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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.

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OHRC is committed to continuing to provide effective mechanisms for sharing information about materials that enhance oral health programs and services. If you have materials that you feel would be useful for program development, implementation, or evaluation, please become part of this process. Materials such as 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

CONSUMER MATERIALS

BRUSH UP ON HEALTHY TEETH

Florida Department of Health, Public Health Dental Program. 2004. *Brush up on healthy teeth*. Tallahassee, FL: Florida Department of Health, Public Health Dental Program. 2 pp.

This illustrated fact sheet includes oral health tips and a true-or-false quiz for parents with six questions on oral health habits and the importance of early oral health care. Topics include cleaning teeth when the first tooth erupts, using the right amount of fluoridated toothpaste, parental supervision of toothbrushing, and talking to the dentist about fluoride needs.

Contact: Joyce Hughes. Florida Department of Health, Public Health Dental Program, HSFDF, Bin #A14, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1724. Telephone: (850) 245-4333; fax: (850) 414-7552; e-mail: Joyce_Hughes@doh.state.fl.us; Web site: <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/family/dental>. Available at no charge. Also available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/family/dental/materials/brushup.pdf>.

EASY STEPS TO ORAL HEALTH

Children's Oral Health Program of Monterey County. 2002. *Easy steps to oral health*. Ventura, CA: Educational Message Services. 3 videotapes, 1 DVD.

This set of three videotapes and one DVD provides information for young children and their families about oral health and good oral health habits. The videotapes are titled (1) My Trip to the Dentist, (2) Look at My Teeth, and (3) Cavity-Free Families. Topics include toothbrushing and the importance of using fluoridated toothpaste, using dental floss, and visiting the dentist regularly. Each videotape contains one segment in English and one segment in Spanish. The DVD includes the programs in endless loop formats in both English and Spanish.

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GOOD HEALTH STARTS HERE: HEALTHY STARTS FOR GROWING SMILES—PRENATAL, INFANCY, AND EARLY CHILDHOOD

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. 2003. *Good health starts here: Healthy starts for growing smiles—Prenatal, infancy, and early childhood*. Chicago, IL: American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. 2 pp.

This brochure provides tips on developing and maintaining good oral health habits during pregnancy, infancy, and early childhood. Topics include the importance of oral hygiene, dental visits, fluoride, and diet and nutrition.

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HEALTHY MOUTH, HEALTHY BODY, HEALTHY PREGNANCY

Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Oral Health Program. 2003. *Healthy mouth, healthy body, healthy pregnancy*. New Orleans, LA: Oral Health Program. 2 pp.

This brochure highlights the importance of proper oral health and oral health habits during pregnancy. It also advises women to seek eligibility for oral health care access through Medicaid.

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ORAL HEALTH FACT SHEETS: INFORMATION FOR CONSUMERS

Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Oral Health Program. 2004. *Oral health fact sheets: Information for consumers*. Madison, WI: Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Oral Health Program. 19 pp.

This set of oral health fact sheets contains information on early childhood caries, dental amalgam, dental sealants, dietary fluoride supplements, water fluoridation, fluorosis, primary and permanent tooth development, oral cancer, and smokeless tobacco. Each fact sheet provides a brief description of the topic and prevention measures. The fact sheet on tooth development is illustrated.

Contact: Warren LeMay. 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; e-mail: lemaywr@dhfs.state.wi.us; Web site: http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/Health/Oral_Health. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/Health/Oral_Health/factsheets.htm.

PARENT HANDOUTS

Healthy Smiles Project. 2002. *Parent handouts*. Seattle, WA: Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center. 3 pp.

These three one-page handouts offer oral health tips for parents of infants and children in three age groups: birth to 24 months, age 2, and ages 3 to 6. The first handout focuses on infant oral health care, including wiping the infant's gums; proper use of bottles, juice, formula, and water; checking teeth often; and asking about fluoride once teeth have erupted. The second handout focuses on early childhood caries and offers tips for preventing caries in young children. The third handout presents tips on keeping teeth healthy in preschool-age children, for example, by brushing teeth regularly and scheduling oral health visits, and tips on ways to prevent tooth injury during physical activity and while riding in a vehicle. The sheets are available in English, Chinese, Russian, Somali, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

Contact: Patty Centioli. Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center, P.O. Box 5371, 4800 Sand Point Way, N.E., Seattle, WA 98105-0371. Telephone:

(206) 987-5735; e-mail: Patty.Centioli@SeattleChildrens.org; Web site: <http://www.seattlechildrens.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.seattlechildrens.org/child_health_safety/health_safety_resources/oral.asp.

PROBLEM: ORAL DISEASE, SOLUTION: FLUORIDE CAMPAIGN MATERIALS

Citizens' Watch for Oral Health. 2004. *Problem: Oral disease, Solution: Fluoride campaign materials*. Seattle, WA: Washington Dental Service Foundation. 3 posters (8.5 x 11 inches).

These three posters discuss the benefits and cost effectiveness of public water fluoridation for the residents of Washington. Statistical information is provided on the costs of water fluoridation versus the costs of dental caries.

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START MOTHERHOOD WITH A HEALTHY MOUTH

Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies. 2003. *Start motherhood with a healthy mouth*. Seattle, WA: Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Washington State. 2 pp.

This bookmark for pregnant women discusses the importance of good oral health and nutrition during and after pregnancy. It includes tips for preventing gum disease during pregnancy, when to talk with an oral health professional and what to talk about, and steps for preventing dental caries in infants. The bookmark is available in English, Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, and Somali.

Contact: Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Washington State, 11000 Lake City Way, N.E., Suite 301, Seattle, WA 98125. Telephone: (800) 322-2588, (206) 284-2465; e-mail: info@hmhbwa.org; Web site: <http://www.hmhbwa.org>. Available at no charge in Washington state; may be ordered online.

TAKE CARE OF YOUR TEETH EVERY DAY (BECAUSE EVERY DAY YOUR TEETH TAKE CARE OF YOU)

Florida Department of Health, Public Health Dental Program. 2004. *Take care of your teeth every day (because every day your teeth take care of you)*. Tallahassee, FL: Florida Department of Health, Public Health Dental Program. 2 pp.

This brochure for parents focuses on the importance of good oral health care at any age. Topics include dental caries, periodontal disease, fluoride, dental sealants, oral health care for infants and young children, self-care and prevention, and visiting the dentist. The brochure is available in English and Spanish.

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TAKING CARE OF YOUR CHILD'S BABY TEETH: DENTAL CARE BASICS FOR CHILDREN BIRTH TO SIX YEARS

Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Washington State and Delta Dental, Washington Dental Service Foundation. 2004. *Taking care of your child's baby teeth: Dental care basics for children birth to six years*. Seattle, WA: Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Washington State. 2 pp.

This brochure provides advice about oral health care for parents of infants and children from birth through age 5. Topics include teething, gum cleaning and toothbrushing, the use of bottles, fluoride products, checking for white or brown spots on teeth, the causes of dental caries, and tips for preventing caries. The brochure is available in English and Spanish.

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WHAT TO DO FOR HEALTHY TEETH: EASY TO READ, EASY TO USE

Mestman, S. S., and Herman, A. D. 2004. *What to do for healthy teeth: Easy to read, easy to use*. Whittier, CA: Institute for Healthcare Advancement. 197 pp.

This book provides consumers with information about good oral health habits. Topics include care of the mouth; teeth and gums; oral health care and cleaning; a healthy diet; pregnancy; infant's, children's, and adolescents' teeth; adults; emergencies; and illness and the teeth. A word list and an index are provided.

