp.

This report discusses the options available to states in arranging oral health services in their Medicaid program and describes Connecticut’s experience and current proposal. Topics include a description of the various program options and related decisions facing

states as they determine how to obtain oral health care for their beneficiaries, arguments for and against each decision, and comments on the lessons to be derived from various states' efforts.

Contact: Connecticut Health Foundation, 270 Farmington Avenue, Suite 357, Farmington, CT 06032. Telephone: (860) 409-7773; fax: (860) 409-7763; Web site: <http://www.cthealth.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.cthealth.org/site/medicaid.htm>.

UPPER DES MOINES OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL-BASED DENTAL SEALANT PROGRAM

Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc. 2003. *Upper Des Moines Opportunity School-Based Dental Sealant Program*. Graettinger, IA: Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc. 4 pp.

These two forms include information about a free, school-based dental sealant program for children in grades 2, 7, and 8. The first form is intended for use by health professionals in providing families with a brief description of the program, and to obtain the child's health history and parental consent. The second form provides families with information on the results of the visual dental exam. Both forms are available in English and Spanish.

Contact: Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc., 101 Robbins Street, Box 519, Graettinger, IA 51342-0519. Telephone: (800) 245-6151, (712) 859-3885; fax: (712) 859-3892; e-mail: webmaster@udmo.com; Web site: <http://www.udmo.com>. Photocopy available at no charge.

MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

ALASKA HEAD START ORAL HEALTH FORUM: FINAL REPORT

Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Health Care Services. 2003. *Alaska Head Start Oral Health Forum: Final report*. Juneau, AK: Division of Health Care Services, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services. 12 pp.

This report describes the planning process for the Head Start oral health forum held on November 19, 2002, in Anchorage, Alaska. The purpose of the forum was to develop an oral health action plan. The report includes a review of potential barriers to implementing the plan and of factors that may help promote its implementation. The report also provides an outline of the follow-up materials included in the planning meeting packets; notes from the planning meeting; a participant list, agenda, and meeting notes from the November 19, 2002, oral health forum; and a draft of recommended priorities for Head Start oral health initiatives.

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CHARTING A FUTURE COURSE: A REGIONAL FORUM ON HEAD START AND ORAL HEALTH

Health Resources and Services Administration and Administration on Children and Families, Philadelphia Field Offices. 2003. *Charting a Future Course: A Regional Forum on Head Start and Oral Health*. Philadelphia, PA: Health Resources and Services Administration and Administration on Children and Families. 14 items.

This participant folder includes materials from the Region III oral health forum held on June 9–10, 2003, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The purpose of the forum was to determine how organizations and agencies could work together at a regional level to improve the oral health of children enrolled in Head Start. Topics include assessing access to care; regional issues, challenges, and promising practices; and other issues that may improve or detract from education and clinical services available to children enrolled in Head Start. Folder contents include the forum goals, an agenda, a participant list, an evaluation questionnaire, and instructions for small group discussions. Also included are several items from the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center, an overview of the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors' Head Start Oral Health Project, and the May 2001 issue of the *Head Start Bulletin* on oral health.

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CHARTING A FUTURE COURSE: A REGIONAL FORUM ON HEAD START AND ORAL HEALTH REGION III CONFERENCE REPORT

Bauer, B., Hopewell, A., and Steffensen, J. 2003. *Charting a future course: A regional forum on Head Start and oral health Region III conference report*. Washington, DC: Health Systems Research. 43 pp.

This report describes the activities of the Region III oral health forum held on June 9–10, 2003, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The purpose of the forum was to determine how organizations and agencies could work together at a regional level to improve the oral health of children enrolled in Head Start. Topics include assessments of (1) access to care and other issues that may improve or detract from education and clinical services available to children enrolled in Head Start; (2) current regional issues, challenges, and promising practices related to improving the oral health of this population; (3) strategies and key roles of regional agencies and other entities; and (4) contributions to the development of a national strategic plan to improve the oral health of children enrolled in Head Start. Appendices include a map of Department of Health and Human Services regions, a list of the forum goals and an agenda, a participant list, and a list of the challenges and obstacles identified in small group discussions on the first day of the conference.

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DENTAL CARE CONSIDERATIONS OF SPECIAL CARE POPULATIONS

Bonito, A. J., Edelstein, B. L., Stiefel, D. J., Helgeson, M. J., Smith, B. J., Johnsen, M., and Ebert, C. 2002. Dental care considerations of special care populations. *SCD Special Care in Dentistry* 22(3):1S–55S.

