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## From the Desk of...

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Building on the success of the first seven volumes of the *Oral Health Resource Bulletin* (formerly the *MCH Program Interchange—Focus on Oral Health*), the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center (OHRC) has produced the eighth volume in the series. Each successive volume is intended to supplement rather than replace previous volumes. This volume contains a current listing of materials produced by state and community programs to promote the oral health of infants, children, adolescents, and their families across the country.

The bulletin is just one resource produced by OHRC in its efforts to develop timely and current oral health materials. Earlier this year, OHRC collaborated with the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, the Head Start Bureau, the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors, and others to produce materials designed to raise awareness of the oral health needs of pregnant women, infants, and children enrolled in Head Start. These materials include the fact sheet *Head Start: An Opportunity to Improve the Oral Health of Children and Families* and two tip sheets for Head Start staff, *Working with Health Professionals to Improve Access to Oral Health Care* and *Working with Parents to Improve Access to Oral Health Care*. The fact sheet presents information on children's access to services, their oral health status, and promising strategies for providing care for children enrolled in Head Start. The tip sheets outline strategies to help Head Start staff comply with Program Performance Standards on the recommended schedule of preventive and primary care visits as well as with Program Performance Standards on education and family and community partnerships.

Oral diseases still represent a major health problem for many Early Head Start and Head Start participants. In response to this problem, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Child Care Bureau, the Head Start Bureau, the Health Resources and Services Administration, and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children convened the national Head Start and Partners Oral Health Forum to focus attention on early childhood

oral health. Forum participants called for regional and state-level Head Start forums to address oral health access problems and to develop specific strategies and implementation plans to overcome barriers. OHRC has been collecting and making available regional and state forum reports (see the reports listed in the Meetings/Conferences section of this bulletin). Many of the materials listed in this bulletin reflect our nation's efforts to improve access to oral health services. The work of the organizations involved in this effort, described in numerous materials listed in this bulletin, can help us avoid duplication of effort and achieve positive outcomes in oral health service delivery.

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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Improving the oral health of our nation's infants, children, adolescents, and families requires a collaborative effort at many levels. As always, we look forward to working with you toward this goal.

## Materials

### TRENDS AND STATISTICS

#### HEAD START: AN OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE THE ORAL HEALTH OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Bertness, J., and Holt, K. 2003. *Head Start: An opportunity to improve the oral health of children and families*. Washington, DC: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center. 2 pp.

This fact sheet discusses Head Start programs' potential role in providing participants with access to oral health services, including education, screenings, and examinations. Topics include a profile of current Head Start participants, access to oral health services, oral health status, and promising strategies. References are provided. [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); fax: (703) 821-2098; e-mail: ask@hrsa.gov; Web site: www.ask.hrsa.gov. Available at no charge. Document code: MCH00079. Also available at no charge from the Web site at [www.mchoralhealth.org/PDFs/HSOHFactSheet.pdf](http://www.mchoralhealth.org/PDFs/HSOHFactSheet.pdf).

#### MAKE YOUR SMILE COUNT SURVEY

Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Oral Health Program. 2002. *Make Your Smile Count survey*. Madison, WI: Oral Health Program, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services. 34 pp.

This report presents key findings from the Make Your Smile Count survey conducted to learn about the oral health status of children in third grade in Wisconsin. The survey was designed to (1) establish a baseline for monitoring children's oral health status; (2) assess the extent of children's oral health needs; and (3) focus the efforts of prevention programs, policies, and funding. Information on dental caries experience, the prevalence of dental sealants, and the need for urgent treatment is presented. Comparisons of the survey findings to *Healthy People 2010* objectives and to other state survey findings are also provided.

**Contact:** Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Oral Health Program, P.O. Box 2659, Madison, WI 53701-2659. Telephone: (608) 266-5152; fax (608) 267-2832; Web site: [www.dhfs.state.wi.us/health/Oral\\_Health](http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/health/Oral_Health). Available at no charge from the Web site at [www.dhfs.state.wi.us/health/Oral\\_Health/pdf\\_files/PPH0001\\_MakeYourSmileCount.pdf](http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/health/Oral_Health/pdf_files/PPH0001_MakeYourSmileCount.pdf).

#### ORAL HEALTH U.S., 2002

Dental, Oral and Craniofacial Data Resource Center. 2002. *Oral health U.S., 2002*. Bethesda, MD: Dental, Oral and Craniofacial Data Resource Center. 224 pp., 1 CD-ROM.

This first annual report summarizes the current state of oral health in the United States using nationally representative data in the areas of oral health, disease, and health care practices. The goals of the report are to establish a baseline, identify trends, and provide a picture of the presence and magnitude of disparities in oral health status. Topics include dental caries, preventive interventions, periodontal diseases, tooth loss, overall oral health, oral infections, delivery of oral health services, surveillance systems, congenital craniofacial abnormalities, orofacial pain, injuries, tobacco, oral and pharyngeal cancer, xerostomia, links to systemic health and disease, work force, costs, accessibility issues, and the social and economic impact of oral disease. Each section of the report contains introductory text followed by graphic displays. A discussion of data sources and methodologies used can be found at the end of the report. Charts and tables throughout the report present statistical data.

**Contact:** Dental, Oral and Craniofacial Data Resource Center, 1700 Research Boulevard, Suite 400, Rockville, MD 20850. Telephone: (301) 294-5634, (301) 294-5594; fax: (301) 294-5401; e-mail: [oralhealthdrc@northropgrumman.com](mailto:oralhealthdrc@northropgrumman.com); Web site: [drc.nidcr.nih.gov](http://drc.nidcr.nih.gov). Available at no charge from the Web site at [drc.nidcr.nih.gov/report.htm](http://drc.nidcr.nih.gov/report.htm).

**OVERVIEW OF CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH IN WISCONSIN: YOUTH ORAL HEALTH DATA COLLECTION REPORT**

Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Oral Health Program. 2002. *Overview of children's oral health in Wisconsin: Youth oral health data collection report*. Madison, WI: Oral Health Program, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services. 62 pp.

