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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, researchers, and others with the goal of improving oral health services for infants, children, adolescents, and their families. OHRC collaborates with governmental agencies, professional associations, foundations, and voluntary organizations to gather, develop, and share high-quality and timely 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

DATA

CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH IN SANTA CLARA AND SAN MATEO COUNTIES: OVERVIEW OF CURRENT NEEDS AND ACTIVITIES

Foster CC. 2006. *Children's Dental Health in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties: Overview of Current Needs and Activities*. Palo Alto, CA: Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health. 16 pp.

This report presents key findings on the status of children's oral health in two California counties (Santa Clara and San Mateo), in California, and in the United States. Topics include the prevalence of oral health problems, dental insurance coverage and dental visits, populations in need, and achieving and maintaining oral health. Information and service gaps, key organizations and collaborations, funding sources, opportunities for action, and useful Internet resources are also discussed.

Contact: Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health, 400 Hamilton Avenue, Suite 340, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Telephone: (650) 497-8365; fax: (650) 498-2619; e-mail: info@lpfch.org; Web site: <http://www.lpfch.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.lpfch.org/informed/facts/dental/dental_brief.pdf.

CHILDREN'S DENTAL VISITS AND EXPENSES, UNITED STATES 2003

Brown E. 2006. *Children's Dental Visits and Expenses, United States 2003*. Rockville, MD: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. 7 pp.

This brief presents estimates based on data from the household component of the *Medical Expenditure Panel Survey* on the proportion of children and adolescents ages 17 and under who utilize oral health services. Data are provided by race and ethnicity, age, sex, income, and geographical region. In addition, data are included from *Healthy People 2010* measures. Definitions and references are provided.

Contact: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 540 Gaither Road, Rockville, MD 20850. Telephone:

(301) 427-1364; (800) 358-9295; e-mail: Kmigdail@ahrq.gov; Web site: <http://www.ahrq.gov>. Document code: AHRQ Pub. No. 04-0018. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.meps.ahrq.gov/mepsweb/data_files/publications/st117/stat117.pdf.

DENTAL EXPENDITURES IN THE 10 LARGEST STATES, 2003

Sommers JP. 2006. *Dental Expenditures in the 10 Largest States, 2003*. Rockville, MD: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. 5 pp.

This fact sheet presents estimates based on data from the household component of the *Medical Expenditure Panel Survey* (MEPS) on use, costs, and sources of payment for dental expenditures for persons in the non-institutionalized population in 2003. It compares figures from the 10 largest states to the national average. The fact sheet explains what expenditures are and also provides information about MEPS. References are included, along with four charts illustrating statistical data.

Contact: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 540 Gaither Road, Rockville, MD 20850. Telephone: (301) 427-1364; (800) 358-9295; e-mail: Kmigdail@ahrq.gov; Web site: <http://www.ahrq.gov>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.meps.ahrq.gov/mepsweb/data_files/publications/st112/stat112.pdf.

FROM THE BEGINNING: EARLY HEAD START CHILDREN, FAMILIES, STAFF, AND PROGRAMS IN 2004

Hamm K, Ewen D. 2006. *From the Beginning: Early Head Start Children, Families, Staff, and Programs in 2004*. Washington, DC: Center for Law and Social Policy. 7 pp.

This policy brief profiles the Early Head Start program using the latest data from the Program Information Reports that all Head Start grantees must submit to the Department of Health and Human Services. The brief presents the following data for the 2004 program year: (1) type of Early Head Start program by funded

enrollment; (2) medical screening, treatment, and services for children enrolled in Early Head Start; (3) number of children with continuous, accessible oral health care; (4) non-Head Start child care arrangements for families requiring full-time care; (5) family services most often received by families enrolled in Early Head Start; (6) Early Head Start teacher qualifications; and (7) average salaries for Head Start teachers by education level.

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HEAD START PROGRAM INFORMATION REPORT: 2006 USER'S GUIDE

Xtria. 2006. *Head Start Program Information Report: 2006 User's Guide*. Vienna, VA: Xtria. 67 pp.

This user's guide is intended to help Head Start staff complete the 2006 Program Information Report (PIR), a survey that all programs are required to complete annually. The guide, which is available as a Web or desktop application, includes computer screens that correspond to items in the PIR. Item-by-item guidance supplements reporting instructions. Additional guidance is provided for items that are more difficult to interpret and those that cause the most reporting errors. The guidance explains the intent of the questions, provides examples, and includes definitions of important terms. The information provided in the guide is intended to result in more consistent reporting among programs.

Contact: Xtria, 8045 Leesburg Pike, Suite 400, Vienna, VA 22182-2796. Telephone: (703) 821-6000; fax: (703) 821-3989; Web site: <http://www.xtria.com>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://xtria.com/pir> 2006.

STUDYING AND TRACKING EARLY CHILD DEVELOPMENT FROM A HEALTH PERSPECTIVE: A REVIEW OF AVAILABLE DATA SOURCES

Brown B, Zaslow M, Weitzman M. 2006. *Studying and Tracking Early Child Development from a Health Perspective: A Review of Available Data Sources*. New York,

NY: Commonwealth Fund; Washington, DC: Child Trends. 47 pp.

This report presents an analysis of 26 national data sources for their capacity to inform child health policy and practice efforts to promote healthy early childhood development. The report provides an overview of existing areas of strength, identifies gaps, and makes recommendations for future data development. An appendix summarizing the content of some 26 surveys and administrative databases that can be used to support social indicator data and research on early development is provided (e.g., oral care receipt for children from birth to age 5 from the *Head Start Family and Child Experiences Survey*).

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

WOMEN'S HEALTH USA

Maternal and Child Health Bureau. 2006. *Women's Health USA*. Rockville, MD: Maternal and Child Health Bureau. Annual.