Contact: Institute for Healthcare Advancement, 501 South Idaho Street, Suite 300, La Habra, CA 90631. Telephone: (562) 690-4001, (800) 434-4633; fax: (562) 690-8988; e-mail: booksales@iha4health.org; Web site: <http://www.iha4health.org>. \$12.95, plus shipping and handling. ISBN 0-97201-480-2.

MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT CONSENSUS CONFERENCE: SPECIAL ISSUE

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. 2004. Behavior Management Consensus Conference: Special issue. *Pediatric Dentistry* 26(2):110-206.

This special issue of *Pediatric Dentistry* focuses on the Behavior Management for the Pediatric Dental Patient Conference and Workshop held on November 21-23, 2003, in Chicago, Illinois. The conference reviewed current behavior management techniques and philosophies, determined how they fit in today's society, and discussed their implications for the future. The issue includes nine conference papers. Topics include challenges of managing child behavior in the 21st century, the changing nature of parenting, pharmacological management of the pediatric dental patient, insurance issues, a survey of behavior-management teaching, and a survey of behavior-management techniques. The panel reports section includes four reports discussing rationales for behavior-management techniques in pediatric dentistry, third-party payer issues, legal issues associated with behavior management in the dental office, and education issues. Introductory comments are included, as are research abstracts for the 2004 annual session.

Contact: American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Suite 700, Chicago, IL

60611-2663. Telephone: (312) 337-2169; fax: (312) 337-6329; Web site: <http://www.aapd.org>. \$25.00, plus shipping and handling for single issues.

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

Maternal and Child Health Bureau and Administration on Children and Families, Boston Regional Office. 2004. *Charting a Future Course: A Region I Forum on Head Start and Oral Health*. Boston, MA: Maternal and Child Health Bureau and Administration on Children and Families. 24 items.

This folder includes materials provided to participants in the Region I Head Start oral health forum held on June 10–11, 2003, in Manchester, New Hampshire. Materials include an outline of the forum goals, the agenda, two participant lists, a handout on Head Start and oral health collaborations, a policy statement from the American Academy of Pediatrics on oral health assessment and the establishment of a dental home, printed slides from presentations on training and Head Start state perspectives, and a meeting evaluation form. Also included are a group discussion list and instructions; regional forum maps; a job description for a regional Head Start oral health consultant; and other supporting handouts outlining data, selected oral health standards, and access to oral health care issues. Six fact sheets from the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center and information from the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors on oral health forums, including a request for proposals for initial forums, 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: A REGION IV FORUM—MAY 13–14, 2004, ATLANTA, GA

Administration for Children and Families and Maternal and Child Health Bureau. 2004. *Enhancing Partnerships for Head Start and Oral Health: A Region IV*

Forum—May 13–14, 2004, Atlanta, GA. Washington, DC: Administration for Children and Families and Maternal and Child Health Bureau. 20 items.

This folder contains materials provided to participants in the Region IV Head Start oral health forum held on May 13–14, 2004, in Atlanta, Georgia. Topics include assessing access to care, health education, and preventive and clinical services; developing a regional strategic plan to include promising practices for addressing challenges; identifying strategies and key roles of regional agencies and other entities for future action; and contributing to the national strategic plan to improve the oral health of children and families enrolled in Early Head Start and Head Start. Contents include the meeting goals and agenda, a participant list and instructions for the small group discussions, a handout on collaborative projects, a chart and survey of Region IV oral health performance indicators, two slide presentation printouts, the meeting evaluation form, the participant list, a descriptive overview of Region IV, two handouts on oral health forums from the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors, seven handouts on oral health and children from the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center, and one issue of the Head Start Bulletin. [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 IV FORUM—ATLANTA, GA, MAY 13–14, 2004

Hopewell, A., Sternesky, L., and Steffensen, J. 2004. *Enhancing Partnerships for Head Start and Oral Health: Report for Region IV Forum—Atlanta, GA, May 13–14, 2004*. Washington, DC: Health Systems Research. 70 pp.

This report describes the Region IV Head Start oral health forum held on May 13–14, 2004, in Atlanta, Georgia. Contents include an executive summary, background of and introduction to the forum, national and regional perspectives on the history and vision for Head Start oral health services, a summary of the

panel discussion on opportunities and challenges in enhancing oral health in the region, a road map for the goals and processes of the forum, small group discussion summaries, and closing remarks and next steps. Discussion topics include prevention, access to oral health care, and oral health education and promotion both within and outside Head Start. Appendices include a map of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services regions, the forum agenda, a participant list, and group discussion issue outlines and priorities. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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ENHANCING THE DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE: FEBRUARY 26-27, 2004

Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 2004. *Enhancing the Dental Public Health Workforce and Infrastructure: February 26-27, 2004*. Jefferson City, MO: Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 50 pp.

This report summarizes the meeting held on February 26-27, 2004, in Washington, DC, to increase awareness and knowledge of dental public health work force issues and to develop a draft national action plan to increase capacity to recruit and retain a diverse and competent dental public health work force. Report contents include an executive summary; a list of presenters, facilitators, and partner organization staff; a participant list; a glossary; an outline of the workshop's goals, objectives, and anticipated outcomes; the program agenda; a background paper; and summaries of responses to the organizational self-assessment completed by invited organizations. Additional workshop materials are available online.

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/index.php?template=workshop_table_of_contents.html.

FROM PROTOCOLS TO POLICY: A CONSENSUS CONFERENCE TO INCREASE CHILDREN'S ACCESS TO EARLY PREVENTIVE DENTAL SERVICES

Dental Health Foundation. 2003. *From Protocols to Policy: A Consensus Conference to Increase Children's Access to Early Preventive Dental Services*. Oakland, CA: Dental Health Foundation. 13 pp.

This brief describes the conference held on September 29, 2003, in Sacramento, California, to build consensus around a set of community-based strategies that can be adapted and used to drive policy aimed at increasing children's earlier access to preventive oral health services. Topics include causes of dental caries; prevention, risk assessment, and management of caries; infant oral health care; strategies and barriers to implementation of caries-prevention programs; and recommendations from panels on oral health, medicine, communities, and children with special health care needs. Appendices include rosters of committee members and conference participants; the conference agenda; and a chart of clinical protocols for caries prevention, assessment, and management. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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: <http://www.dentalhealthfoundation.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.dentalhealthfoundation.org/documents/CCReport.pdf>.

GEORGIA ORAL HEALTH SUMMIT

Georgia Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, Oral Health Section. 2002. *Georgia Oral Health Summit*. Macon, GA: Macon-Bibb County Health Department. 328 pp.

This notebook contains materials provided to participants in the oral health summit held on September 20, 2002, in Macon, Georgia. Contents include a list of sponsors and planners for the summit; information on program presentations, issues, and solutions; maps; an evaluation of the Georgia Oral Health Prevention Program and the Georgia Access to Dental Services Grant; state oral health information; and national oral health resources. Topics include an overview of the importance of good oral health; a review of oral health in Georgia, including state initiatives in planning, needs assessment, prevention, and treatment for all Georgia citizens; state program evaluations; and oral

health professionals' participation in state programs. The resources section includes information from *Healthy People 2010*, the Surgeon General, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other national agencies and organizations.

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HEAD START AND MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH—SHARING EXPERTISE TO IMPROVE THE ORAL HEALTH OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES: A MEETING SUMMARY

Louie, R., and Hopewell, A. 2004. *Head Start and Maternal and Child Health—Sharing Expertise to Improve the Oral Health of Children and Families: A Meeting Summary*. Washington, DC: Health Systems Research. 17 pp.