The four articles that comprise this special issue were prepared for the Conference on Dental Care Considerations of Disadvantaged and Special Care Populations held on April 18–19, 2001, in Baltimore, Maryland. The articles focus on impediments to meeting oral health care needs among vulnerable populations such as young children, adults with disabilities, and the elderly. Issues discussed in the articles include (1) limited mobility and dependence on others; (2) low appreciation for oral health care on the part of caregivers; (3) little or no private or public insurance coverage for oral health care; (4) little formal contact with the oral health care delivery system; (5) limited coordination among health professionals; and (6) a limited supply of appropriately trained health professionals.

Contact: SCD Special Care in Dentistry, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Suite 740, Chicago, IL 60611. Telephone: (312) 440-2660; fax: (312) 440-2824; e-mail: SCD@SCDonline.org; Web site: <http://www.scdonline.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.scdonline.org/Files2002-03/DentalCareConsiderationsSpecialCarePopulations.pdf>.

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DENTI-CAL TOWN HALL MEETING RESULTS

Social Entrepreneurs. 2002. *Denti-Cal town hall meeting results*. San Francisco, CA: California Dental Association and Office of Medi-Cal Dental Services, California Department of Health Services. 64 pp.

This report presents key topics from a series of six town hall meetings sponsored by the California Dental Association and the California Department of Health Services' Office of Medi-Cal Dental Services. During these meetings, Medi-Cal dental service providers and plan participants discussed program strengths, areas for improvement, recommendations, and next steps. The report includes an executive summary; a description of the data-collection methods; and the town hall meeting agenda, philosophy, results, and conclusions. Appendices include a participant list, meeting white paper notes, and background information.

Contact: University of California, San Francisco, Department of Preventive and Restorative Dental Sciences, 707 Parnassus Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94143-0758. Telephone: (415) 476-0456; fax: (415) 476-0858; Web site: <http://www.ucsf.edu/prds>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.cda.org/press/townhall.htm>.

ENHANCING PARTNERSHIPS FOR HEAD START AND ORAL HEALTH: REPORT FOR REGION IX FORUM, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, JUNE 25–26, 2002

Steffensen, J. 2003. *Enhancing Partnerships for Head Start and Oral Health: Report for Region IX forum, Oakland, California, June 25–26, 2002*. San Antonio, TX: Department of Community Dentistry, University of Texas Health Science Center. 47 pp.

This report describes the activities of the Region IX oral health forum held on June 25–26, 2002, in Oakland, California. The purpose of the forum was to determine how organizations and agencies can work together at a regional level to improve the oral health of children enrolled in Head Start. Report sections include an introduction to the national and Region IX forums, an overview of the regional plenary sessions and small group discussions, and a discussion of next steps. Topics include oral health education, prevention, and access to oral health services in urban and rural areas. The appendices include a list of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services regions, the Region IX forum agenda and participant list, and a matrix of priority oral health issues. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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GRANT REPORT FEBRUARY 2003 EARLY HEAD START/HEAD START STATE/TERRITORIAL ORAL HEALTH FORUMS, STATE OF HAWAII

Head Start Collaboration Project; Head Start Association of Hawaii; Hawaii Department of Health, Dental Health Division; and Hawaii Women, Infants and Children Services Branch (WIC). 2003. *Grant report February 2003 Early Head Start/Head Start State/Territorial oral health forums, State of Hawaii*. Honolulu, HI: Head Start Collaboration Project. 6 pp.

This report describes the tasks and results of the oral health forum held on December 6, 2002, in Honolulu, Hawaii. The forum was the result of a collaboration between the Hawaii Head Start Collaboration Project, the Hawaii Department of Health's Dental Health Division, and the Hawaii Women, Infants and

Children Services Branch (WIC). The report describes the forum planning process, the planning group members, and the timeline; the methods used to develop an action plan; the follow-up plan; and the budget. Participant profiles and the forum agenda are also provided. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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INTERFACES INVITATIONAL MEETING: JULY 28, 2003

Children's Dental Health Project. 2003. *Interfaces invitational meeting: July 28, 2003*. Washington, DC: Children's Dental Health Project. 9 items.

This participant folder includes materials from a meeting of medical and dental professionals held on July 28, 2003, in Washington, DC. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the need for oral health care among children under age 5. The meeting included three panel discussions on the following topics: (1) What should constitute oral health services? (2) How should oral health training be incorporated in health professions education? and (3) What oral health services should nondental health professionals provide? Materials include the meeting agenda, biographies of speakers and panelists, copies of the panel presentation slides, the participant list, a policy statement from the American Academy of Pediatrics, a white paper published by the Children's Dental Health Project (CDHP), and a three-page set of laminated cards on anticipatory guidance for oral health produced by the Association of Clinicians for the Underserved and CDHP.