This annual edition provides nationwide facts and figures to profile the health of girls and women throughout the life span. Section 1 discusses population characteristics, including females by race and ethnicity, in education, by labor participation, in the health professions, as caregivers, and as federal program participants. Section 2 offers information on vital health statistics, protective and risk factors, morbidity, and reproductive health. Section 3 includes topics on health services utilization, financing, and access to care. The book concludes with references. Statistical data are provided in chart, graph, and table format throughout the book. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: HRSA Information Center, P.O. Box 2910, Merrifield, VA 22116. Telephone: (888) ASK-HRSA (275-4772); (877) 489-4772; fax: (703) 821-2098; e-mail: ask@hrsa.gov; Web site: <http://www.ask.hrsa.gov>. Document code: HRSA Info. Ctr. MCH00213 (CD-ROM), MCH00212 (print). Available at no charge; also available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.mchb.hrsa.gov/whusa_06/index.htm.

GENERAL INFORMATION

THE HEALTH LITERACY OF AMERICA'S ADULTS: RESULTS FROM THE 2003 NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF ADULT LITERACY

Kutner M, Greenberg E, Jim Y, Paulsen C. 2006. *The Health Literacy of America's Adults: Results from the 2003 National Assessment of Adult Literacy*. Washington, DC: National Center for Education Statistics. 60 pp.

This report examines the relationship between health literacy and various self-reported background factors. The report examines how health literacy varies across groups with different demographic characteristics as well as the relationship between health literacy and highest level of educational attainment and poverty status, and it explores the relationship between literacy and overall health. Statistical information is presented in tables and figures throughout the report. The report includes five appendices: (1) a sample health literacy assessment questionnaire, (2) definitions of all subpopulations and background variables reported, (3) technical notes, (4) standard errors for tables and figures, and (5) additional analyses. References are included.

Contact: National Center for Education Statistics, 1990 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20006. Telephone: (202) 502-7300; fax: (202) 219-1736; Web site: <http://www.nces.ed.gov>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2006483>.

KNOWLEDGE PATH: ORAL HEALTH AND CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

Lorenzo SB, Holt KA. 2001. *Knowledge Path: Oral Health and Children and Adolescents*. Washington, DC: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center.

This knowledge path is an electronic guide to recent, high-quality resources that analyze data, describe effective programs, and report on policy and research aimed at improving access to and the quality of oral health for children and adolescents. The knowledge path includes information on (and links to) Web sites and electronic publications; journal articles; books, reports, and other print publications; databases; and discussion groups and electronic newsletters. The path is intended for use by health professionals, policymakers, program administrators, and families who are interested in tracking timely information on this topic. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

2007-2009 MASSACHUSETTS CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS ORAL HEALTH ACTION PLAN

Bethel LA. 2007. *2007-2009 Massachusetts Children with Special Health Care Needs Oral Health Action Plan*. Boston, MA: Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Office of Oral Health. 11 pp.

This document outlines the goals and objectives of the oral health action plan created at the oral health forums for children with special health care needs held on September 28, 2006, in Newton, Massachusetts, and on September 29, 2006, in Holyoke, Massachusetts. Topics include the relationship between goals and national programs of significance, strategies, tools, activities, timetable of action items, outcome measures, collaborators, and comments and notes. A companion document, *Massachusetts State/Territorial Oral Health Forums for Children with Special Health Care Needs Leading to an Action Plan*, is available. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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AMERICAN DENTAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION AND HEAD START: ENVISIONING FUTURE COLLABORATIONS TO IMPROVE ORAL HEALTH

Hopewell A, Steffensen J. 2006. *American Dental Education Association and Head Start: Envisioning Future Collaborations to Improve Oral Health*. Washington, DC: Health Systems Research. 33 pp.

This report describes a Head Start oral forum held on June 23, 2006, in Washington, DC, to discuss collaboration between organizations and Head Start for the purpose of addressing oral health issues faced by underserved children and their families and to identify effective content for a Web-based audio-conference. Report contents include an executive summary, background on the forum and the American Dental Education Association, models and strategies for collaboration, and recommendations and next steps. Closing remarks are provided, along with a copy of the forum agenda and the participant list. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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DELAWARE FINAL REPORT: FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES TO EHS/HS STATE/TERRITORIAL ORAL HEALTH FORUMS

Arthur HE. 2006. *Delaware Final Report: Follow-up Activities to EHS/HS State/Territorial Oral Health Forums*. Dover, DE: Delaware Division of Public Health. 4 pp.

This final report outlines follow-up activities to a Head Start oral health forum held on June 3, 2005, in Dover, Delaware. Topics include proposed activities and how they relate to the oral health action plan, activities accomplished, immediate outcomes, additional activities planned, and the need for additional resources.

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FINAL REPORT: MICHIGAN ORAL HEALTH FORUM AND ACTION PLAN FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS (CSHCN)

Public Sector Consultants. 2006. *Final Report: Michigan Oral Health Forum and Action Plan for Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN)*. Lansing, MI: Public Sector Consultants. 60 pp.

This report summarizes conferences held throughout Michigan in 2006 to address issues in improving oral health care for children with special health care needs. The report provides an overview of the planning process, a list of attendees, flyers and announcements, a copy of the forum agenda, printed PowerPoint slides used, a final report providing a summary of forum discussions, a chart representing the action plan, the completed budget, a list of potential barriers to accessing oral health care and additional resources needed to implement the plan, and an overview of next steps. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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HEAD START COMMUNITY FORUM: HEAD START AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS: ENHANCING COLLABORATIONS TO IMPROVE ORAL HEALTH—PARTICIPANT FOLDER

Health Systems Research. 2006. *Head Start Community Forum: Head Start and Community-Based Oral Health Programs: Enhancing Collaborations to Improve Oral Health—Participant Folder*. Washington, DC: Health Systems Research. 14 items.

This folder contains materials for participants at the Head Start oral health forum held on December 4, 2006, in Washington, DC, for the purpose of improving oral health by enhancing collaboration between Early Head Start and Head Start programs and community health centers and local health departments. Contents include the forum agenda, a participant list, five handouts from the National Head Start Oral Health Resource Center, five sets of PowerPoint presentation slides, a handout from the Cavity Free Kids program, and a forum evaluation form. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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HEAD START COMMUNITY FORUM: HEAD START AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS— ENHANCING COLLABORATIONS TO IMPROVE ORAL HEALTH

Silva S, Steffensen J. 2007. *Head Start Community Forum: Head Start and Community-Based Oral Health Programs—Enhancing Collaborations to Improve Oral Health*. Washington, DC: Health Systems Research. 22 pp.