This report provides information about the oral health of Wisconsin's children and about factors affecting their oral health. The first section discusses Make Your Smile Count, a survey conducted to learn about the oral health status of children in third grade in Wisconsin. Additional sections discuss community-based prevention programs for children, the professional work force, care delivery systems, and the financing of care for children. Appendices include an overview of state demographics, information on dental health professional shortage areas, a map of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services regions, additional survey results, a chart of services offered in each county, and information on the state fluoridation census of 2001. References and resources are provided. Charts, graphs, maps, and tables throughout the report present statistical data.

**Contact:** Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Oral Health Program, P.O. Box 2659, Madison, WI 53701-2659. Telephone: (608) 266-5152; fax: (608) 267-2832; Web site: [www.dhfs.state.wi.us/health/Oral\\_Health](http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/health/Oral_Health). Available at no charge from the Web site at [www.dhfs.state.wi.us/health/Oral\\_Health/pdf\\_files/PPH0002\\_WIOralHealthRep.pdf](http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/health/Oral_Health/pdf_files/PPH0002_WIOralHealthRep.pdf).

**SEALANT SURVEY REPORT: FY02**

Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of Oral Health. 2002. *Sealant survey report: FY02*. Des Moines, IA: Bureau of Oral Health, Iowa Department of Public Health. 4 pp.

This report describes the results of a survey of children in third grade in Iowa conducted to determine the prevalence of dental sealants. Information is provided on the survey subjects, examiners, support staff, materials, methods, and results. A discussion of the findings and conclusions is presented. Charts and tables throughout the report present statistical data.

**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: [www.idph.state.ia.us/fch/dh.htm](http://www.idph.state.ia.us/fch/dh.htm). Available at no charge from the Web site at [www.idph.state.ia.us/ch/oral\\_health\\_content/dental/2002\\_sealant\\_sum.pdf](http://www.idph.state.ia.us/ch/oral_health_content/dental/2002_sealant_sum.pdf).

**SPOTLIGHT ON ORAL HEALTH**

King, M., and Hanson, K. 2002. *Spotlight on oral health*. Denver, CO: National Conference of State Legislatures. 2 pp.

This fact sheet provides an overview of oral health and the disparities that exist in services for adults and children. Federal and state oral health initiatives are reviewed, and a chart outlining the availability of state programs for dental sealants, education, and screening is included. References and contacts are provided.

**Contact:** National Conference of State Legislatures, 7700 East First Place, Denver, CO 80230. Telephone: (303) 364-7700, (303) 364-7812; fax: (303) 364-7800; e-mail: [books@ncsl.org](mailto:books@ncsl.org); Web site: [www.ncsl.org](http://www.ncsl.org). \$3.50, plus shipping and handling.

**WISCONSIN DENTIST WORKFORCE REPORT 2001**

Byck, G. R., Russinof, H., and Cooksey, J. A. 2002. *Wisconsin dentist workforce report 2001*. Chicago, IL: Illinois Regional Health Workforce Center. 54 pp.

This report summarizes the results of a 2001 survey conducted in Wisconsin to learn about the state's dental work force. It covers work force characteristics such as the supply and distribution of dentists; the racial and ethnic diversity of the work force in comparison to that of the state's population overall and to that of the state's dental school population; dental school location and its impact on the distribution of dentists in the state; provider participation in oral health Medicaid services; volunteer activities; projected changes in the work force over the next 5 years; and projected dentist capacity required to serve Medicaid participants. The appendices provide data tables as well as information on the stakeholders' committee, the survey methodology and instrument, and counties by Wisconsin region and rural/urban status.

**Contact:** Illinois Regional Health Workforce Center, University of Illinois at Chicago, 850 West Jackson Boulevard, Suite 400, Chicago, IL 60607-3025.

Telephone: (312) 996-0703; fax: (312) 996-0065; Web site: [www.uic.edu/sph/ichws](http://www.uic.edu/sph/ichws). Available at no charge. Also available at no charge from the Web site at [www.uic.edu/sph/ichws/wi%20dental%20wf%20rev.pdf](http://www.uic.edu/sph/ichws/wi%20dental%20wf%20rev.pdf).

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

### EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES: TRAININGS AND PROTOCOLS

Multnomah County Health Department, School/Community Dental Programs. 2002. *Early childhood caries: Trainings and protocols*. Portland, OR: School/Community Dental Programs, Multnomah County Health Department. ca. 70 pp.

This manual outlines training for early childhood caries prevention for nondental health professional staff. In addition to program goals and objectives and handouts, the manual includes information on the fluoride varnish program, the fluoride drop program, the yearly curriculum for birth to age 3, and the yearly curriculum for pregnant women. The manual also contains illustrations, question sheets, checklists, sample forms, and handouts written in English, Vietnamese, Spanish, and Russian.

**Contact:** LeAnn Dooley. Multnomah County Health Department, School/Community Dental Health Care Programs, 2505 South East 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97202. Telephone: (503) 988-3905; fax: (503) 988-4133; e-mail: [leann.l.dooley@co.multnomah.or.us](mailto:leann.l.dooley@co.multnomah.or.us); Web site: [www.co.multnomah.or.us/health](http://www.co.multnomah.or.us/health). Contact for cost information.

### A GUIDE TO ORGANIZING COMMUNITY FORUMS

Whitley, J. R. 2002. *A guide to organizing community forums*. Boston, MA: Community Catalyst. 16 pp.

This report provides individuals and consumer groups with guidance on how to organize effective community forums. Each section includes brief checklists for different aspects of forum organizing efforts, such as clarifying the forum's purpose, planning the forum, forum personnel, forum presenters, forum audience, meeting logistics, and responsibilities on the day of the forum. The appendices include information on potential barriers to hosting successful forums and suggestions for overcoming these barriers, ideas for groups to target for

forum speakers and audience, and suggestions for low-cost meeting spaces.

**Contact:** Community Catalyst, 30 Winter Street, 10th Floor, Boston, MA 02108. Telephone: (617) 338-6035; fax: (617) 451-5838; Web site: [www.communitycatalyst.org](http://www.communitycatalyst.org). Available at no charge from the Web site at [www.communitycatalyst.org/acrobat/Community\\_Forums.pdf](http://www.communitycatalyst.org/acrobat/Community_Forums.pdf).

### HEAD START ORAL HEALTH AWARENESS LESSON PLANS: A TEACHER'S GUIDE FOR CREATING HEALTHY SMILES

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Office of Oral Health and Head Start Oral Health Workgroup. 2002. *Head Start oral health awareness lesson plans: A teacher's guide for creating healthy smiles*. Baltimore, MD: Office of Oral Health, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. 61 pp.