This publication summarizes a meeting held on March 31 and April 1, 2004, in Washington, DC, to discuss collaboration between the Head Start Bureau and the Maternal and Child Health Bureau for the purpose of responding to Early Head Start and Head Start grantees' needs in addressing program performance standards in oral health prevention, early intervention, and treatment. Sections include establishing the context for Head Start oral health partnerships; a description of the Head Start Bureau's new technical assistance system; building and sustaining oral health infrastructure at the national, regional, state, and local levels; a review of opportunities for future collaboration; and next steps. Appendices include a participant list, a chart of collaborative projects, state and regional maps, and a chart outlining a logic model for establishing a dental home. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START ORAL HEALTH FORUM: REACHING CONSENSUS, STRATEGIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION, PLAN OF ACTION—FINAL REPORT

Connecticut AHEC Program. 2003. *Head Start/Early Head Start Oral Health Forum: Reaching Consensus, Strategies for Implementation, Plan of Action—Final Report*. Farmington, CT: Connecticut AHEC Program. 36 pp.

This report summarizes the Head Start oral health forum held on June 23, 2003, in Southington, Connecticut, at which strategies were developed for improving the oral health of children enrolled in Early Head Start and Head Start in Connecticut. Contents include a narrative summary discussing background information on oral health for children in Connecticut; a description of the forum planning process and evaluation; the agenda; printed slides from a presentation on Head Start's role in Connecticut; a summary chart providing an overview of needs and issues, proposed activities, timelines, outcomes, agency responsibilities, evaluations, and comments; evaluation results; and a participant list.

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MAINE'S ORAL HEALTH CRISIS: DEVELOPING AN ACTION AGENDA FOR 2003–2004: MAINE ORAL HEALTH SUMMIT 2003 PRELIMINARY REPORT

Maine Oral Health Program. 2003. *Maine's Oral Health Crisis: Developing an Action Agenda for 2003–2004: Maine Oral Health Summit 2003 Preliminary Report*. Augusta, ME: Maine Oral Health Program. 13 pp.

This preliminary report describes the oral health summit held on April 7, 2003, in Augusta, Maine. The purpose of the summit was to develop goals and action plans to increase awareness of and access to oral health services and improve oral health in Maine. Contents include background information on the project and stakeholders, presentation summaries, workgroup summaries, meeting evaluation, follow-up activities, and outcomes. Workgroup topics include work force development, access expansion, MaineCare participation, and data and surveillance. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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next steps are outlined. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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ORAL HEALTH FORUM: JULY 20, 2004

District of Columbia Head Start Association. 2004. *Oral Health Forum: July 20, 2004*. Washington, DC: District of Columbia Head Start Association. 14 items.

This information package was provided to participants attending the Head Start oral health forum held on July 20, 2004, in Washington, DC. The package includes an agenda and information about presenters, the Early Childhood Caries Prevention Project, and children's oral health and Head Start. A printout of a PowerPoint presentation on the District of Columbia Oral Health Project, an oral health assessment form, an oral health survey form, and lessons designed to promote tooth-brushing among children and families are also included.

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STATE OF NEVADA HEAD START/EARLY CHILDHOOD ORAL HEALTH FORUM

Nevada Head Start Association and Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 2003. *State of Nevada Head Start/Early Childhood Oral Health Forum*. Jefferson City, MO: Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. 7 pp.

This report describes the Head Start oral health forum held on March 25, 2003, in Reno, Nevada, to address the oral health needs of young children, with an emphasis on children enrolled in Early Head Start and Head Start. Topics include background information on oral health problems in Nevada, the forum planning process and action plan development, oral health screening, gaps in Nevada's children's oral health program, and next steps. A brief budget outline is included.

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SOUTH DAKOTA ORAL HEALTH/HEAD START SUMMIT

South Dakota Oral Health Coalition. 2003. *South Dakota Oral Health/Head Start Summit*. Sioux Falls, SD: South Dakota Oral Health Coalition. 4 pp.

This report describes the Head Start oral health summit held on March 12, 2003, in Chamberlain, South Dakota. Part 1 discusses oral health challenges for children enrolled in Head Start in South Dakota, provides a picture of oral health in the state, and reviews projects initiated by the South Dakota Oral Health Coalition. Part 2 describes the topics addressed at breakout sessions on expanding access for children. These topics include mobile dental units and other prevention activities, dental work force recruitment, expanding access for children with special health care needs, collaboration between medical and dental care providers, and sources of funding for innovative programs. An action plan and

POLICY

THE 2004 REPORT TO THE SECRETARY: RURAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE ISSUES

National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services. 2004. *The 2004 report to the secretary: Rural health and human service issues*. Washington, DC: National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services. 45 pp.

This report presents an overview of three important issues affecting health and human service delivery in rural communities: behavioral health and primary care coordination, access to oral health care, and access to human services for the elderly. The report analyzes each issue and provides recommendations to address them. The report includes lists of committee members, tables, maps, references, and acronyms.

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AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PERIODONTOLOGY STATEMENT REGARDING PERIODONTAL MANAGEMENT OF THE PREGNANT PATIENT

American Academy of Periodontology, Task Force on Periodontal Treatment of Pregnant Women. 2004. American Academy of Periodontology statement regarding periodontal management of the pregnant patient. *Journal of Periodontology* 75(3):495.

This statement presents recommendations for periodontal examinations of women who are pregnant or planning pregnancy. It includes information on research findings, preventive oral health care and services, and diagnosis and treatment considerations for pregnant women.

Contact: American Academy of Periodontology, 737 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60611-2690. Telephone: (312) 787-5518; fax: (312) 787-3670; e-mail: aapsite@perio.org; Web site: <http://www.perio.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.perio.org/resources-products/pdf/44-pregnancy.pdf>.

COMMUNITY WATER FLUORIDATION

American Dental Association, Council on Access, Prevention, and Interprofessional Relations. 2003. *Community water fluoridation*. Chicago, IL: American Dental Association, Council on Access, Prevention, and Interprofessional Relations. 1 videotape.

This videotape, which is based on a summary of relevant published articles, answers frequently asked questions about community water fluoridation. Topics include a brief history of water fluoridation in the United States and its importance in preventing dental caries in children and adults.

Contact: Nicole Stoufflet. American Dental Association, Council on Access, Prevention, and Interprofessional Relations, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611-2678. Telephone: (312) 440-2860, (312) 440-2858; fax: (312) 440-4640, (312) 440-4640; e-mail: stouffletn@ada.org; Web site: <http://www.ada.org>. \$45.00 members, \$67.50 nonmembers; plus shipping and handling.

EVALUATION OF STRATEGIES TO RECRUIT ORAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO UNDERSERVED AREAS OF CALIFORNIA

Mertz, E., Anderson, G., Grumbach, K., and O'Neil, E. 2004. *Evaluation of strategies to recruit oral health care providers to underserved areas of California*. San Francisco, CA: University of California, San Francisco, Center for California Health Workforce Studies. 54 pp.

This report evaluates the impact of California's many programs to recruit and train oral health professionals for service in underserved areas in the state. Topics include the practice environment, dental education, and the applicant pool. Policy recommendations for existing program expansions, new program expansions, data collection and program evaluation, and potential new models of oral health care are also presented.

Contact: University of California, San Francisco, Center for California Health Workforce Studies, 3333 California Street, Suite 410, San Francisco, CA 94118. Telephone: (415) 476-8181; fax: (415) 476-4113; Web site: <http://futurehealth.ucsf.edu/cchws.html>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://futurehealth.ucsf.edu/pdf_files/Dental%20Strategies%20Full%20Final%20Report.pdf.