This report summarizes the Head Start oral health forum held on December 4, 2006, in Washington, DC, for the purpose of improving oral health by enhancing collaboration between Early Head Start and Head Start programs and community health centers and local health departments. Contents include an executive summary, background information, an introduction and opening remarks, plenary presentations, facilitated discussion sessions, next steps, and closing remarks. The appendix contains the forum agenda and a participant list. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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ILLINOIS CSHCN ORAL HEALTH FINAL REPORT

IFLOSS Coalition. 2007. *Illinois CSHCN Oral Health Final Report*. Springfield, IL: IFLOSS Coalition. 18 pp.

This report describes a brief history of oral health measures since 2002 for preventing oral health disease in special populations including the underinsured, minority groups, and children with special health care needs in Illinois. Report contents include information on the statewide steering committee, a list of staff

members, recommendations specifically for the special needs population, and elements of a follow-up forum. A budget chart is provided, along with barriers to implementing the action plan and goals for removing barriers. Attachments include the meeting agenda, an evaluation, flyers, a list of questions for town hall meetings, a participant list, and a list of summit registrants. A companion document, *Oral Health Care in Illinois: Comprehensive Care for Children and Families*, is available. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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INFANT ORAL CARE TRAINING

Administration for Children and Families, Region VIII Office of Early Childhood Programs. 2006. *Infant Oral Care Training*. Denver, CO: Administration for Children and Families, Region VIII Office of Early Childhood Programs. 15 items; 1 CD-ROM.

This folder contains materials for participants in the Infant Oral Care Training held on September 18, 2006, in Denver, Colorado. The target audience included Colorado's Early Head Start, Head Start, and Migrant and Seasonal Head Start program staff and their oral health partners. Topics include risk assessment and infant and child oral examination, family oral health education, and the application of fluoride varnish. Materials are provided in print and on a CD-ROM. Some materials are available in both English and Spanish.

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THE INTEGRAL ROLE OF BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES IN A SYSTEMS APPROACH TO ORAL HEALTH RESEARCH

National Institutes of Health. 2007. *The Integral Role of Behavioral and Social Sciences in a Systems Approach to Oral Health Research*. Bethesda, MD: National Institutes of Health. 6 pp.

This document summarizes the proceedings of an honorary symposium for Dr. Lois K. Cohen held on December 11, 2006, in Bethesda, Maryland, to convey the importance of behavioral and social sciences in oral health and directions for future research. Topics include (1) the imperative for social and behavioral sciences as an integral part of health research; (2) social and behavioral research in oral health; (3) biobehavioral research in the oral health sciences; (4) research needs and opportunities; (5) studies focused on individual health; (6) family and community-based research; (7) communications research; (8) research capacity, design, and infrastructure; and (9) social, health policy, and global health research. The symposium agenda is also included.

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KANSAS FINAL REPORT: FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES EARLY HEAD START/HEAD START STATE/TERRITORIAL ORAL HEALTH FORUMS

Baskett M. 2006. *Kansas Final Report: Follow-up Activities Early Head Start/Head Start State/Territorial Oral Health Forums*. Shawnee, KS: Kansas Healthy Start Association. 4 pp.

This final report outlines follow-up activities to a Head Start oral health forum held on February 8, 2005, in Shawnee, Kansas. The meeting focused on preventing early childhood caries and improving oral health access and services for children enrolled in Head Start in Kansas. Report contents include outlines of the organizational structure of Kansas's statewide oral health coalition, a mission statement, work group assignments, and brief program descriptions. Budget infor-

mation for the meeting is also provided. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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Bethel LA. 2006. *Massachusetts Final Report: Follow-up Activities to EHS/HS State/Territorial Oral Health Forums*. Boston, MA: Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Office of Oral Health. 3 pp.

This final report outlines follow-up activities to Head Start oral health forums held in Massachusetts to increase awareness among parents, Head Start program staff, and others of the importance of oral health and oral health services for children enrolled in Head Start. The report focuses on (1) collaborative activities aimed at promoting oral health, (2) access to oral health care, and (3) oral health education. Activities accomplished to date, immediate outcomes, planned follow-up activities, and the need for additional resources are also discussed. A table provides information on program expenditures. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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MASSACHUSETTS STATE/TERRITORIAL ORAL HEALTH FORUMS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS LEADING TO AN ACTION PLAN

Bethel LA. 2007. *Massachusetts State/Territorial Oral Health Forums for Children with Special Health Care Needs Leading to an Action Plan*. Boston, MA: Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Office of Oral Health. 4 pp.

This report summarizes the planning activities and forums held on September 28 and 29, 2006, in two locations in Massachusetts to address oral health care issues for children with special health care needs. Report contents include a description of the purpose of the forum, an outline of the planning process, a short description of pre-forum activities, a list of attendees, forum evaluations, a discussion of the development of the oral health action plan, and a discussion of potential barriers to the implementation of the oral health plan and additional resources needed. A chart outlining expenditures is also included. A companion document, *2007–2009 Massachusetts Children with Special Health Care Needs Oral Health Action Plan*, is also available. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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MISSOURI CSHCN ORAL HEALTH FORUM REPORT

Missouri Coalition for Oral Health. 2006. *Missouri CSHCN Oral Health Forum Report*. Columbia, MO: Missouri Coalition for Oral Health. 10 pp.

This report summarizes the oral health forum held on July 21, 2006, in Columbia, Missouri, for children with special health care needs. Report contents include an overview of the planning process, a summary of the forum discussions, an outline of the forum evaluation comments, budget information, and notes on potential barriers to implementing the action plan. The action plan is attached as a chart outlining steps, goals, needs, activities, timelines, outcomes, partners, and implementation notes. Also attached is the forum agenda, a participant list, and discussion group outlines. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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OPTIMUM ORAL HEALTH FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS: ORAL HEALTH KANSAS AND PARTNERS

Manter M. 2007. *Optimum Oral Health for Children with Special Health Care Needs: Oral Health Kansas and Partners*. Shawnee, KS: Oral Health Kansas and Kansas Head Start Association. 8 pp.