These lesson plans were developed for Head Start classrooms in Maryland. The lesson plans contain activities, songs, and projects intended to help introduce good oral health habits to young children. Also included are take-home letters for parents to reinforce the concepts learned and to encourage them to participate in the learning process. Lesson plan topics include awareness of the mouth; plaque, cavities, and tooth-brushing; visiting the dentist; and nutrition and wise food choices. Each lesson plan includes a post-lesson survey.

**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](mailto:oralhealth@dhmh.state.md.us); Web site: [www.fha.state.md.us/oralhealth](http://www.fha.state.md.us/oralhealth). Available at no charge from the Web site at [www.fha.state.md.us/oralhealth/html/hsplan.html](http://www.fha.state.md.us/oralhealth/html/hsplan.html).

### ORAL HEALTH TIP SHEET FOR HEAD START STAFF: WORKING WITH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO ORAL HEALTH CARE

Holt, K., and Cole, S. 2003. *Oral health tip sheet for Head Start staff: Working with health professionals to improve access to oral health care*. Washington, DC: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center. 2 pp.

This tip sheet is intended to help Head Start staff working with health professionals ensure that pregnant

women, infants, and children (including children with special health care needs) enrolled in Head Start receive oral health care. The tip sheet outlines strategies to comply with Head Start Program Performance Standards involving the recommended schedule of preventive and primary care visits as well as with Program Performance Standards on family partnerships, education, and community partnerships. Print and organizational resources are provided. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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Holt, K., and Cole, S. 2003. *Oral health tip sheet for Head Start staff: Working with parents to improve access to oral health care*. Washington, DC: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center. 2 pp.

This tip sheet is intended to help Head Start staff working with parents ensure that pregnant women, infants, and children (including children with special health care needs) enrolled in Head Start receive oral health care. The tip sheet outlines strategies to comply with Head Start Program Performance Standards involving an ongoing source of continuous, accessible care; the recommended schedule of preventive and primary care visits; family partnerships; education; and community partnerships. Print and organizational resources are provided. [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); fax: (703) 821-2098; e-mail: ask@hrsa.gov; Web site: www.ask.hrsa.gov. Available at no charge. Document code: MCH00080. Also available at no charge from the Web site at [www.mchoralhealth.org/PDFs/HSOHTipParent.pdf](http://www.mchoralhealth.org/PDFs/HSOHTipParent.pdf).

**SOUNDBITES: NUTRITION AND ORAL HEALTH  
GUIDELINES FOR PREGNANT WOMEN, INFANTS,  
AND YOUNG CHILDREN—VIDEO AND GUIDEBOOK**

Owens, A., and Palmer, C. 2002. *Soundbites: Nutrition and oral health guidelines for pregnant women, infants, and young children—Video and guidebook*. Boston, MA: Tufts University Dental School, Frances Stern Nutrition Center. 29 pp., 1 videotape (15 minutes, VHS 1/2 inch).

This videotape and guidebook are designed to help promote good nutrition and oral health for pregnant women, infants, children, and infants' and children's caregivers. The videotape discusses common oral health topics such as care of the mouth, nutrition to promote good oral health, and how to prevent common childhood oral health problems. The guidebook includes the following sections: pregnancy, birth to 6 months, 6 months to 1 year, 1 year to 2 years, 2 years to 3 years, and children with special health care needs. Additional sections include a review of the Soundbites program goals and suggestions for learning; a discussion of the importance of nutrition and oral health care during pregnancy, infancy, and early childhood; a videotape; and an evaluation form.

**Contact:** Carole A. Palmer. Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, Francis Stern Nutrition Center, One Kneeland Street, Boston, MA 02111. Telephone: (617) 636-6828, (617) 636-6808; fax: (617) 636-6834; e-mail: carole.palmer@tufts.edu; Web site: [www.tufts.edu/dental](http://www.tufts.edu/dental). \$50.00.

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**WEAVING CONNECTIONS: THE HEALTH SERVICES  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Educational Services. 2002. *Weaving connections: The health services advisory committee*. Washington, DC: U.S. Head Start Bureau. 4 items.

This multimedia training package is designed to help Head Start health services managers operate an effective health services advisory committee (HSAC). The package includes a videotape, a set of written materials, a CD-ROM, and an evaluation form. The videotape tells the story of five HSACs that have accomplished measurable outcomes for the children and families they serve. The five programs are located in Port Gamble Indian Reservation, Washington; College Park, Maryland; Fairfax, Virginia; Seattle, Washington; and Washington, DC. The written materials include information on Head Start and HSAC, the videotape



script, training modules, and resources. The CD-ROM includes electronic files of all written materials as well as the 2003 PRISM (program review instrument for system monitoring) core questions. The CD-ROM also includes a brochure, a recruitment letter, a certificate of appreciation, and a PowerPoint presentation on Head Start health services that Head Start programs can tailor for distribution to potential HSAC members.

**Contact:** Head Start Information and Publication Center, 1133 15 Street, N.W., Suite 450, Washington, DC 20005. Telephone (202) 737-1030, (866) 763-6481; fax: (202) 737-1151; e-mail: [puborder@headstartinfo.org](mailto:puborder@headstartinfo.org); Web site: [www.headstartinfo.org](http://www.headstartinfo.org). Available at no charge.

## POLICY

### ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Oral Health Services. 2002. *Access to dental care makes a difference*. Columbus, OH: Bureau of Oral Health Services, Ohio Department of Health. 4 pp.

This brochure presents information on disparities in access to oral health care and the occurrence of oral health problems in Ohio. Topics include access problems, dentists' participation in Medicaid, the need for services in inner cities and rural areas, proposed state-level policy changes likely to improve access to care, and an overview of the first steps taken by leaders from public and private sectors to tackle the oral health care access problem. Statistical information is provided on dentist participation, state demographics, key indicators of access, resources, and the public fluoridated water supply.