GUIDELINES FOR INFECTION CONTROL IN DENTAL HEALTH-CARE SETTINGS—2003

Kohn, W. G., Collins, A. S., Cleveland, J. L., Harte, J. A., Eklund, K. J., and Malvitz, D. M. 2003. Guidelines for infection control in dental health-care settings—2003. *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report: Recommendations and Reports* 52(RR-17):1–66.

This issue of *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* consolidates previous recommendations and adds new ones for infection control in oral health care settings. Recommendations are provided on (1) educating and protecting oral health personnel, (2) preventing transmission of bloodborne pathogens, (3) hand hygiene, (4) personal protective equipment, (5) contact dermatitis and latex hypersensitivity, (6) sterilization and disinfection of patient care items, (7) environmental infection control, (8) oral health unit waterlines, biofilm, and water quality, and (9) special considerations. Additional information and resources are provided in sections on recommendations, Internet resources, and references. The appendices include sections on the regulatory framework for disinfectants and sterilants, immunizations strongly recommended for health professionals, and methods for sterilizing and disinfecting patient-care items and environmental surfaces. A special section provides information about continuing education credits.

Contact: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Mailstop F07, 1600 Clifton Road, Atlanta, GA 30333. Telephone: (404) 639-3534, (800) 311-3435, (404) 639-3311; e-mail: <http://www.cdc.gov/netinfo.htm>; Web site: <http://www.cdc.gov>. Available at no charge. Also available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/RR/RR5217.pdf>.

HEAD START COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES: A KEY SUPPORT FOR EARLY LEARNING IN POOR CHILDREN

Irish, K., Schumacher, R., and Lombardi, J. 2004. *Head Start comprehensive services: A key support for early learning in poor children*. Washington, DC: George Washington University, Center for Law and Social Policy. 8 pp.

This policy brief, the fourth in a series of Head Start Program Information Report (PIR) data analyses, describes the range of Head Start services to support families and early learning. The brief presents PIR data and, when possible, compares it to national data. Topics include children and families served, the comprehensive service concept, health services, and family

services and parental involvement. Statistical information is presented in figures throughout the brief.

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THE INTERFACE BETWEEN MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY IN MEETING THE ORAL HEALTH NEEDS OF YOUNG CHILDREN: EXPERT RESPONSES

Bailit, H., Barnard, S. C., Cunningham, P., Dienard, A., Gluck, M. E., Lawrence, P. R., Scandlen, G., Woods, P., and Wooten, D. J. 2003. *The interface between medicine and dentistry in meeting the oral health needs of young children: Expert responses*. Washington, DC: Children's Dental Health Project. 9 items.

This paper presents expert responses to a previously published white paper on the physician's role in improving the oral health of infants and children from birth through age 5 from families with low incomes. The paper, which is geared toward dentists, physicians, and other health professionals; policymakers; and the general public, discusses the potential for a collaborative approach by the dental and medical communities. The responses, each written by a different expert, present the strengths and weaknesses of the proposed collaboration and discuss other concerns and issues related to the provision of oral health care for infants and children from families with low incomes.

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/Index.asp?PA=3&XX=115&XX=153&XX=149&XX=140>.

MOVING FORWARD: HEAD START CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND PROGRAMS IN 2003

Hart, K., and Schumacher, R. 2004. *Moving forward: Head Start children, families, and programs in 2003*. Washington, DC: George Washington University, Center for Law and Social Policy. 7 pp.

This policy brief, the fifth in a series of Head Start Program Information Report data analyses, describes Early Head Start and Head Start programs for children and families in the 2002–2003 program year. Topics discussed include access to child health services; eligibility and services for children with special health care needs; services for pregnant women; parental employment, child care needs, and receipt of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families; service utilization; and race and ethnicity of children enrolled in Head Start and child development staff.

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ORAL HEALTH STRATEGIC PLAN FOR PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Chronic Diseases and Injury Prevention. 2002. *Oral health strategic plan for Pennsylvania*. Harrisburg, PA: Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Chronic Diseases and Injury Prevention, Division of Health Risk Reduction. 73 pp.

This report describes Pennsylvania's strategic plan to address the importance of oral health and the problems that exist in the state. The report is intended to serve as a catalyst for further development and implementation of action steps to improve oral health in general, with special attention to areas in which oral health disparities are most evident. Report sections include (1) assessment of the nature and magnitude of oral health problems in the state, (2) reducing financial barriers to oral health access and treatment, (3) prevention and treatment of oral diseases and conditions, (4) work force issues in the state, (5) special populations at greatest risk for poor oral health, and (6) fluoride and water fluoridation. Planning tables in each section offer short- and long-term recommendations.

Contact: Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Chronic Diseases and Injury Prevention, P.O. Box 90, Harrisburg, PA 17108-0090. Telephone: (717) 787-5900; Web site: <http://www.health.state.pa.us>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.dsf.health.state.pa.us/health/lib/health/oralhealth/FinalStrategicPlan.pdf>.

POSITION PAPER: PERIODONTAL DISEASES IN CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

Califano, J. V. 2003. Position paper: Periodontal diseases in children and adolescents. *Journal of Periodontology* 74(11):1696–1704.

This position paper, intended for use by health professionals and the public, presents a brief summary of the current state of knowledge about periodontal diseases in children and adolescents. Topics include dental plaque-induced gingival diseases, various stages and severity of periodontitis, and periodontitis as a manifestation of systemic diseases. A summary and an extensive list of references conclude the paper.

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A STATE POLICY AGENDA TO ELIMINATE RACIAL AND ETHNIC HEALTH DISPARITIES

McDonough, J. E., Gibbs, B. K., Scott-Harris, J. L., Kronebusch, K., Navarro, A. M., and Taylor, K. 2004. *A state policy agenda to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities*. New York, NY: Commonwealth Fund. 87 pp.

This report provides state policymakers with a menu of policy interventions that have been implemented to address disparities in minority health and health care. The report focuses on states' roles in advancing the disparities-elimination policy agenda. The report, which includes an executive summary, contains the following main sections: (1) key themes and findings from the state disparities agenda; (2) state infrastructure and capacity; and (3) health conditions and issues (asthma, cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, HIV/AIDS, immunization, infant mortality, injury prevention, mental health, obesity, physical activity, tobacco use, and oral health). Statistical information is presented in tables throughout the report.

Contact: Commonwealth Fund, One East 75th Street, New York, NY 10021-2692. Telephone: (888) 777-2744, (212) 606-3800; fax: (212) 606-3500; e-mail: cmwfm@cmwf.org; Web site: <http://www.cmwf.org>. Available at no charge. Also available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.cmwf.org/programs/minority/mcdonough_statepolicyagenda_746.pdf.

STATEMENT ON COMMUNITY WATER FLUORIDATION

Office of the Surgeon General. 2004. *Statement on community water fluoridation*. Rockville, MD: Office of the Surgeon General. 1 p.

This statement offers an endorsement of community water fluoridation. It presents information on the history and benefits of community water fluoridation in the United States, including research findings, brief statistics, and economic analysis. The continuing role of public health in enhancing the oral health of all Americans is also discussed.

Contact: Office of the Surgeon General, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 18-66, Rockville, MD 20857. Telephone: (301) 443-4000; Web site: <http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/index.html>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.cdc.gov/OralHealth/pdfs/SG_statement.pdf.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

HEALTHY SMILES: FACILITATOR'S GUIDE

Tuscarora Intermediate Unit 11, Adult Education Department. 2004. *Healthy Smiles: Facilitator's guide*. Lewistown, PA: Tuscarora Intermediate Unit 11, Adult Education Department. 50 pp.