This report provides a brief history of oral health initiatives in Kansas since 2000 to improve oral health among children with special health care needs (CSHCN). Also included is a list of findings from national and state assessments from two CSHCN planning sessions, a summary of how to achieve optimal oral health for CSHCN written by Oral Health Kansas and Partners Long-Term Plan, the Oral Health Kansas CSHCN action plan for 2007, and the budget. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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ORAL HEALTH AND SCHOOL READINESS: JOINING FORCES FOR HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT

National Oral Health Policy Center and National Center for Infant and Early Childhood Health Policy. 2006. *Oral Health and School Readiness: Joining Forces for Healthy Development*. Los Angeles, CA: National Oral Health Policy Center and National Center for Infant and Early Childhood Health Policy. 1 v., 1 CD-ROM.

This binder contains materials for participants attending an oral health conference held on November 2–3, 2006, in Washington, DC. Topics include (1) oral health and its impact on young children’s overall health and development and (2) young children’s readiness for school and other learning environments. Binder contents include the meeting agenda; a participant list and presenter and facilitator biographies; and printed PowerPoint slides of overview presentations on early childhood development in the United States and building oral health into early childhood comprehensive systems. Additional information is provided on conceptual models and strategic frameworks, poster session abstracts, and panel presentations. A list of

resources included in the binder outlines resources available on an accompanying CD-ROM. Photocopies of monographs, articles, briefs, reports, and a poster are also included. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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.

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ORAL HEALTH CARE IN ILLINOIS: COMPREHENSIVE CARE FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES—THE ILLINOIS ORAL HEALTH PLAN II

IFLOSS Coalition. 2007. *Oral Health Care in Illinois: Comprehensive Care for Children and Families—The Illinois Oral Health Plan II*. Springfield, IL: IFLOSS Coalition. 21 pp.

This document presents a revised plan for improved oral health for children with special health care needs in Illinois based on the results of a statewide steering committee meeting and town hall meetings held in the summer of 2006. The document outlines five oral health policy goals; lists priorities, recommendations, and strategies for achieving the goals; and briefly describes outcomes from the first oral health plan. A companion document, *Illinois CSHCN Oral Health Final Report*, is available. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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ORAL HEALTH FORUM FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS IN RHODE ISLAND: FINAL REPORT

Rhode Island Parent Information Network and Rhode Island Department of Health, Oral Health Program. 2006. *Oral Health Forum for Children with Special Health Care Needs in Rhode Island: Final Report*. Providence, RI: Rhode Island Department of Health, Oral Health Program. 16 pp.

This report summarizes a statewide oral health forum held on November 9, 2006, in Warwick, Rhode Island, to identify access barriers, propose solutions, and build support for improving the oral health status of children and adolescents with special health care needs. Report contents include an executive summary, an action plan, and a review of next steps. Appendices include the forum agenda, list of forum registrants, a registration check-in sheet, a summary of evaluations, the logic model, miscellaneous supporting documents, and a completed budget table. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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PARTNERSHIPS PROMOTING ORAL HEALTH FOR HEAD START CHILDREN

Administration for Children and Families, Office of Head Start, Region I. 2006. *Partnerships Promoting Oral Health for Head Start Children*. Boston, MA: Administration for Children and Families, Office of Head Start, Region I. 1 v.

This binder contains materials for participants attending a meeting held on October 23–24, 2006, in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, to promote oral health partnerships in Head Start Region I. Topics include quality improvement, the state of oral health in the region, communication strategies for promoting oral health in the community, and public-private collaboration. Contents include the meeting agenda, a participant list, printed presentation slides, a resource bulletin from the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center dated April 2006 focusing on Head Start, a variety of fact sheets and tip sheets, a brochure, an order form, and a meeting evaluation form.

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REPORT ON MARYLAND'S EARLY HEAD START/HEAD START ORAL HEALTH FORUM

Maryland Head Start. 2006. *Report on Maryland's Early Head Start/Head Start Oral Health Forum*. Baltimore, MD: Maryland Head Start. 3 pp.

This report outlines the activities of a May 2006 forum held to explore needs, resources, and considerations to improve the oral health of children enrolled in Early Head Start and Head Start in Maryland. The report provides background justification for oral health planning for the state, a description of the planning and process group, a timeline of events, methods used to develop an action plan, a description of forum invitees and participants, and follow-up activities that have taken place since the forum. A copy of the agenda is included, along with an outline of goals and strategies. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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RESEARCH TO POLICY AND PRACTICE FORUM: PERIODONTAL HEALTH AND BIRTH OUTCOMES

Maternal and Child Health Bureau. 2006. *Research to Policy and Practice Forum: Periodontal Health and Birth Outcomes*. Rockville, MD: Maternal and Child Health Bureau. 1 v.

This binder contains participant materials for a conference held on December 11–12, 2006, in Washington, DC, to review research on periodontal disease and its possible effects on pregnant women and on birth outcomes. Topics include reviews of policies, programs, and practices addressing the oral health needs of pregnant women; evidence-based research; findings from federally funded clinical research; and public- and private-sector efforts to improve the oral health of pregnant women. Contents include the meeting agenda, a participant list and presenter and facilitator biographies, printed PowerPoint presentation slides, and background papers. A CD-ROM is included that contains copies of the background papers, handouts, and presentations. A meeting evaluation form is also included. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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S.O.S. (SAVE OUR SMILES): CE COURSE FOR DENTAL PROFESSIONALS

University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, Department of Dental Hygiene. 2006. *S.O.S. (Save Our Smiles): CE Course for Dental Professionals*. San Antonio, TX: University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, Department of Dental Hygiene. 27 items.

This folder contains materials from a continuing education course for oral health professionals held on October 13, 2006, in San Antonio, Texas, focusing on children enrolled in Head Start. Contents include the agenda, printed PowerPoint presentation slides, a participant list, an evaluation form, Head Start program information, clinical recommendations for topical fluoride, various forms and handouts, and a contacts list. The folder also contains a copy of *Bright Futures in Practice: Oral Health—Pocket Guide* and other materials produced by the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center.

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UTAH CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS ORAL HEALTH FORUM: FINAL REPORT

Utah Department of Health, Oral Health Program. 2006. *Utah Children with Special Health Care Needs Oral Health Forum: Final Report*. Salt Lake City, UT: Utah Department of Health, Oral Health Program. 13 pp.