**Contact:** Mark Siegal. Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Oral Health Services, 246 North High Street, P.O. Box 118, Columbus, OH 43266. Telephone: (614) 466-4180; fax: (614) 564-2421; e-mail: [msiegal@gw.odh.state.oh.us](mailto:msiegal@gw.odh.state.oh.us); Web site: [www.odh.state.oh.us/ODHPrograms/ORAL/Oral1.htm](http://www.odh.state.oh.us/ODHPrograms/ORAL/Oral1.htm). Available at no charge.

### BRUSHING UP ON CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH IN LOUISIANA: A POLICY BRIEF

Louisiana Children's Oral Health Initiative and Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Oral Health Program. 2003. *Brushing up on children's oral health in Louisiana: A policy brief*. New Orleans, LA: Oral Health Program, Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals. 44 pp.

This report documents the importance of good oral health for children and highlights some of the barriers that children and families face when trying to access oral health services in Louisiana. Focus areas include prevention, provider participation in Medicaid/LaCHIP, dentists' availability, community education, and children with special health care needs. A summary table outlines the focus areas and offers recommendations for addressing access barriers statewide. References are provided.

**Contact:** Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Oral Health Program, 1100 Florida Avenue, Box 510, New Orleans, LA 70119. Telephone: (504) 670-2738; fax: (504) 670-2746; Web site: [oph.dhh.state.la.us/maternalchild/oralhlth/index.html](http://oph.dhh.state.la.us/maternalchild/oralhlth/index.html). Available at no charge from the Web site at [oph.dhh.state.la.us/maternalchild/oralhlth/docs/oralhlthnewpdf.pdf](http://oph.dhh.state.la.us/maternalchild/oralhlth/docs/oralhlthnewpdf.pdf).

### COMMUNITY WATER FLUORIDATION: A STATE BEST PRACTICE IN DENTAL CARIES PREVENTION

Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 2003. *Community water fluoridation: A state best practice in dental caries prevention*. Jefferson City, MO: Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 8 pp.

This publication provides an overview of community water fluoridation, including a review of the scientific evidence and program cost-effectiveness, a discussion of national recommendations, and examples of how several state public health agencies are striving to ensure optimal community water fluoridation coverage. [Funded in part 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@socket.net](mailto:astdd@socket.net); Web site: [www.astdd.org](http://www.astdd.org). Available at no charge from the Web site at [www.astdd.org/templates/display\\_pub.php?pub\\_id=556&admin=1](http://www.astdd.org/templates/display_pub.php?pub_id=556&admin=1).

**THE EFFECTS OF STATE DENTAL PRACTICE LAWS ALLOWING ALTERNATIVE MODELS OF PREVENTIVE ORAL HEALTH CARE DELIVERY TO LOW-INCOME CHILDREN**

Nolan, L., Kamoie, B., Harvey, J., Vaquerano, L., Blake, S., Chawla, S., Levi, J., and Rosenbaum, S. 2003. *The effects of state dental practice laws allowing alternative models of preventive oral health care delivery to low-income children*. Washington, DC: Center for Health Services Research and Policy, George Washington University. 267 pp.

This report describes state dental practice laws and the extent to which these laws encourage alternative models of delivering preventive oral health care. The report analyzes existing state dental statutes and regulations and provides findings from case studies in six states looking at the delivery of oral health care to children from families with low incomes. The report includes information on the study's definition of the problem, methodology, findings, conclusions, limitations, and recommendations. The appendices include information on state dental practice laws, definitions of medicine and dentistry, required supervision for dental hygienists, and exemptions to dental practice laws. A short interview guide and summaries of the six state case studies are also included.

**Contact:** George Washington University, Center for Health Services Research and Policy, 2021 K Street, N.W., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20006. Telephone: (202) 296-6922; e-mail: [info@gwhealthpolicy.org](mailto:info@gwhealthpolicy.org); Web site: [www.gwhealthpolicy.org/chsrp](http://www.gwhealthpolicy.org/chsrp). Available at no charge from the Web site at [www.gwhealthpolicy.org/downloads/Oral\\_Health.pdf](http://www.gwhealthpolicy.org/downloads/Oral_Health.pdf).

**THE INTERFACE BETWEEN MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY IN MEETING THE ORAL HEALTH NEEDS OF YOUNG CHILDREN: A WHITE PAPER**

Hegner, R. E. 2003. *The interface between medicine and dentistry in meeting the oral health needs of young children: A white paper*. Washington, DC: Children's Dental Health Project. 30 pp.

This white paper examines issues concerning the integration of primary care medicine and dentistry in preventing oral disease and promoting oral health among American children under age 5. It presents basic facts about children's oral health in America, examines issues related to the scope of dental and medical practice, and explores policy issues underlying the nexus between

primary medical care and oral health care for young children. The appendix includes a table that delineates provider potential roles in addressing dental caries in children. The paper is intended for use by health professionals and policymakers in developing and promoting policies that contribute to improving young children's oral health.

**Contact:** Children's Dental Health Project, 1990 M Street, N.W., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036. Telephone: (202) 833-8288; fax: (202) 318-0667; Web site: [www.cdhp.org](http://www.cdhp.org). Available at no charge from the Web site at [www.cdhp.org/Index.asp?PA=3&XX=115&XX=102&XX=127&XX=104](http://www.cdhp.org/Index.asp?PA=3&XX=115&XX=102&XX=127&XX=104).

**STATE EFFORTS TO IMPROVE CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH**

Krause, B. 2002. *State efforts to improve children's oral health*. Washington, DC: Health Policy Studies Division, National Governors Association Center for Best Practices. 8 pp.

This issue brief describes the consequences of inadequate oral health care for children (e.g., physical, educational, and social developmental delays). It outlines states' efforts to promote education and awareness, increase oral health coverage and access, enhance the dental work force, improve financing and reimbursement, and improve the quality of data and surveillance.

**Contact:** National Governors Association, Center for Best Practices, 444 North Capitol Street, Washington, DC 20001-1512. Telephone: (202) 624-5300; fax: (202) 624-5313; Web site: [www.nga.org/center](http://www.nga.org/center). Available at no charge. Also available at no charge from the Web site at [www.nga.org/cda/files/1102CHILDORALHEALTH.pdf](http://www.nga.org/cda/files/1102CHILDORALHEALTH.pdf).

**STATE OF THE STATES: OVERVIEW OF 2002 ORAL HEALTH STATE LEGISLATION**

Center for Policy Alternatives. 2002. *State of the states: Overview of 2002 oral health state legislation*. Washington, DC: Center for Policy Alternatives. 12 pp.