This guide provides instruction materials for teaching adults with low literacy about oral health care for preschool-age children. Session plans include information on common oral conditions, oral health emergencies, toothbrushing and flossing, and dental visits. Session materials include discussion game cards about primary teeth, permanent teeth, dental caries, signs of gum disease, early childhood caries, tooth abscesses, mouth injuries, fluoride, tobacco use, dental sealants, and caries prevention. Additional illustrated handouts are provided, along with games, registration forms, sample surveys, and a selection of Web sites and print resources.

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 for loan.

ORAL HEALTH CARE FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: GUIDELINES FOR COMPREHENSIVE CARE

Fenton, S. J., Perlman, S., and Turner, H. (Eds.). 2003. *Oral health care for people with special needs: Guidelines for comprehensive care*. Boston, MA: Exceptional Parent. 46 pp.

This publication for health professionals compiles articles on oral health care for people with special health care needs. Articles discuss the oral health needs of children with mental retardation or other developmental disabilities and the lack of importance placed on their oral health care. Additional articles provide information on behavior-management techniques, diagnostic and treatment considerations, and professional challenges and responsibilities.

Contact: Exceptional Parent, 1170 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02134-4646. Telephone: (800) 742-4403; e-mail: eplibrary@aol.com; Web site: <http://www.eparent.com>. \$6.95, includes shipping and handling. May be ordered online at <http://www.eplibrary.com/specialreports>.

ORAL HEALTH FACT SHEETS: INFORMATION FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Oral Health Program. 2004. *Oral health fact sheets: Information for health care professionals*. Madison, WI: Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Oral Health Program. 5 pp.

These two fact sheets for health professionals focus on fluoride and its importance for oral health. The first fact sheet discusses the fluoride content of bottled, filtered, and conditioned or softened water. The second fact sheet identifies primary sources of fluoride and provides common questions and answers about fluoride in food and about fluoride supplements.

Contact: Warren LeMay, 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; e-mail: lemaywr@dhfs.state.wi.us; Web site: http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/Health/Oral_Health. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/Health/Oral_Health/factsheets.htm.

PEDIATRIC OFFICE GUIDE TO ORAL HEALTH CARE

Healthy Smiles Project. 2002. *Pediatric office guide to oral health care*. Seattle, WA: Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center. 8 pp.

This small flip chart is designed to help primary care physicians check for early childhood caries. Discussion topics, including toothbrushing, toothpaste, healthy food choices, and fluoride, assist physicians in talking with parents about oral health. Pictures illustrate what to look for during visual inspection, and descriptions of the appearance of mild, moderate, and severe dental caries are included.

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PRACTICAL ORAL CARE FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES: MAKING A DIFFERENCE (DENTAL PROVIDER'S KIT)

National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research. 2004. *Practical oral care for people with developmental disabilities: Making a difference (dental provider's kit)*. Bethesda, MD: National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research. 8 items.

This series of publications is designed to equip oral health professionals with information on delivering quality oral health care to people with special health care needs. Strategies for care covering topics such as mobility, neuromuscular and behavioral problems, sensory impairment, and other treatment considerations are discussed in the context of the general dental office setting. Individual booklets offer practical guidance on adapting standard practices for people with autism, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, and mental retardation. A publication for the oral health team on safe wheelchair transfer is also included. A guide for caregivers emphasizes the important role they play in maintaining good oral health for their family member or client.

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: NOHIC OP-83. Also available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.nohic.nidcr.nih.gov/poc/booklets.aspx>.

PROMOTING AWARENESS, PREVENTING PAIN: FACTS ON EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES (ECC) (2ND ED.)

Bertness, J., and Holt, K. 2004. *Promoting awareness, preventing pain: Facts on early childhood caries (ECC) (2nd ed.)*. Washington, DC: National Maternal and Child Health Oral Health Resource Center. 2 pp.

This fact sheet provides information on early childhood caries. It describes the causes of the problem, its impact on the child's health, and infection statistics. The fact sheet also lists prevention methods and offers recommendations for health professionals. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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WORKING TOGETHER TO MANAGE DIABETES: A GUIDE FOR PHARMACISTS, PODIATRISTS, OPTOMETRISTS, AND DENTAL PROFESSIONALS

National Diabetes Education Program Pharmacy, Podiatry, Optometry, and Dentistry Work Group. 2004. *Working together to manage diabetes: A guide for pharmacists, podiatrists, optometrists, and dental professionals*. Atlanta, GA: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Diabetes Education Program. 31 pp., 1 poster (8.5 x 11 inches).

This guide contains an interdisciplinary primer and color poster that promote a team approach to comprehensive diabetes care. The primer focuses on diabetes-related conditions affecting the feet, eyes, and mouth, as well as on issues related to drug-therapy management. The primer also provides simple care recommendations for health professionals in making cross-disciplinary treatment referrals. The poster, which is intended for use in examination or waiting rooms to help educate people on controlling "the ABCs of diabetes," presents specific actions people can take in collaboration with

pharmacists and eye, foot, and oral health professionals to control diabetes. Appendices include information on how to set up a referral system; blood glucose testing and requirements for laboratory testing; managing problems related to foot, eye, and oral health; and additional organizational and printed resources.

Contact: National Diabetes Education Program, One Diabetes Way, Bethesda, MD 20814-9296. Telephone: (301) 496-3583, (800) 438-5383; e-mail: ndep@info.nih.gov; Web site: <http://www.ndep.nih.gov>. Single copy of primer available at no charge, each additional copy \$1.00, limit 6 copies, document code: NDEP-54. Single copy of poster available at no charge, limit 1 copy, document code: NDEP-55. Also available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.ndep.nih.gov/diabetes/pubs/ppodprimer_color.pdf (primer) and http://www.ndep.nih.gov/diabetes/pubs/Final_Poster_5-04.pdf (poster).

PROGRAMS

CALIFORNIA HEAD START ORAL HEALTH GRANT REPORT

California Oral Health Planning Group. 2004. *California Head Start oral health grant report*. Sacramento, CA: California Oral Health Planning Group. 15 pp.

This report examines oral health issues confronting California Head Start programs and the children they serve. The report, which provides background for a Region IX oral health summit held on June 25–26, 2002, in Oakland, California, offers an overview of the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors grant used to fund the summit, describes current challenges facing California Head Start programs, outlines grant activities conducted in response to these challenges, outlines a Head Start oral health action plan, and offers next steps. Several attachments, including a list of oral health planning group members; a copy of a Head Start oral health survey instrument; descriptions of federal and state public policies, the regional training and technical assistance system, and cluster and agency activities; and PowerPoint presentations are also provided. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: California Head Start Association, 926 J Street, Suite 1119, Sacramento, CA 95814. Telephone: (916) 444-7760; fax: (916) 444-2257; Web site: <http://www.caheadstart.org>. Available at no charge

from the Web site at <http://caheadstart.org/Oral%20Health%20Report%20final%206-7-04.pdf>. PowerPoint presentations available at <http://www.caheadstart.org/dental.html>.

CHILDREN'S DENTAL SEALANT PROJECT (CDSP): FINAL REPORT

Cuevas, S. 2002. *Children's Dental Sealant Project (CDSP): Final report*. San Ysidro, CA: San Ysidro Health Center.

This final report presents the results of a project to provide a continuum of preventive oral health care services to children in five elementary schools in south, suburban San Diego County, California. The project was implemented in collaboration with the San Diego County Smiles Program, an early childhood caries prevention program. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH

Cochran, C., and Dougherty, K. H. 2002. *Children's oral health*. Vermillion, SD: South Dakota KIDS COUNT. 4 pp.