This report summarizes a statewide forum, held on September 29, 2006, to address oral health issues for children with special health care needs in Utah and to plan ways to address these issues. Report contents include a description of the purpose of the forum, the planning process, pre-forum surveys, a list of invitees and participants, a summary of discussions, a budget

outline, potential barriers and needed resources, and conclusions. A copy of the forum agenda is provided, along with a planning matrix. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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VIRGINIA FINAL REPORT: FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES TO EHS/HS STATE/TERRITORIAL ORAL HEALTH FORUMS

Dorsey T, Pharr S. 2006. *Virginia Final Report: Follow-up Activities to EHS/HS State/Territorial Oral Health Forums*. Richmond, VA: Virginia Department of Social Services and Virginia Department of Health. 2 pp.

This final report outlines follow-up activities to a state-wide oral health forum held on March 7, 2006, in Roanoke, Virginia. The report summarizes activities originally proposed and how they relate to the oral health action plan, activities accomplished, immediate outcomes, additional follow-up activities planned, and the need for additional resources. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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VIRGINIA HEAD START ORAL HEALTH FORUM: SUMMARY

Burtner J, Burruss K. 2006. *Virginia Head Start Oral Health Forum: Summary*. Richmond, VA: Virginia Head Start State Collaboration Project. 25 pp.

This report summarizes an oral health forum held on September 21, 2005, in Richmond, Virginia, to develop goals and strategies to improve the oral health of children enrolled in Head Start in Virginia. Topics include access (rural and urban), prevention, and education. The report summarizes the work of three plan-

ning groups in identifying goals and partners, developing action steps, and formulating a timeline. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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POLICY

AGING OUT OF EPSDT: ISSUES FOR YOUNG ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES

Williams B, Tolbert J. 2007. *Aging Out of EPSDT: Issues for Young Adults with Disabilities*. Washington, DC: Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured. 12 pp.

This issue brief discusses the challenges and implications for young adults with disabilities when they lose their eligibility for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment program benefits. The brief discusses the difficulty in qualifying for Medicaid and the reduced benefits that Medicaid provides for those who do qualify for the program. It also discusses how recent changes to the Deficit Reduction Act give states an opportunity to increase the availability of Medicaid services that allow young adults with disabilities to lead lives that are as normal as possible as they move into adulthood. Individual case stories are highlighted, and endnotes are provided.

Contact: Brandi Simmons. Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, 1330 G Street, N.W., Suite 250, Washington, DC 20005. Telephone: (202) 347-5270; fax: (202) 347-5274; e-mail: kcmu@kff.org; Web site: <http://www.kff.org/about/kcmu.cfm>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.kff.org/medicaid/7491.cfm>.

BEHIND THE SMILE: HOW FUNDERS CAN IMPROVE ORAL HEALTH

Grantmakers in Health. 2006. *Behind the Smile: How Funders Can Improve Oral Health*. Washington, DC: Grantmakers in Health. 2 pp.

This newsletter issue discusses opportunities for grant-makers to address the problem of inadequate oral health, particularly for individuals from low-income and minority populations. Topics include policy and advocacy, the work force, prevention, and the delivery system. A list of resources is also provided.

Contact: Elise Desjardins. Grantmakers In Health, 1100 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 1200, Washington, DC 20036. Telephone: (202) 452-8331; fax: (202) 452-8340; e-mail: edesjardins@gih.org; Web site: <http://www.gih.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.gih.org/usr_doc/Issue_Focus_8-14-06.pdf.

CHARTING SCHIP III: AN ANALYSIS OF THE THIRD COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY OF STATE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAMS

Kaye N, Pernice C, Cullen A. 2006. *Charting SCHIP III: An Analysis of the Third Comprehensive Survey of State Children's Health Insurance Programs*. Portland, ME: National Academy for State Health Policy. 169 pp.

This report examines the policies states have implemented and the strategies that they use to manage their State Children's Health Insurance Programs (SCHIPs). Data from three surveys administered in 1998, 2000, and 2005 were compiled on the two types of programs states can create: Medicaid expansion (M-CHIP) and Separate (S-CHIP). Contents include an introduction to the key findings and a look ahead to impending issues affecting SCHIP, special issues in program design, program management, eligibility, outreach and marketing, cost-sharing, covered benefits, delivery of services, managed care plan selection and payment, and access and quality. Numerous tables and figures present statistical data throughout the report. Appendices include information on the survey methodology, as well as the survey instruments.

Contact: Helen Pelletier. National Academy for State Health Policy, 50 Monument Square, Suite 502, Portland, ME 04101. Telephone: (207) 874-6524; (202) 903-0101; fax: (207) 874-6527; e-mail: info@nashp.org; Web site: <http://www.nashp.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.chipcentral.org/Files/Charting_CHIP_III_9-21-6.pdf.

DOCKET OF MEDICAID CASES TO IMPROVE DENTAL ACCESS

Perkins J. 2006. *Docket of Medicaid Cases to Improve Dental Access*. Chapel Hills, NC: National Health Law Program. 14 pp.

This document provides an annotated list of Medicaid dental provider participation cases focusing on (1) the "reasonable promptness" requirement, (2) the "equal access" requirement, and (3) The "Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment program requirement." The list includes 26 cases from 21 jurisdictions.

Contact: National Health Law Program, 211 North Columbia Street, Second Floor, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. Telephone: (919) 968-6308; fax: (919) 968-8855; e-mail: nhelp@healthlaw.org; Web site: <http://www.healthlaw.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.healthlaw.org/library.cfm?fa=download&resourceID=87346&print>.

ORAL HEALTH: SUCCESSES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN'S HEALTH INITIATIVES

Diringer J. 2006. *Oral Health: Successes and Opportunities for Children's Health Initiatives*. Los Angeles, CA: California Endowment. 12 pp.

This issue brief addresses the issue of access to oral health care for children in California. Topics include the oral health status of children in California, how dental insurance improves oral health, the role of California's Children's Health Initiatives (CHIs) in providing access to oral health care, utilization of oral health services by children in the CHIs, and other programs to enhance access to oral health care.

Contact: California Endowment, 1000 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Telephone: (800) 449-4149; fax: (213) 928-8801; e-mail: questions@calendow.org; Web site: <http://www.calendow.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.calendow.org/reference/publications/pdf/access/Oral%20Health%20Policy%20Report.pdf>.