This report discusses state legislation on oral health to help analysts understand what state policymakers are proposing and to identify "best practices" across the states. Topics include access to care, provider incentives, patient rights, quality of care, licensure, and scope

of work. An overview of federal legislation references, as well as resources, are provided.

**Contact:** Center for Policy Alternatives, 1875 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 710, Washington, DC 20009. Telephone: (202) 387-6030; fax: (202) 387-8529; e-mail: info@cfpa.org; Web site: www.stateaction.org. Available at no charge. Also available at no charge from the Web site at www.stateaction.org/issues/healthcare/dental/2002.pdf.

## PROGRAMS

### CREATING A VOLUNTEER-DENTAL VAN PROJECT

Volunteers in Health Care. 2003. *Creating a volunteer-dental van project*. Pawtucket, RI: Volunteers in Health Care. 2 v.

These field reports present examples of how to use public-private partnerships to create or expand a volunteer dental van project. Two dental van projects are discussed: Kids in Need of Dentistry—"Miles for Smiles" of Denver, Colorado; and Northwest Medical Teams International of Portland, Oregon. Each report provides a project description and discussions of the first steps in delivering service, securing funding, providing governance, organizing operations, determining patient eligibility, and recruiting volunteers.

**Contact:** Volunteers in Health Care, 111 Brewster Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860. Telephone: (877) 844-8442; fax: (401) 729-2955; Web site: www.volunteersinhealthcare.org. Available at no charge from the Web site at www.volunteersinhealthcare.org/reports/dentalrpts.htm.

### DENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREA METHODOLOGY: A CRITICAL REVIEW

Orlans, J., Mertz, E., and Grumbach, K. 2002. *Dental health professional shortage area methodology: A critical review*. San Francisco, CA: Center for the Health Professions, University of California, San Francisco. 84 pp., exec. summ. (3 pp.).

This report presents the history of the federal Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas program, critiques the current designation criteria, and provides recommendations to revise the criteria to ensure access to

adequate oral health care. The recommendations section outlines six focal points gathered from members of the practice community, facility administrations, professional organizations, policy analysts, and federal, state, and local shortage designation authorities. References and an annotated bibliography are provided.

**Contact:** University of California, San Francisco, Center for the Health Professions, 3333 California Street, Suite 410, San Francisco, CA 94118. Telephone: (415) 476-8181; fax: (415) 476-4113; Web site: futurehealth.ucsf.edu. Available at no charge from the Web site at futurehealth.ucsf.edu/pdf\_files/DHPSA%20Final%20Report.pdf.

### DENTI-CAL DENIED: CONSUMERS' EXPERIENCES ACCESSING DENTAL SERVICES IN CALIFORNIA'S MEDI-CAL PROGRAM

Health Consumer Alliance with Health Rights Hotline. 2002. *Denti-Cal denied: Consumers' experiences accessing dental services in California's Medi-Cal program*. Los Angeles, CA: Health Consumer Alliance. 28 pp.

This report presents findings from two consumer assistance programs on consumers' experience in accessing care in both Medi-Cal dental health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and fee-for-service systems in California. Topics include barriers to care for consumers with coverage through Medi-Cal, barriers to care at the dental office, barriers to care resulting from the treatment-authorization-request process, and barriers to care resulting from denial of treatment authorization. The report also contains an executive summary and conclusions. Appendices include information on the data collection process, descriptions of problem categories, and data on specific types of Denti-Cal access problems.

**Contact:** Health Consumer Alliance, 2639 South La Cienega Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90034. Telephone: (310) 204-4900; fax: (310) 204-0891; e-mail: hca@healthlaw.org; Web site: www.healthconsumer.org. Available at no charge from the Web site at www.healthconsumer.org/DentiCalRpt.pdf.

**IMPACT OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S MEDICAID REFORM PROPOSAL ON DENTAL SERVICES**

Children's Dental Health Project. 2003. *Impact of the administration's Medicaid reform proposal on dental services*. Washington, DC: Children's Dental Health Project. 1 p.

This fact sheet discusses how proposed reforms to Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program might affect the availability of oral health services. The fact sheet also discusses why it is important to maintain oral health services for all Medicaid beneficiaries.

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**ORAL HEALTH. IN: HEALTHY IOWANS 2010: ADVANCING THE BOUNDARIES OF HEALTHY LIVING AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE NEW DECADE**

Iowa Department of Public Health. 2002. Oral health. In: *Healthy Iowans 2010: Advancing the boundaries of healthy living and the quality of life in the new decade*. Des Moines, IA: Iowa Department of Public Health. 9 pp.

This chapter focuses on the oral health provisions of the *Healthy Iowans 2010* goals and objectives. The chapter offers an overview of oral health needs and presents goal statements, action steps, and their rationale. Selected topics include dental caries prevention; access to dental care; root caries prevention; tooth loss prevention; and oral health screening programs, including programs geared toward early detection of oropharyngeal cancers. Two charts present statistical data on children with dental sealants and untreated tooth decay.

**Contact:** Iowa Department of Public Health, 321 East 12th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319-0075. Telephone: (515) 281-5787; Web site: [www.idph.state.ia.us](http://www.idph.state.ia.us). Available at no charge from the Web site at [www.idph.state.ia.us/cpp/healthy\\_iowans\\_2010\\_chapters/oralhealth.htm](http://www.idph.state.ia.us/cpp/healthy_iowans_2010_chapters/oralhealth.htm).

**PERSPECTIVES OF DENTISTS AND ENROLLEES ON DENTAL CARE UNDER MINNESOTA HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS**

McRae, J. A., and Fields, T. R. 2002. *Perspectives of dentists and enrollees on dental care under Minnesota health care programs*. St. Paul, MN: Health Care Research and Evaluation Division, Minnesota Department of Human Services. 27 pp.

This two-part report addresses problems of inadequate oral health care for adults and children from families with low incomes in Minnesota. The first part describes the methods and results of a survey of dentists on their experiences providing care to enrollees in the Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP), their dental practices, their perceptions of MHCP, the possibility of limiting access, health plan performance rating, reimbursement rates, possible improvements, and commitment to MHCP. The second part describes the results of a survey of consumers, their need for care, accessibility and barriers to care, and care evaluation. The report concludes with a discussion of the findings, references, and an appendix outlining recommendations to the Minnesota legislature.