This fact sheet focuses on the oral health of children in South Dakota. Topics include the importance of good oral health and the role of prevention, the 2000 U.S. Surgeon General's report, the National Oral Health Surveillance System, the Oral Health America National Grading Project, South Dakota's oral health challenges, and strategies to improve the oral health status of all South Dakotans. Statistical information and endnotes are included.

Contact: University of South Dakota School of Business, Business Research Bureau, KIDS COUNT, 414 East Clark, Vermillion, SD 57069. Telephone: (605) 677-5287; fax: (605) 677-5427; e-mail: cocochran@usd.edu; Web site: <http://www.usd.edu/brbinfo/kc/index.htm>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.usd.edu/brbinfo/kc/pdf_files/childrensoralhealth.pdf.

**DENTAL REFERRAL BY MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS:
MEDICAID PROGRAM FOR PREGNANT WOMEN**

Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals and American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. 2004. *Dental referral by medical professionals: Medicaid program for pregnant women*. Baton Rouge, LA: Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals. 3 items.

This information package contains a letter, a referral form, and a laminated card for use by non-oral health professionals who provide prenatal care to pregnant women eligible for Medicaid oral health care services in Louisiana. The letter outlines the non-oral health professional's role in the success and continuation of the program, including (1) discussing oral health with each pregnant woman eligible for Medicaid and determining whether a referral for oral health services is required, (2) entering an ICD-9 code on the claim form each time a referral is made, (3) completing the Referral for Pregnancy Related Dental Services form, and (4) giving the pregnant woman the completed original referral form. The laminated card provides clinical signs of periodontal disease and instructions for making oral health care referrals.

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EMBRACING OUR FUTURE: HEALTH SERVICES AND HEAD START

Head Start Bureau. 2004. *Embracing our future: Health services and Head Start*. Washington, DC: Head Start Bureau. 1 videotape, 1 videotape guide (16 pp.).

This resource kit, which focuses on Head Start health services, includes an 18-minute videotape and a videotape guide. The videotape shows how Early Head Start and Head Start are making a difference in the lives of four children and their families. These stories illustrate the primary health services that children and families receive while enrolled in Head Start. The videotape guide reinforces key messages from the videotape and provides a basic description of health services in Head Start as described in the Head Start Program Performance Standards. The guide offers ideas and suggestions for using the videotape with different audiences.

The kit also includes an order form for both English- and Spanish-language materials.

Contact: Head Start Information and Publication Center, 1133 15th Street, N.W., Suite 450, Washington, DC 20005. Telephone: (866) 763-6481, (202) 737-1050; fax: (202) 737-1151; e-mail: askus@headstartinfo.org; Web site: <http://www.headstartinfo.org>. Single copy available at no charge.

EVALUATING SERVICE-LEARNING PROGRAMS IN DENTAL EDUCATION

Henshaw, M. M. 2004. *Evaluating service-learning programs in dental education*. Seattle, WA: Community-Campus Partnerships for Health. 133 pp.

This monograph explains how to evaluate service learning programs designed to address dental and dental hygiene students' competencies, including competencies in patient-centered care, managing diverse patient populations, successfully functioning in a multicultural work environment, and serving as a leader of an oral health care team. Topics include fundamentals of service learning, the importance of evaluating service learning programs, approaches to planning and designing evaluations, and sample evaluation tools (including surveys and focus groups). Bibliographies and a glossary are also included.

Contact: Community-Campus Partnerships for Health, University of Washington, P.O. Box 354809, Seattle, WA 98195-4809. Telephone: (206) 616-3472; fax: (206) 685-6747; e-mail: ccphuw@u.washington.edu; Web site: <http://www.ccph.info>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://depts.washington.edu/ccph/pdf_files/ccphevalmonographfinal2.pdf.

HEALTHY SMILES PROJECT: PROMOTING ORAL HEALTH IN PRIMARY CARE PEDIATRICS

Healthy Smiles Project. 2002. *Healthy Smiles Project: Promoting oral health in primary care pediatrics*. Seattle, WA: Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center. 1 v.

This binder includes educational materials about the Healthy Smiles Project funded by the Washington Dental Service Foundation. The materials are for both parents and health professionals. The purpose of the project is to promote oral health in pediatric primary

care. Contents include clinical presentations in PowerPoint slide format as well as information on oral health screening and risk assessment, application of fluoride varnish, and Medicaid billing; parent-education materials; and additional resources. Additional contents include brochures (in English and Spanish), a periodic newsletter, two desktop flip charts for use in discussing oral health with parents, and a guide to oral health care in the pediatric primary care setting.

Contact: Patty Centioli. Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center, P.O. Box 5371, 4800 Sand Point Way, N.E., Seattle, WA 98105-0371. Telephone: (206) 987-5735; e-mail: Patty.Centioli@SeattleChildrens.org; Web site: <http://www.seattlechildrens.org>. Single copy available at no charge.

INTEGRATING MEASURES OF EARLY CHILDHOOD HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT INTO STATE TITLE V MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PLANS

Grason, H., Hess, C., VanLandeghem, K., Silver, G. B., Brown, B., and Schor, E. L. 2004. *Integrating measures of early childhood health and development into State Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant Plans*. Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Women's and Children's Health Policy Center. 22 pp.

This brief provides information about measures of preventive health and developmental services for children from birth through age 5, as well as information about how these measures can be integrated into maternal and child health plans. Section topics include a review of early childhood development, strategies for measuring early childhood health and development, and partnership opportunities related to Title V early childhood measurement. Appendices include tables and summaries of common elements of selected national early childhood initiatives, topical questions used in selected health surveys, and characteristics of health surveys with a focus on early childhood development.

Contact: Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Women's and Children's Health Policy Center, 615 North Wolfe Street, Baltimore, MD 21205. Telephone: (410) 502-5450; fax: (410) 502-5831; Web site: <http://www.jhsph.edu/WCHPC>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.jhsph.edu/WCHPC/_Publications/index.html#MeasuresEarlyChildHealth.

MAINE DENTAL SEALANT PROJECT: FINAL REPORT

Perkins, K. 2002. *Maine Dental Sealant Project: Final report*. Augusta, ME: Maine Department of Human Services, Oral Health Program. 46 pp.

This final report presents the results of a project to improve the oral health of people in Maine by improving access to preventive and restorative oral health services. Sixty-one new school-based sealant programs were established, providing 4,396 dental sealants for 1,333 children, more than tripling the amount of dental sealant services available to children enrolled in schools in Maine. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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ORAL HEALTH: A LINK TO GENERAL HEALTH

Illinois Department of Health, Division of Oral Health. 2004. *Oral health: A link to general health*. Springfield, IL: Illinois Department of Health, Division of Oral Health. 7 pp.

This brief provides a snapshot of oral health status in Illinois. Topics include children's oral health status; findings from Project Smile, a state oral health survey of first, second, and eighth graders conducted during the 1993-1994 school year; early childhood caries; and issues in access to oral health care for children. Additional sections provide information on pregnancy and oral health, oral cancer, oral health and general health, safety net dental clinics, community water fluoridation, the IFLOSS Coalition, and the Illinois state oral health plan.

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PARTNERING TO INCREASE ACCESS TO PRIMARY HEALTH CARE THROUGH A SCHOOL-LINKED SEALANT PROGRAM FOR HIGH-RISK CHILDREN IN A COMMUNITY CENTER: FINAL REPORT

Flake, L. Y. 2002. *Partnering to increase access to primary health care through a school-linked sealant program for high-risk children in a community center: Final report.* Hammonton, NJ: Southern Jersey Family Medical Centers. 21 pp.