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF A QUALITY HEALTH WORKFORCE IN RURAL AREAS

National Rural Health Association. 2006. *Recruitment and Retention of a Quality Health Workforce in Rural Areas*. Kansas City, MO: National Rural Health Association. 7 pp.

This issue paper discusses issues and strategies for oral health work force recruitment, retention, and utilization. Topics include dental work force shortage, Medicaid reimbursement, expanding the dental team, and the connection between primary care and oral health. Recommendations to improve the oral health status of rural America endorsed by the National Rural Health Association, a summary, and a list of resources are also presented.

Contact: National Rural Health Association, 521 East 63rd Street, Kansas City, MO 64110. Telephone: (816) 756-3140; fax: (816) 756-3144; Web site: <http://www.NRHA Rural.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.nrharural.org/advocacy/sub/issue_papers/OralHlth-4.pdf.

SPIT TOBACCO REPORT CARD 2006

Oral Health America, National Spit Tobacco Education Program. 2006. *Spit Tobacco Report Card 2006*. Chicago, IL: Oral Health America, National Spit Tobacco Education Program. 8 pp.

This report card outlines trends in spit tobacco use by high school males and in state spit tobacco excise taxes. Topics include the debate over the regulation of tobacco products, marketing, sales practices by the Food and Drug Administration, marketing to U.S. troops, how spit tobacco is harmful to oral health, and how use does not lead to tobacco cessation. A final section presents the report methodology and background.

Contact: Oral Health America, National Spit Tobacco Education Program, 410 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 352, Chicago, IL 60611. Telephone: (312) 836-9900; fax: (312) 836-9986; e-mail: joe@oralhealthamerica.org; Web site: <http://www.nstep.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.nstep.org/NSTEPReportCard2006.pdf>.

STATE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (SCHIP): A DECADE OF OPTIONAL DENTAL COVERAGE FOR KIDS

Booth M, Edelstein B. 2006. *State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP): A Decade of Optional Dental Coverage for Kids*. Washington, DC: Children's Dental Health Project. 2 pp.

This brief outlines the dental benefit offered by states through the State Children's Health Insurance

Program (SCHIP) to children who fall between Medicaid and private coverage. It discusses how few states report on dental performance, opportunities for improvement, current problems with SCHIP dental benefits, and key questions for the future of SCHIP dental benefits. Endnotes are provided.

Contact: Mike Ambrose, Communications Director. Children's Dental Health Project, 1990 M Street, N.W., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036. Telephone: (202) 833-8288; fax: (202) 318-0667; e-mail: mambrose@cdhp.org; Web site: <http://www.cdhp.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.cdhp.org/downloads/SCHIPReauthNOV3-2006.pdf>.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

ESTABLISHING THE DENTAL HOME: USING THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY'S CARIES-RISK ASSESSMENT TOOL (CAT) AS A FIRST STEP

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Foundation. 2007. *Establishing the Dental Home: Using the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry's Caries-Risk Assessment Tool (CAT) as a First Step*. Chicago, IL: American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Foundation. 4 pp.

This mailer is designed to educate oral health and non-oral-health professionals on the use of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry's Caries-Risk Assessment Tool (CAT). Information on the following topics is presented: (1) the definition of early childhood caries, (2) the dental caries process, (3) the use of the CAT, and (4) the dental home.

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

GRAND ROUNDS IN ORAL-SYSTEMIC MEDICINE

Hein C, Cobb CM, eds. 2006. *Grand Rounds in Oral-Systemic Medicine* 1(4).

This issue of *Grand Rounds in Oral-Systemic Medicine* contains content intended to raise awareness of the importance of the relationship between oral and sys-

temic health and to advance the understanding of oral-systemic science and its appropriate integration into the clinical practice of mainstream dentistry and medicine. The articles in the issue address the following topics: (1) a student-led prenatal education program designed to help pregnant women understand the importance of oral health and teach expectant parents about preventing tooth decay; (2) a literature review on periodontal disease and the risk for adverse pregnancy outcomes, accompanied by a continuing education test; (3) perspectives on the plausibility of a link between periodontal disease and adverse pregnancy outcomes and efforts to reduce burden and decrease risk; (4) a community-based, interdisciplinary strategy for improving risk factor assessment, increasing knowledge about the importance of risk factors for pregnancy outcomes, and developing new skills related to oral health and periodontal disease; and (5) a New York initiative to establish guidelines for oral care in pregnancy. Information about implementation tools, including patient-education materials and templates of letters to assist oral health professionals in developing collaborative relationships with the medical community, are also presented. Continuing education units are available.

Contact: PennWell, 1421 S. Sheridan Road, Tulsa, OK 74112. Telephone: (800) 331-4463; (918) 835-3161; e-mail: Headquarters@PennWell.com; Web site: <http://www.pennwell.com>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.grandrounds-digital.com/grandrounds/200611>. See also related materials at http://gr.pennnet.com/archives/gr_archive.cfm.

HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT MANUAL

Arizona Department of Health Services, Office of Oral Health. 2006. *Head Start/Early Head Start Oral Health Program Development Manual*. Phoenix, AZ: Arizona Department of Health Services, Office of Oral Health. 1 v., 2 CD-ROMs.

This manual was designed for use by health and community service professionals in seeking out and developing new systems to improve the oral health status of pregnant women, infants, and young children. The manual was originally developed as part of a pilot project in Flagstaff, Arizona, and was then expanded for use in all Early Head Start programs served by the Northern Arizona Council of Governments Head Start program. The program is intended to increase coordination of care, accessibility of secondary and tertiary prevention, provision of primary preventive oral

health care, and integration of oral health as part of the overall general health of children and their families. The manual is divided into 10 sections, which include information on the project history and the oral health status of children in Arizona, a program outline, an oral health coordinator job description, Head Start performance standards, state practice act rules and regulations, clinical information and forms pertaining to dental visits and the application of fluoride varnish, and resources. Two CD-ROMs containing the program database, forms, and documents are also included. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: Arizona Department of Health Services, Office of Oral Health, State Health Building, Room 205, 1740 W. Adams Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007. Telephone: (602) 542-1866; fax: (602) 542-2936; Web site: <http://www.azdhs.gov/cfhs/ooh>. Contact for cost information.