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Human Services, Health Care Research and Evaluation Division, Human Services Building, 444 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, MN 55155. Telephone: (651) 215-6260, (800) 627-3529, (877)627-3848; Web site: [www.dhs.state.mn.us/HealthCare/pmqi](http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/HealthCare/pmqi). Available at no charge from the Web site at [www.dhs.state.mn.us/HealthCare/reports/manuals/MS-2031-ENG.pdf](http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/HealthCare/reports/manuals/MS-2031-ENG.pdf).

**RECRUITING AND RETAINING DENTAL VOLUNTEERS: A VOLUNTEERS IN HEALTH CARE GUIDE**

Hanson, S. H., and Goldin, G. L. 2002. *Recruiting and retaining dental volunteers: A Volunteers in Health Care guide*. Pawtucket, RI: Volunteers in Health Care. 39 pp.

This manual presents some of the challenges of creating a dental program using volunteers and identifies approaches for recruiting and retaining volunteers. Chapter topics include an overview of the state of dentistry; motivations for volunteering; steps to complete before starting the recruitment process; methods for attracting, recruiting, and retaining volunteers; and tips to remember. The manual also contains sample recruitment letters and provider agreements and a list of useful Web sites and readings.

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field reports/case studies. The two appendices offer lists of useful Web sites and readings.

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**SAFETY NET DENTAL CLINICS IN ILLINOIS: THEIR ROLE IN ORAL HEALTH CARE**

Byck, G. R., Russinof, H. J., and Cooksey, J. A. 2002. *Safety net dental clinics in Illinois: Their role in oral health care*. Chicago, IL: Illinois Regional Health Workforce Center, University of Illinois at Chicago. 32 pp.

This report provides a framework for understanding whether safety net dental clinics can positively affect access to oral health care in their communities. The report describes (1) safety net dental clinics in Illinois; (2) care provided, including types of services offered, personnel, and patients; (3) clinic resources; and (4) barriers clinics face in providing care. Report sections include study methodology, results, and limitations. The appendices offer examples of Illinois programs that support safety net dental clinics, a list and a map of Illinois safety net dental clinics, a list of stakeholder groups, and the survey questionnaire. References are provided.

**Contact:** University of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois Regional Health Workforce Center, 850 West Jackson Boulevard, Suite 400, Chicago, IL 60607-3025. Telephone: (312) 996-0703; fax: (312) 996-0065; Web site: [www.uic.edu/sph/ichws](http://www.uic.edu/sph/ichws). Available at no charge from the Web site at [www.uic.edu/sph/ichws/il%20safety%20net%20.pdf](http://www.uic.edu/sph/ichws/il%20safety%20net%20.pdf).

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**STARTING A DENTAL PROGRAM FOR THE UNINSURED**

Volunteers in Health Care. 2002. *Starting a dental program for the uninsured*. Pawtucket, RI: Volunteers in Health Care. 49 pp.

This manual is designed to help those seeking to develop a dental program or clinic, expand services of an existing program or clinic, or set up a referral network of participating dentists. Topics include assessing the community's and agency's current resources, identifying existing barriers, and creating a strategic plan for the project. The manual contains sample checklists and

**MEETINGS/CONFERENCES**

**AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY (AAPD) AND HRSA/MCHB: FORUM ON ENHANCING PARTNERSHIPS FOR HEAD START AND ORAL HEALTH**

University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, Department of Community Dentistry, and Health Systems Research. 2002. *American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) and HRSA/MCHB: Forum on Enhancing Partnerships for Head Start and Oral Health*. Washington, DC: Health Systems Research. 15 pp.

This report summarizes the group discussion that took place at a national oral health forum held on August 1, 2002, in Chicago, Illinois. Topics include promising practices, challenges and issues, opportunities, and recommendations for how professional organizations and agencies can work together to improve the oral health of children enrolled in Head Start. An agenda and a participant list are included. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**THE ARKANSAS EARLY HEAD START/HEAD START ORAL HEALTH FORUMS AND ACTION PLAN**

Arkansas Office of Oral Health. 2002. *The Arkansas Early Head Start/Head Start oral health forums and action plan*. Little Rock, AR: Arkansas Office of Oral Health. 10 pp.

This report presents information on three Early Head Start/Head Start oral health forums sponsored by the Arkansas Office of Oral Health. The report includes the forum statement of need and information on planning methodology, participants, funding, and evaluation. The report also offers a summary of the identified barriers to optimum oral health for children enrolled in Head Start and an outline of the action plan and goals. The appendices include forum notices, a registration form, and an evaluation form. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**BLUEPRINT FOR ORAL HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE**

Social Entrepreneurs. 2002. *Blueprint for oral health infrastructure*. Oakland, CA: Dental Health Foundation. 41 pp.

This report describes the results of a partnership between the California Dental Association, California's Department of Health Services, and the Dental Health Foundation to convene a strategic meeting of oral health stakeholders for the purpose of designing a blueprint for an effective public oral health infrastructure at the local, regional, and state levels. The design incorporates structure and content from existing documents as well as feedback from key stakeholders. Chapter topics include defining the problem, the blueprint design, essential function strategies, and next steps. The appendix contains a list of meeting participants.

**Contact:** Dental Health Foundation, 520 Third Street, Suite 205, Oakland, CA 94607. Telephone: (510) 663-3727; fax: (510) 663-3733; e-mail: tdhf@pacbell.net; Web site: www.dentalhealthfoundation.org. Available at no charge from the Web site at www.dentalhealthfoundation.org/documents/California%20Oral%20Public%20Health%20Blueprint%20final.pdf.

**ENHANCING PARTNERSHIPS FOR HEAD START AND ORAL HEALTH: REGION VI FORUM—DALLAS, TEXAS, FEBRUARY 20–21, 2002**

Health Systems Research. 2002. *Enhancing Partnerships for Head Start and Oral Health: Region VI Forum—Dallas, Texas, February 20–21, 2002*. Washington, DC: Health Systems Research. 10 items.