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IOWA HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START ORAL HEALTH FORUM: SUMMARY REPORT

Iowa Head Start Association. 2003. *Iowa Head Start/Early Head Start Oral Health Forum: Summary report*. Des Moines, IA: Iowa Head Start Association. 6 pp.

This report describes the activities of the oral health forum held on April 17, 2003, in Newton, Iowa. The purpose of the forum was to determine how organizations and agencies could work together at a regional level to improve the oral health status of children enrolled in Head Start. The report presents a discussion of the oral health status of children enrolled in Iowa Head Start programs, as well as recommendations and action plans to address identified needs. Tables outline action steps and recommendations for each of four participant groups, including Head Start staff, state agency staff, public health officials, and oral health professionals.

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MIGRANT AND SEASONAL HEAD START REGION XII ORAL HEALTH FORUM: ENHANCING PARTNERSHIPS FOR MIGRANT AND SEASONAL HEAD START AND ORAL HEALTH

Steffensen, J. 2003. *Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Region XII Oral Health Forum: Enhancing Partnerships for Migrant and Seasonal Head Start and Oral Health*. Washington, DC: Health Services Research. 24 pp.

This report describes the activities of the Region XII oral health forum held on February 6, 2003, in Washington, DC. The purpose of the forum was to determine how organizations and agencies could work together at the regional level to improve the oral health of children enrolled in migrant and seasonal Head Start (MSHS) programs. Topics include assessing and prioritizing oral health issues and challenges faced by MSHS programs, identifying promising practices, and developing strategies for regional action to enhance the oral health component of MSHS programs. Additional discussion is included on enhancing prevention, expanding effective education and collaboration between organizations and agencies, and increasing

access to care. The report contains an introduction to national and Region XII forums, an overview of the regional plenary sessions and small group discussions, and a discussion of next steps. The appendices include the regional forum goals, the forum agenda, and a participant list. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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NATIONAL HEAD START HEALTH SERVICES INSTITUTE: PHILOSOPHY, PERFORMANCE AND PROMISE—APRIL 22–25, 2003, WASHINGTON, DC

Head Start Bureau. 2003. *National Head Start Health Services Institute: Philosophy, Performance and Promise—April 22–25, 2003, Washington, DC*. Washington, DC: Head Start Bureau. 3 v.

These materials were provided to participants in the National Head Start Health Services Institute held on April 22–25, 2003, in Washington, DC. The purpose of the institute was to focus attention on the provision of health services to children enrolled in Head Start. Topics include providing health screenings, increasing local leadership in health services, and enhancing understanding of Head Start. The materials consist of a program, a notebook, and a packet of looseleaf items covering daily program content. The program contains a directory of key staff, the agenda, an overview of events and activities, speaker biographies and contact information, descriptions of distinguished service awardees, and a list of exhibitors. The notebook includes references to key Head Start program performance standards; outlines of key presentations, plenary sessions, and group discussions; and a CD-ROM of Head Start legislation, regulations, and training materials. The packet of items includes handouts, copies of articles, and other reference materials.

Contact: Head Start Bureau, 330 C Street, S.W., Room 2018, Washington, DC 20201. Telephone: (202) 205-8572; fax: (202) 260-9336; Web site: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/hsb>. Contact for cost information.

ORAL HEALTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT: WASHINGTON, DC—JULY 18, 2003

District of Columbia Department of Health. 2003. *Oral Health Leadership Summit: Washington, DC—July 18, 2003*. Washington, DC: District of Columbia Department of Health. 14 items.

This participant folder includes materials from the Oral Health Leadership Summit held on July 18, 2003, in Washington, DC. The materials include the summit agenda, speaker biographical sketches with brief descriptions of their presentations, one article, and five handouts from the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center. Additional materials include an overview of oral health in the District of Columbia and the United States, financing and work force considerations, barriers to care, oral health plan development strategies, and the Pipeline Profession and Practice Community Initiative.

Contact: District of Columbia Department of Health, 825 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20002. Telephone: (202) 442-5999; fax: (202) 442-4788; Web site: <http://www.dchealth.gov>. Single photocopies available at no charge.

PEDIATRIC RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY CONSENSUS CONFERENCE

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. 2002. Pediatric Restorative Dentistry Consensus Conference. *Pediatric Dentistry* 24(5):373-525.