HELPING PATIENTS UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF ORAL HEALTH BEFORE AND DURING PREGNANCY

Crawford J. 2006. *Helping Patients Understand the Importance of Oral Health Before and During Pregnancy*. Tulsa, OK: PennWell. 2 pp.

This material is intended for use by oral health professionals in developing collaborative relationships with medical professionals. Topics include (1) what effects hormonal changes have on the oral tissues of pregnant women, (2) why it is important for women to maintain oral health during the childbearing years, (3) signs of gum disease, and (4) what women can do to eliminate the risk of pregnancy complications from oral infections. Additional resources are also presented. The two-page handout contains one full-color illustration of a woman who is pregnant and her developing fetus. Two smaller illustrations depict gum disease and microorganisms from gum infections in the blood that have migrated to the amniotic fluid. This material, along with two sample letters and bibliographies intended for use by oral health professionals in communicating with medical professionals about a mutual client, were developed as implementation tools to accompany the November 2006 issue of *Grand Rounds in Oral-Systemic Medicine*. The issue focused on periodontal disease in women of childbearing age.

Contact: PennWell, 1421 S. Sheridan Road, Tulsa, OK 74112. Telephone: (800) 331-4463; (918) 835-3161; e-mail: Headquarters@PennWell.com; Web site: <http://www.pennwell.com>.

www.pennwell.com. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://downloads.pennnet.com/pnet/gr/0611grpatienteducation.pdf>. See also related materials at http://gr.pennnet.com/archives/gr_archive.cfm.

MATERNAL ORAL HEALTH RESOURCE GUIDE

Clark M, Holt K, eds. 2006. *Maternal Oral Health Resource Guide*. Washington, DC: National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center. 32 pp.

This resource guide provides information and guidance aimed at improving oral health care for pregnant women. It is divided into three sections. The first section lists journal articles appearing in the literature between 2004 and 2006. The second section lists materials, including books, reports, surveys, manuals, pamphlets, and brochures. The third section lists professional organizations and federal agencies that may serve as resources. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau].

Contact: HRSA Information Center, P.O. Box 2910, Merrifield, VA 22116. Telephone: (888) ASK-HRSA (275-4772); (877) 489-4772; fax: (703) 821-2098; e-mail: ask@hrsa.gov; Web site: <http://www.ask.hrsa.gov>. Document code: HRSA Info. Ctr. MCH00217. Available at no charge; also available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.mchoralhealth.org/PDFs/maternalguide.pdf>.

PRESCHOOL PREVENTION TOOL KIT

Arizona Department of Health Services, Office of Oral Health. 2006. *Preschool Prevention Tool Kit*. Phoenix, AZ: Arizona Department of Health Services, Office of Oral Health. 14 items.

This kit was developed for training Head Start staff and other child care providers in Arizona about oral health. Contents include two CD-ROMs with PowerPoint presentations on training curricula and guidelines for child care providers, speaker notes on oral health in early childhood, a handout on learning objectives, sample pre- and post-tests, several small posters, an oral health checklist, and several brochures and handouts for parents. Most items are available in both English and Spanish. A small container of dental floss and a toothbrush complete the kit.

Contact: Arizona Department of Health Services, Office of Oral Health, State Health Building, Room

205, 1740 W. Adams Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007. Telephone: (602) 542-1866; fax: (602) 542-2936; Web site: <http://www.azdhs.gov/cfhs/ooh>. Contact for cost information.

PROVIDING DENTAL SERVICES IN SCHOOLS . . . EASIER THAN YOU MAY THINK: MYTHS AND FACTS

Illinois Department of Public Health. 2006. *Providing Dental Services in Schools ... Easier Than You May Think: Myths and Facts*. Springfield, IL: Illinois Department of Public Health. 3 pp.

This publication discusses the importance of dental sealants in preventing tooth decay. The publication lists common questions about providing oral health care in schools, as well as answers to these questions. Topics include the amount of classroom time students miss as a result of receiving oral health care at school, the cost of school-based oral health programs, the amount of equipment and staff needed, and student anxiety, among others.

Contact: Illinois Department of Public Health, Division of Oral Health, 535 West Jefferson Street, Room 500, Springfield, IL 62761. Telephone: (217) 782-4977; (800) 547-0466; fax: (217) 524-2831; e-mail: mailus@idph.state.il.us; Web site: <http://www.idph.state.il.us/HealthWellness/oralhlth/home.htm>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.idph.state.il.us/HealthWellness/oralhlth/Sealant%20Marketing%20-%20Providing%20Dental%20Services%20in%20Schools%20final.pdf>.

REACHING ALL CHILDREN?: UNDERSTANDING EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION PARTICIPATION AMONG IMMIGRANT FAMILIES

Matthews H, Ewen D. 2006. *Reaching All Children?: Understanding Early Care and Education Participation Among Immigrant Families*. Washington, DC: Center for Law and Social Policy. 26 pp.

This paper summarizes evidence about the participation of young children of immigrants in early care and education programs as well as relevant demographic and socioeconomic characteristics of immigrant families that likely influence children's participation in early learning programs. Topics include the current immigration context; participation among children of immigrants in preschool, center-based care (including Head

Start), and kindergarten; and the effect of demographics, limited English proficiency, and immigration status and citizenship on participation in preschool and center-based care. Policy recommendations for state and local administrators of early care and education programs are proposed, as are areas for additional research.

Contact: Center for Law and Social Policy, 1015 15th Street, N.W., Suite 400, Washington, DC 20005. Telephone: (202) 906-8000; fax: (202) 842-2885; e-mail: info@clasp.org; Web site: <http://www.clasp.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.clasp.org/publications/child_care_immigrant.pdf.

SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN PRESENTS: ORAL AND WHOLE BODY HEALTH

Guynup S, ed. 2006. *Scientific American Presents: Oral and Whole Body Health*. New York, NY: Scientific American. 50 pp.

This special supplement of *Scientific American* provides an overview of research on the impact of periodontal disease on systemic health. Articles focus on the potential role of periodontal disease in diabetes, respiratory illness, pregnancy complications, and heart disease. Other topics include aging and oral health, global oral health status, and public oral health policy.