This participant folder includes materials for the region VI oral health forum held on February 20–21, 2002, in Dallas, Texas. 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 folder contains a description of the forum goals, an agenda, a participant list, and an evaluation form. Five fact sheets from the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center, an article reprint on pediatric oral health disease, and a resource list from the 1999 Head Start-WIC-HRSA-HCFA Forum on Early Childhood Oral Health are also included. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**ENHANCING PARTNERSHIPS FOR HEAD START AND ORAL HEALTH: REGION VIII FORUM—DENVER, COLORADO, MAY 14–15, 2002**

Health Systems Research. 2002. *Enhancing Partnerships for Head Start and Oral Health: Region VIII Forum—Denver, Colorado, May 14–15, 2002*. Washington, DC: Health Systems Research. 10 items.

This participant folder includes materials for the region VIII oral health forum held on December 4–5, 2001, in Denver, Colorado. 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 folder includes a description of the forum goals, an agenda, a participant list, a small group discussion list, and an evaluation form. Five fact sheets from the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center, an article reprint on pediatric oral health disease, and a resource list from the 1999 Head Start-WIC-HRSA-HCFA Forum on Early Childhood Oral

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**ENHANCING PARTNERSHIPS FOR HEAD START AND ORAL HEALTH: REPORT FOR REGION VI FORUM—DALLAS, TEXAS, FEBRUARY 20–21, 2002**

Steffensen, J. 2002. *Enhancing Partnerships for Head Start and Oral Health: Report for Region VI Forum—Dallas, Texas, February 20–21, 2002*. Washington, DC: Health Systems Research. 30 pp.

This report describes the activities of the region VI oral health forum held on February 20–21, 2002, in Dallas, Texas. 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 includes background information on previous forums; summaries of the plenary sessions; summaries of the group discussions on access to oral health care, education, and prevention; and a discussion of next steps. Appendices provide the forum's goals, an agenda, and a participant list. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**ENHANCING PARTNERSHIPS FOR HEAD START AND ORAL HEALTH: REPORT FOR REGION VII FORUM—KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, DECEMBER 4–5, 2001**

Steffensen, J. 2002. *Enhancing Partnerships for Head Start and Oral Health: Report for Region VII Forum—Kansas City, Missouri, December 4–5, 2001*. Washington, DC: Health Systems Research. 25 pp.

This report describes the activities of the region VII oral health forum held on December 4–5, 2001, in Kansas City, Missouri. 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 includes information on previous forums, summaries of the plenary sessions, summaries of small group discussions of key issues and challenges, an outline of promising practices and strategies, and a discussion of next steps. Appendices provide the forum's goals, an agenda, and a participant list. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**ENHANCING PARTNERSHIPS FOR HEAD START AND ORAL HEALTH: REPORT FOR REGION VIII FORUM—DENVER, COLORADO, MAY 14–15, 2002**

Steffensen, J. 2002. *Enhancing Partnerships for Head Start and Oral Health: Report for Region VIII Forum—Denver, Colorado, May 14–15, 2002*. Washington, DC: Health Systems Research. 44 pp.

This report describes the activities of the region VIII oral health forum held on May 14–15, 2002, in Denver, Colorado. 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 includes background information on previous forums; summaries of the plenary sessions; summaries of small group discussions on access to oral health care, education, and prevention; and a discussion of next steps. Appendices provide a list of the Department of Health and Human Services regions, a discussion of the forum's goals, an agenda, and a participant list. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**FINAL REPORT ON HEAD START ORAL HEALTH FORUM**

Marshall Islands Ministry of Health. 2003. *Final report on Head Start Oral Health Forum*. Majuro, MH: Marshall Islands Ministry of Health. 10 pp.

This report describes the activities of an oral health forum held on October 30 through November 1, 2002, in the Marshall Islands. The report includes information on challenges to addressing the oral health needs of children enrolled in the Head Start program and efforts to plan and implement a forum of key stakeholders to address these challenges. The action plan, presented in the report, addresses efforts to increase knowledge about early childhood caries among key stakeholders and the community and identifies the Head Start program's responsibilities related to oral health, such as training staff and developing a referral system. The report also offers information on existing program resources and challenges for the future. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**GIVING CHILDREN A REASON TO SMILE: STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH IN NEW YORK STATE**

Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy. 2002. *Giving children a reason to smile: Strategies to improve children's oral health in New York State*. Albany, NY: Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy. 16 pp.

This report of the 2002 New York State Children's Dental Summit presents facts and figures on children's oral health in New York and strategies that state government officials, health professionals, and children's advocates could consider as part of a plan to address disparities in oral health. Strategies are presented in four categories: school-based oral health, the dental work force, access to dental care, and professional and public education. An executive summary, a conclusion statement, references, and a list of summit attendees are included in the report. Facts and figures are presented in graphs throughout the report. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

**Contact:** Bridget Walsh. Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy, 150 State Street, Fourth Floor, Albany, NY 12207. Telephone: (518) 463-1896; fax: (518) 463-0064; e-mail: bwalsh@scaany.org; Web site: www.scaany.org. Available at no charge from the Web site at www.scaany.org/dental\_summit.pdf.

**KANSAS EARLY CHILDHOOD ORAL HEALTH FORUM**

Kansas Head Start Association. 2002. *Kansas Early Childhood Oral Health Forum*. Topeka, KS: Kansas Head Start Association. 17 pp.

This report describes the activities of the oral health forum held on December 6, 2002, in Topeka, Kansas. The forum's purpose was to develop an action plan, including recommended strategies and roles for key players, to address the oral health needs of young children, especially children enrolled in Head Start. A background justification statement and information on the planning process, methods, follow-up steps, costs, challenges, and resource needs are presented. Appendix A outlines the action plan and offers information on outcomes and strategies in the areas of access, policy and financing, and prevention and education. Appendix B outlines recommendations. The report concludes with a list of participants, arranged by task force responsibilities. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**LOUISIANA'S ORAL HEALTH SUMMIT 2002**

Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Oral Health Program. 2002. *Louisiana's Oral Health Summit 2002*. New Orleans, LA: Oral Health Program, Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals. 13 pp.