This journal issue includes papers presented at the Pediatric Restorative Dentistry Consensus Conference held on April 15-16, 2002, in San Antonio, Texas. Several of the papers present reviews of the literature on topics such as dentin/enamel adhesives, pit and fissure sealants, dental amalgam, posterior resin-based composite, glass ionomer cements, and preformed metal crowns for primary and permanent molar teeth. Others include information on clinical decisions pertaining to dental caries management in children, risk assessment and epidemiology of dental caries, and the use of various restorative techniques in children.

Contact: American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Suite 700, Chicago, IL 60611-2663. Telephone: (312) 337-2169; fax: (312) 337-6329; e-mail: aapdinfo@aapd.org; Web site: <http://www.aapd.org>. Available at no charge for American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry members; \$23.00 plus shipping and handling for nonmembers.

PROPOSED ORAL HEALTH ACTION PLAN: DRAFT

Minnesota Head Start Association. 2002. *Proposed oral health action plan: Draft*. Minneapolis, MN: Minnesota Head Start Association. 2 pp.

This document is a draft action plan resulting from the December 11, 2002, oral health forum sponsored by the Minnesota Head Start Association and the Minnesota Head Start Collaboration Office, in partnership with the Minnesota Association for Community Dentistry. The plan challenges Head Start agencies across Minnesota to enhance oral health services for families with low incomes by advocating for legislation, regulations, funding, health insurance coverage, public education, and continuing education. The plan also includes a variety of activities that the Head Start Association and its partners will undertake within the Head Start community to improve the oral health of children enrolled in Head Start.

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UTAH EARLY HEAD START/HEAD START ORAL HEALTH FORUM REPORT

Utah Early Head Start/Head Start. 2003. *Utah Early Head Start/Head Start oral health forum report*. Utah Early Head Start/Head Start. 25 pp.

This document outlines the goals, issues, and action plans from the Utah Early Head Start/Head Start oral health forum held on April 4, 2003, in Provo, Utah. The document identifies the following goals: increase access to oral health services, implement secure policy and funding for oral health care, and ensure prevention and education services. Issues and action steps for each goal are presented for the following age groups: birth to 6 months, 6 to 24 months, and 2 to 5 years. The document also identifies responsible parties and available or needed resources.

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VIRGINIA STATEWIDE DENTAL SUMMIT: SEPTEMBER 29–30, 2003

Virginians for Improved Access to Dental Care Coalition. 2003. *Virginia Statewide Dental Summit: September 29–30, 2003*. Richmond, VA: Virginia Division of Dental Health, Virginia Department of Health. 1 v.

This participant notebook includes materials for the Virginia Statewide Dental Summit held on September 29–30, 2003, in Richmond, Virginia. The purpose of the summit was to develop a plan to address the oral health needs of Virginians in the areas of prevention, education, access, and infrastructure. The notebook includes the meeting agenda, biographical sketches of presenters, a participant list, a compendium from the American Dental Association on state innovations to improve oral health care access for children from families with low incomes, an overview of Virginia oral health care insurance for children, presentation printouts, handouts for the breakout sessions, and state resources illustrating programs and areas of need.

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WOMEN'S ORAL HEALTH: IMPLICATIONS ACROSS THE LIFESPAN

American Dental Association and Society for Women's Health Research. 2003. *Women's oral health: Implications across the lifespan*. Chicago, IL: American Dental Association; Washington, DC: Society for Women's Health Research. 10 items.

This participant folder includes materials from a congressional briefing held on June 5, 2003, in Washington, DC. The purpose of the briefing was to generate interest in women's oral health among policymakers and to encourage continued support for research in oral health and its contribution to overall health. Contents of the folder include the briefing

agenda, speaker biographies and contact information, a brochure on women and gum disease, a women's oral health resource guide, the 2001 special issue of *Compendium of Continuing Education in Dentistry* focusing on women and dentistry, and a brochure and fact sheets specific to women's health issues and advocacy.

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DENTAL CARE: IMPROVING ACCESS AND QUALITY

Stanton, M. W., and Rutherford, M. K. (Eds.). 2003. *Dental care: Improving access and quality*. Rockville, MD: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. 12 pp.

This brief highlights dental care research sponsored by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) that looks at the impact of reimbursement, race, income, and age on access to and use of care. The brief provides an overview of (1) good oral health and oral health care, (2) access to adequate care, (3) measuring the quality of oral health care, and (4) ongoing research and programs. The brief also presents information on gaps in the provision of care, groups identified as having unmet oral health needs, ways in which access to Medicaid oral health care may be improved, unexplained variations in clinical decisions, the cost-effectiveness of restorative treatments, and the limits of scientific evidence for treatment. The brief includes examples of AHRQ-funded research on oral health care.