This final report presents the results of a project to (1) increase the number of children with dental sealants on permanent molars, (2) enhance oral health awareness among children and their families through education and improved access to care, and (3) encourage establishment of the health home. A total of 660 students from the Salem City and Penns Grove school districts in New Jersey received dental sealants as a result of the project. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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PFIZER CLEAR HEALTH COMMUNICATION INITIATIVE 2003-2004

Pfizer. 2004. *Pfizer Clear Health Communication Initiative 2003-2004.* New York, NY: Pfizer. 129 pp.

This compendium highlights Pfizer Global Pharmaceuticals' solutions and tools to address low health literacy and is intended for use by health professionals, community health workers, academics, patient and advocacy groups, and policymakers. It provides background information on health literacy, highlights recent research, provides information on Pfizer's contributions to the field, and provides additional resources. Additional topics include patient-provider communication and principles and examples of clear health communication.

Contact: Pfizer, Inc., 235 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10017-5755. Web site: <http://www.pfizerhealthliteracy.com>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.pfizerhealthliteracy.com/initiative.pdf>.

PROVIDE DENTAL SEALANTS TO LOW-INCOME CHILDREN IN SCHOOL-BASED PROGRAM: FINAL REPORT

Harvey, H. L. 2002. *Provide dental sealants to low-income children in school-based program: Final report.* Des Moines, IA: Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of Oral Health. 41 pp.

This final report presents the results of a project to prevent dental caries in children from families with low incomes who had immigrated to the United States. Over 3,600 children participated in the project, and over 3,200 of those children received protective dental sealants. Community oral health infrastructure was improved in both urban and rural locations, as evidenced by greater awareness of oral health needs in the communities, growth of an oral health task force to identify ways to improve access to oral health care, and changes in organization budgeting to include payment for continuation of oral health services. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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PROVIDENCE SMILES: FINAL REPORT

Vallee, C., and Hosmer, J. 2002. *Providence Smiles: Final report.* North Providence, RI: St. Joseph Health Services of Rhode Island. 15 pp.

This final report presents the results of a project to (1) increase access to preventive oral health care for children from families with low incomes who have immigrated to the United States, (2) reduce the rate of untreated dental caries through referrals to a family dentist or the hospital's Pediatric Dental Center, and (3) increase children's awareness and practice of oral hygiene measures through classroom education. Program staff provided services on site in 10 urban elementary schools. Program materials were developed and revised as needed. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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SCHOOL-BASED SODIUM FLUORIDE MOUTHRINSE PROGRAM: AS RECOMMENDED FOR ALL CHILDREN—GRADES K-5—IN NONFLUORIDATION AREAS

Florida Department of Health, Public Health Dental Program. 2004. *School-based sodium fluoride mouthrinse program: As recommended for all children—grades K-5—in nonfluoridation areas*. Tallahassee, FL: Florida Department of Health, Public Health Dental Program. 8 items.

This information package includes items pertaining to implementing a school-based sodium fluoride mouthrinse program to reduce the incidence of dental caries among elementary-school students when a sufficient quantity of fluoride is not available via a community's drinking water. The package includes general information about fluoride and more specific information about how to implement and conduct a school-based mouthrinse program. The package includes a sample parental consent form, a fluoride mouthrinse record, a literature review summary, a list of Web sites, and a list of references.

Contact: Florida Department of Health, Public Health Dental Program, HSFDF, Bin #A14, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1724. Telephone: (850) 245-4333; fax: (850) 414-7552; e-mail: FamilyHealthServices@doh.state.fl.us; Web site: <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/family/dental>. Single copy available at no charge.

SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT....

Alabama Department of Public Health. 2002. *Something to smile about....* Montgomery, AL: Alabama Department of Public Health. 12 items.

This resource kit focuses on educating parents and other caregivers about dental caries prevention for children. It includes seven oral health awareness posters, two postcards on the importance of primary teeth and early oral health care, one 10-minute videotape, and one flip chart from the Alabama Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) for the health professional to use in educating children and parents about oral health care and early childhood caries. The materials are available in both English and Spanish.

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STATUS OF ORAL HEALTH IN PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Chronic Diseases and Injury Prevention. 2002. *Status of oral health in Pennsylvania*. Harrisburg, PA: Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Chronic Diseases and Injury Prevention, Division of Health Risk Reduction. 80 pp.

This report describes issues for discussion in the planning, development, and implementation of an integrated statewide program to improve oral health in Pennsylvania in general and in areas in which oral health disparities are most evident in particular. Report sections include the status of oral health in Pennsylvania; the report preparation method; categories of health action, including communicable diseases, chronic diseases, family health, violence and injury, environmental health, and service delivery systems; disparities; special populations in the state; and service integration. Appendices include maps, tables, and charts providing statistical data on population and provider distribution and needs information.

Contact: Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Chronic Diseases and Injury Prevention, P.O. Box 90, Harrisburg, PA 17108-0090. Telephone: (717) 787-5900; Web site: <http://www.health.state.pa.us>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.dsf.health.state.pa.us/health/lib/health/oralhealth/OralHealthInPARreport.pdf>.

TAKE A 1ST LOOK: A HEALTHY SMILE = A HEALTHY CHILD—A PEDIATRIC RESOURCE KIT

Smile Alabama!. 2004. *Take a 1st look: A healthy smile = a healthy child—A pediatric resource kit*. Montgomery, AL: Alabama Medicaid Agency. 14 items.

This kit, developed for use by health professionals, describes the Smile Alabama! 1st Look Initiative, an oral health program for children eligible for Medicaid.

The kit is intended to raise health professionals' awareness of children's oral health needs and to encourage health professionals to implement oral health screening, anticipatory guidance, and referral for children at risk for having unmet oral health care needs. The kit includes an article on the importance of good oral health habits and the consequences of poor habits, brochures on the role of the dentist and regular oral health visits and on the importance of proper toothbrushing and nutrition for infants and young children, promotional materials for the office, and anticipatory guidance cards and a risk assessment chart based on national guidelines.

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RESEARCH

2001 DENTIST SURVEY

Vermont Department of Health. 2003. *2001 dentist survey*. Burlington, VT: Vermont Department of Health. 40 pp.

This report presents the results of a survey designed to assess the distribution of dentists throughout Vermont and to assist in recruitment and retention efforts. Topics include an overview of the survey, the response rate, key findings, and comparisons with previous results, with statistical data discussed throughout. The survey form, which is included at the end of the report, includes questions relating to services provided, financial aid, education, office practice, and office locations.

Contact: Vermont Department of Health, 108 Cherry Street, P.O. Box 70, Burlington, VT 05402. Telephone: (802) 863-7606, (800) 464-4343; fax: (802) 865-7701; Web site: <http://www.healthyvermonters.info>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.healthyvermonters.info/hs/pubs/2003/2001dentalsurvey.pdf>.

THE AAPD FOUNDATION AND ORAL-B CHECKUP ON CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH STUDY: RESEARCH REPORT

Gallup and Robinson, Inc. 2002. *The AAPD Foundation and Oral-B checkup on children's oral health study: Research report*. Chicago, IL: American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. 57 pp.

This report reviews the methods and findings of a survey of mothers and other primary caregivers to evaluate their awareness, attitudes, perceptions, and behaviors related to oral health and the oral health of children in their care. Topics include oral hygiene practices such as toothbrushing and flossing, professional oral health care, sucking and snacking behavior, issues related to dental caries and the use of dental sealants, and perceived satisfaction with children's oral health habits. Sample profiles and characteristics of survey participants are summarized, and conclusions and recommendations are provided. Statistical data are presented in table, chart, and graph formats throughout the report.