This report summarizes the oral health summit held on December 6, 2002, in New Orleans, Louisiana. The purpose of the summit was to assemble oral health leaders and policymakers to address issues including access to oral health care, infrastructure, education, and financing of care. Discussion focused first on the oral



health needs of children in general and then on the needs of children enrolled in Head Start. The report provides information on the oral health needs of children, including children enrolled in Head Start, as well as on the oral health needs of pregnant women, adults, the elderly, and individuals with special needs. The report concludes with a discussion of dental provider participation in Medicaid. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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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**

Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration, Administration on Children and Families, Migrant and Seasonal Program Branch, and Region XII Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Quality Improvement Center. 2003. *Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Region XII Oral Health Forum: Enhancing Partnerships for Migrant and Seasonal Head Start and Oral Health*. Rockville, MD: Health Resources and Services Administration. 13 items.

This participant folder includes materials from the oral health forum held on February 6, 2003, in Washington, DC. The purpose of the forum was to review oral health challenges and opportunities for children enrolled in migrant and seasonal Head Start programs, identifying issues, promising practices, strategies, and action steps. Materials include the forum goals, an agenda, a participant list, instructions for small group discussions, a meeting evaluation form, and various background materials produced by the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center and the Head Start Bureau. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**ORAL HEALTH ACTION PLAN**

Illinois Head Start Association. 2002. *Oral health action plan*. Mahomet, IL: Illinois Head Start Association. 10 pp.

This action plan is derived from meetings held throughout Illinois to identify barriers, discuss solutions, and build support for improving oral health services for children enrolled in the Early Head Start/Head Start programs. Topics include improving system capacity, curricula development, public education about oral health, partnership and leadership development, and developing oral health needs assessments. Lists of meeting participants and panelists are provided. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**POLICY ACADEMY: IMPROVING ORAL HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN**

National Governors Association, Center for Best Practices. 2002. *Policy academy: Improving oral health care for children*. Washington, DC: Center for Best Practices, National Governors Association. 1 v. (various pagings).

These materials provide information on a series of policy academies convened by the National Governors Association in 2000 and 2001 to enhance states' ability to meet the oral health needs of children from families with low incomes. The materials serve as a resource for states seeking to incorporate the lessons learned from the academies into their own action plans. The materials include a description of the policy academies, news releases, agendas for three of the academies, faculty and state attendee lists, a faculty guide, a planning guide, a homework assignment, talking points, and PowerPoint presentations. Topics include the development of an oral health action plan for children, states' visions of future issues and challenges, an assessment of the current reality in the states, priorities and goals, strategies, and action steps.

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**WASHINGTON STATE ORAL HEALTH SUMMIT:  
OCTOBER 4, 2002 MEETING NOTES**

Washington State Oral Health Coalition. 2002. *Washington State Oral Health Summit: October 4, 2002 meeting notes*. Olympia, WA: Washington State Oral Health Coalition. 38 pp.

This report describes the activities of the oral health summit held on October 4, 2002, in SeaTac, Washington. The purpose of the summit was to increase the visibility of oral health issues among policymakers and to influence policy to support oral health. The document contains an agenda, a list of sponsors and planning committee members, summaries and notes from each breakout session, and a list of attendees. Topics include the relationship between oral and general health, increasing access to care for Medicaid clients, bridging the gap between oral health and education, and expanding the work force to provide oral health services.

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**WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE CHILDREN'S  
SMILES: 2002 PACIFIC EHS/HS ORAL HEALTH  
FORUM—FINAL REPORT**

Pacific Basin Dental Association. 2002. *Working together to improve children's smiles: 2002 Pacific EHS/HS Oral Health Forum—Final report*. Koror, PW: Pacific Basin Dental Association. 34 pp.

This report describes activities of the Pacific Basin oral health forum held on November 14–15, 2002, in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia. Participating jurisdictions included Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, American

Samoa, and the four federated states of Micronesia. The purpose of the forum was to (1) develop model partnerships between Head Start programs and divisions of oral health for Pacific jurisdictions; (2) share ideas, best practices, and collaborative solutions to oral health problems among young children in these jurisdictions; (3) identify strategies and key roles for stakeholders and other entities for action; and (4) develop strategic action plans specific to each participating jurisdiction in the form of model Early Head Start oral health programs, as well as to strengthen current Head Start oral health programs. The report presents information on the forum planning process, activities, and participants. The appendices provide action plans from each of the jurisdictions, the forum invitation letter, an agenda, and a participant list. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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**WYOMING EARLY HEAD START/HEAD START ORAL  
HEALTH FORUM REPORT**

Wyoming Head Start, State Collaboration Project. 2002. *Wyoming Early Head Start/Head Start Oral Health Forum report*. Laramie, WY: State Collaboration Project, Wyoming Head Start. 13 pp.

This report describes the activities of the oral health forum held on October 23–24, 2002, in Laramie, Wyoming. The purpose of the forum was to focus on improving the oral health status of children enrolled in Early Head Start/Head Start programs. Topics include a review of national, regional, and state oral health issues and activities; the shortage of dental providers in the state; and the lack of access to and funding for oral health care in the state. The report also includes a list of forum participants, a summary, and an addendum providing background information on participants. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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## RESEARCH

### FLUORIDE TOOTHPASTES FOR PREVENTING DENTAL CARIES IN CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

Marinho, V. C. C., Higgins, J. P. T., Sheiham, A., and Logan, S. 2003. *Fluoride toothpastes for preventing dental caries in children and adolescents*. Oxford, UK: Cochrane Library. 82 pp.

This report presents a review of the literature on fluoride toothpastes. The objectives of the studies selected for this review were to (1) determine the effectiveness and safety of fluoride toothpaste in preventing dental caries in children and adolescents and (2) examine whether the effect of fluoride toothpaste is influenced by the initial level of caries severity, the background exposure to fluoride, or fluoride concentration or application features. The report describes study methodological quality and results and provides conclusions on implications for practice and research. Study characteristics and findings are presented in tables, summaries, and graphs throughout the report. A bibliography of the studies identified in the literature review is included.

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### GUIDE TO COMMUNITY PREVENTIVE SERVICES: ORAL HEALTH—ECONOMIC EVALUATION FINDINGS

Task Force on Community Preventive Services. 2002. *Guide to community preventive services: Oral health—Economic evaluation findings*. Atlanta, GA: Community Guide Branch, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. 1 p.

This document summarizes an economic evaluation of the cost-effectiveness ratio or program cost per averted decayed, missing, or filled tooth surface. A table describes summary measures and comparison groups for two interventions: community water fluoridation and school sealant programs.