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FIRST SMILES: CHLORHEXIDINE RINSE AND XYLITOL GUM AS CARIES PREVENTION STRATEGIES IN PUBLIC HEALTH SETTINGS—FINAL REPORT

Scheer, M., and Phipps, K. 2003. *First Smiles: Chlorhexidine rinse and xylitol gum as caries prevention strategies in public health settings—Final report*. Vancouver, WA: Clark County Health Department. 9 pp.

This report describes a pilot project of the Clark County Health Department in Vancouver, Washington, to study the use of a chlorhexidine rinse or xylitol gum in preventing the transmission of dental caries from mothers or other caregivers to children under age 3. The project evaluated compliance among women at risk for dental caries who were recruited from a public health clinic. The report briefly outlines the background, description, and results of the pilot project. Tables present statistical data on the study participants' compliance in a variety of subgroups, with survey questions and answers provided. The report concludes with observations and a summary of how the rinse and the gum were integrated into public health practice in Clark County, Washington.

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NEVADA'S ORAL HEALTH SCREENING 2003: A CRITIQUE OF THE EXPERIENCE

Nevada State Health Division, Bureau of Family Health Services. 2003. *Nevada's oral health screening 2003: A critique of the experience*. Carson City, NV: Bureau of Family Health Services, Nevada State Health Division. 38 pp.

This report includes the results of an oral health screening of third-grade students in 51 schools in Nevada conducted in 2002. The report describes the development and implementation of the screening program, lists recommendations, and provides a supply list and cost breakdown. The appendices contain sample letters, press releases, and protocols designed to announce and explain the screening program, request consent, and thank participants. Selected forms are available in Spanish.

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PERIODONTAL DISEASE ASSOCIATION WITH POOR BIRTH OUTCOMES: STATE OF THE SCIENCE AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Krol, D., Edelstein, B., and DeBiasi, A. 2003. *Periodontal disease association with poor birth outcomes: State of the science and policy implications*. Washington, DC: Children's Dental Health Project. 2 pp.

This fact sheet summarizes research on the association between periodontal disease in pregnant women and poor birth outcomes, particularly prematurity and low birthweight. Additional topics include the progress of research and policy implications for professional and public education, and public financing.

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SEALANT SURVEY REPORT: FY03

Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of Oral Health. 2003. *Sealant survey report: FY03*. Des Moines, IA: Bureau of Oral Health, Iowa Department of Public Health. 4 pp.

This report describes the process and findings of a survey to determine the prevalence of dental sealants on permanent molars among third-grade students in Iowa. The report includes information on the subjects, examiners and support staff, materials and methods, data, and results. The report also presents a discussion of the findings, and conclusions. Two tables offer statistical information on the survey results.

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state.ia.us/ch/oral_health_content/reports.asp](http://www.idph.state.ia.us/ch/oral_health_content/reports.asp).

**UTILIZATION OF DENTAL CARE SERVICES BY ASIANS
AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR OTHER PACIFIC
ISLANDERS: UNITED STATES, 1997–2000**

Qiu, Y., and Ni, H. 2003. *Utilization of dental care ser-
vices by Asians and Native Hawaiian or other Pacific
Islanders: United States, 1997–2000*. Hyattsville, MD:
National Center for Health Statistics. 12 pp.

This report describes national estimates of oral health
care service utilization and oral health care needs that
remain unmet owing to cost for six Asian ethnic sub-
groups and the native Hawaiian or other Pacific
Islander population using data collected from the
National Health Interview Survey during 1997–2000.
Report sections include a description of the survey
methods, survey findings, a discussion of the findings,
and references. Four tables present data on selected
characteristics such as ethnic subgroups, age group, sex,
poverty status, place of residence, geographic region,
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A Health Professional's Guide to Pediatric Oral Health Management



The National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center (OHRC) is pleased to announce the availability of a new resource, *A Health Professional's Guide to Pediatric Oral Health Management*.

This series of seven self-contained online modules is designed to assist health professionals in managing the oral health of infants and young children. The modules include information on performing an oral screening to identify infants and children at increased risk for oral health problems, offering referrals to oral health professionals, and providing parents with anticipatory guidance. Each module includes an overview, learning objectives, key points, a self-assessment quiz, references, and additional resources.

The modules were prepared by the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center at Georgetown University and designed by the Center for Advanced Distance Education at the University of Illinois at Chicago. The content of the modules was adapted from *Oral Management of Pediatric Patients for Non-Oral Health Professionals: A Study Guide*, prepared by Arthur J. Nowak, Center for Leadership Training in Pediatric Dentistry, University of Iowa. Development of these materials was supported by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration.

The modules are available from the OHRC Web site at www.mchoralhealth.org/PediatricOH/index.htm.