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

THE DISTRIBUTION AND COMPOSITION OF ARIZONA'S DENTAL WORKFORCE AND PRACTICE PATTERNS: IMPLICATIONS FOR ACCESS TO CARE

Mertz, E., and Grumbach, K. 2004. *The distribution and composition of Arizona's dental workforce and practice patterns: Implications for access to care*. San Francisco, CA: University of California, San Francisco, Center for California Health Workforce Studies. 25 pp.

This report summarizes the findings of a statewide survey of dentists in Arizona, examining the patterns of practice in relation to access to care for underserved populations. The report includes information on the study background, purpose, survey methodology, and data limitations. A geographic overview of Arizona is presented, along with information on characteristics of dentists and dental practices and geographic patterns of practice and access. Recommendations for policy, program, and data collection efforts are provided for state policymakers and oral health program administrators. The report also contains an executive summary, conclusions, a discussion, and references.

Contact: University of California, San Francisco, Center for California Health Workforce Studies, 3333 California Street, Suite 410, San Francisco, CA 94118. Telephone: (415) 476-8181; fax: (415) 476-4113; Web site: <http://futurehealth.ucsf.edu/cchws.html>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://futurehealth.ucsf.edu/pdf_files/Arizona%20Dental%20Services%20Policy%20Report.pdf.

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HEALTHY SMILE, HAPPY CHILD: HEAD START ORAL HEALTH SURVEY—NEVADA 2004

Nevada State Health Division, Bureau of Family Health Services. 2004. *Healthy Smile, Happy Child: Head Start oral health survey—Nevada 2004*. Carson City, NV: Nevada State Health Division, Bureau of Family Health Services. 22 pp.

This report presents results of Nevada's Healthy Smile, Happy Child screening survey conducted to collect oral health data on children ages 3 through 5 who are enrolled in Head Start. The survey collected prevalence data on early childhood caries, caries experience, untreated caries, and the need for urgent oral health care. The report includes the following sections: (1) sampling and methods, (2) key findings, (3) statewide results, (4) results by region, (5) results by race/ethnicity, (6) results by age, and (7) access to care and *Healthy People 2010*. Statistical information is presented in tables and figures throughout the report. Additional tables and figures appear in an appendix.

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HEALTHY SMILE, HAPPY CHILD: HEAD START SURVEY SUMMARY—2004

Nevada State Health Division, Bureau of Family Health Services. 2004. *Healthy Smile, Happy Child: Head Start survey summary—2004*. Carson City, NV: Nevada State Health Division, Bureau of Family Health Services. 14 pp.

This summary presents a process description of Nevada's Healthy Smile, Happy Child screening survey conduct-

ed to collect oral health data on children ages 3 through 5 who are enrolled in Head Start. The survey collected prevalence data on early childhood caries, caries experience, untreated caries, and the need for urgent oral health care. The summary includes the following sections: (1) methods, (2) procedures, (3) supply list, and (4) recommendations. Four appendices include the initial letter to parents, a parental consent form, a treatment urgency form, and a letter to parents explaining the screening. All letters and forms are in English and Spanish.

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THE ORAL CAVITY: A DIAGNOSTIC WINDOW TO THE BODY

American Association for Dental Research. 2004. *The oral cavity: A diagnostic window to the body*. Alexandria, VA: American Association for Dental Research. 2 pp.

This fact sheet provides an overview of oral health as a diagnostic tool for overall health and quality of life. It outlines emerging research into salivary diagnostics and monitoring, gene therapy using salivary glands, biomimetics and tissue engineering, and research in patient-care settings as guided by the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR). It concludes with a recommendation for funding to NIDCR.

Contact: American Association for Dental Research, 1619 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-3406. Telephone: (703) 548-0066; fax: (703) 548-1883; e-mail: cfox@iadr.org; Web site: <http://www.dentalresearch.org/about/aadr/index.html>. Single copy available at no charge.

ORAL HEALTH PROMOTION EVALUATION TOOLKIT

Watt, R. G., Harnett, R., Daly, B., Fuller, S. S., Kay, E., Morgan, A., Munday, P., Nowjack-Raymer, R., and Treasure, E. T. 2004. *Oral health promotion evaluation toolkit*. London, UK: Stephen Hancocks. 317 pp.

This toolkit is the result of a study to critically review, test, and publish a set of oral-health-promotion evaluation outcome measures applicable for use in oral health care settings. The toolkit outlines the principles and practice of oral health promotion evaluation, describes the research process that was undertaken, demonstrates how to use the toolkit when evaluating oral-health-promotion interventions, and provides choices of evaluation outcome measures that may be used for three target groups: parents and caregivers of preschool-age children, school-age children, and adults ages 65 and older. The appendices include a detailed overview of the six stages of the research process and the results of each stage. Statistics are provided throughout the toolkit.

Contact: Stephen Hancocks, 27 Bellamy's Court, Abbotshade Road, London, England SE16 5RF. \$31.99 British pounds sterling, or \$75.00 (U.S.), plus shipping and handling. ISBN 0-85461-450-X.

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PERIODONTAL DISEASE AND PRETERM BIRTH

March of Dimes, Office of the Medical Director. 2004. *Periodontal disease and preterm birth*. White Plains, NY: March of Dimes. 2 pp.

This document describes research into the association between periodontal disease and preterm birth. Sections include a summary of the evidence and issues; brief descriptions of research studying the links between periodontal disease, preterm birth, and low birthweight; suggested potential mechanisms and pathways; and suggested preventive factors in treating periodontal disease to reduce the risk of preterm birth.

Contact: March of Dimes, 1275 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains, NY 10605. Telephone: (914) 428-7100, (888) MODIMES (663-3467), (914) 997-4764; Web site: <http://www.marchofdimes.com>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.marchofdimes.com/files/MP_PeriodontalDiseaseAndPretermBirth031004.pdf.

A PLAN TO ELIMINATE CRANIOFACIAL, ORAL, AND DENTAL HEALTH DISPARITIES (REV. ED.)

National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research. 2002. *A plan to eliminate craniofacial, oral, and dental health disparities* (rev. ed.). Bethesda, MD: National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research. 25 pp.

This report outlines the plan of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research to eliminate oral health disparities and increase oral health awareness in all subgroups of the U.S. population. The first initiative proposes research to eliminate health disparities in oral infections, oral and pharyngeal cancers, and craniofacial injuries. The second initiative suggests enhancing research capacity through training and career development, as well as by ensuring appropriate representation in clinical trials. The third initiative recommends increasing information dissemination by using existing federal health communication and education programs for the underserved, expanding outreach programs and promoting partnerships with communities and institutions, and targeting populations with health disparities. Activity plans accompany each initiative.

Contact: National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, Public Information and Liaison Branch, 45 Center Drive, MSC 6400, Bethesda, MD 20892-6400. Telephone: (301) 496-4261; e-mail: nidcrinfo@mail.nih.gov; Web site: <http://www.nidcr.nih.gov>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.nidcr.nih.gov/research/healthdisp/hdplan.pdf>.

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SEALANT SURVEY REPORT: FY04

Iowa Department of Public Health, Oral Health Bureau. 2004. *Sealant survey report: FY04*. Des Moines, IA: Iowa Department of Public Health, Oral Health Bureau. 4 pp.

This report provides information on a survey conducted to collect data on the prevalence of dental sealants on permanent molar teeth among third graders in Iowa in 2004. The survey results were used to evaluate a national performance measure for the Title V child health program. The report describes the process for conducting the survey and includes the survey's results. The report also discusses the selection of subjects, materials and methods, and data. A discussion section and conclusions are included as well. The report concludes with a dental sealant summary presented in tabular form.

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