Contact: Procter and Gamble Company, P.O. Box 599, Cincinnati, OH 45201. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.dentalcare.com/soap/products/pdfs/owbh.pdf>.

STANDARDS OF PRACTICE FOR PUBLIC DENTAL HEALTH (7TH ED.)

Hayes S, Byrum L. 2006. *Standards of Practice for Public Dental Health* (7th ed.). Nashville, TN: Tennessee Department of Health, Oral Health Services Section. 125 pp.

This manual serves as a reference source for the policies and procedures of the Oral Health Services Section of the Tennessee Department of Health. Included in the manual are clinical regulations, policies, recommendations, procedures, and forms for the use of oral health professionals employed in the public sector in Tennessee. The manual facilitates adherence to the goals of the Oral Health Services Section: uniform standards of practice, accepted clinical technique, and accurate

recordkeeping. Chapters include (1) general information for public health dental clinics, (2) mandatory dental public health forms, (3) quality assurance review instrument, (4) protocol for the management of medical emergencies, (5) infection control policies and procedures, (6) additional recommendations and guidelines, (7) American Dental Association statements, (8) Tennessee Dental Practice Act, and (9) rules of the Tennessee Board of Dentistry.

Contact: Tennessee Department of Health, Oral Health Services Section, Cordell Hull Building, 425 Fifth Avenue, North, Nashville, TN 37247. Telephone: (615) 741-8618; e-mail: TN.health@state.tn.us; Web site: <http://www2.state.tn.us/health/oralhealth>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www2.state.tn.us/health/oralhealth/pdf/Contents.pdf>.

TEMPLATE OF LETTERS FOR DENTIST-PHYSICIAN COMMUNICATION

PennWell. 2006. *Template of Letters for Dentist-Physician Communication*. Tulsa, OK: PennWell. 2 items (2 sample letters with accompanying bibliographies).

These sample letters are intended for use by oral health professionals in communicating with medical professionals about a mutual client. One letter communicates information about a client who has been diagnosed with periodontal disease and who is contemplating becoming pregnant; this client may benefit from pre-conception counseling related to the importance of oral health before and during pregnancy. The other letter communicates information about a client who is pregnant and who has been diagnosed with periodontal disease. The letter alerts the medical professional to the potential increased risk for an adverse pregnancy outcome as a result of elevated systemic mediators of inflammation from the client's current periodontal condition. A bibliography of published articles accompanies each letter. These materials, along with a two-page handout titled *Helping Patients Understand the Importance of Oral Health Before and During Pregnancy*, were developed as implementation tools to accompany the November 2006 issue of *Grand Rounds in Oral-Systemic Medicine*. The issue focuses on periodontal disease in women of childbearing age.

Contact: PennWell, 1421 S. Sheridan Road, Tulsa, OK 74112. Telephone: (800) 331-4463; (918) 835-3161; e-mail: Headquarters@PennWell.com; Web site: <http://www.pennwell.com>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://downloads.pennnet.com/pnet/gr/>

0611grpatientletter01.doc (sample letter and bibliography 1) and <http://downloads.pennnet.com/pnet/gr/0611grpatientletter02.doc> (sample letter and bibliography 2). See also related materials at http://gr.pennnet.com/archives/gr_archive.cfm.

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WHY CHOOSE A CAREER IN PUBLIC HEALTH DENTISTRY?

American Association of Public Health Dentistry. 2006. *Why Choose a Career in Public Health Dentistry?* Springfield, IL: American Association of Public Health Dentistry. 2 pp.

This flyer describes dental public health as a career in the science and art of preventing and controlling oral diseases and promoting oral health through organized community efforts. The flyer addresses the need for oral health professionals in research and practice, provides testimonials, and illustrates the role of public health dentistry as part of the 10 essential public health services.

Contact: American Association of Public Health Dentistry, P.O. Box 7536, 1224 Centre West, Suite 400B, Springfield, IL 62791-7536. Telephone: (217) 391-0218; fax: (217) 793-0041; e-mail: natoff@aaphd.org; Web site: <http://www.aaphd.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.aaphd.org/docs/whydentalpublichealth2.pdf>.

PROGRAMS

EVALUATION OF THE STATE ORAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE SYSTEMS GRANT PROGRAM: FINAL REPORT

Anthony J, Brown A, Ferreria M, Hopewell A, Ledsky R, Silva S. 2006. *Evaluation of the State Oral Health Collaborative Systems Grant Program: Final Report*. Washington, DC: Health Systems Research. 175 pp.

This report describes the State Oral Health Collaborative Systems (SOHCS) grant programs set up to address infrastructure needs to improve the unmet needs and oral health disparities experienced by many families from low socioeconomic groups that were documented in the U.S. Surgeon General's report, *Oral Health in America*. Qualitative information on strategies used by states and territories was gathered, and

evaluators were asked to investigate the activities and strategies conducted by grantees, including strategies used to overcome barriers, develop partnerships, and facilitate planning processes. Report contents include an executive summary, an introduction to and overview of oral health issues, an overview of the SOHCS evaluation process, grantee planning activities, implementation considerations, grantee activities, successes and challenges, and sustainability. Additional sections review grantee feedback and key findings and conclusions. Appendices include a logic model, the evaluation interview guide, nine case study summaries, a code-book for qualitative data, and a list of references. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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

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HUSKY A DENTAL CARE: FINANCIAL STRATEGIES

Beazoglou T, Douglass J. 2006. *HUSKY A Dental Care: Financial Strategies*. New Britain, CT: Connecticut Health Foundation. 4 pp.

This policy brief is the second in a series about HUSKY A, a state-level program that provides oral health care for children from families with low incomes in Connecticut. It discusses utilization and expenses related to current (2005) and possible new fees. Charts present data on sample fee increases, the distribution of costs for current fees, the distribution of costs if all fees were raised, and the distribution of costs if all fees except fees for orthodontics were raised. Data and analysis for current and projected costs of HUSKY A children's oral health services for all services and modified services are included, and summary findings and a conclusion are presented.

Contact: Connecticut Health Foundation, 74B Vine Street, New Briton, CT 06052. Telephone: (860) 224-2200; fax: (860) 224-2230; e-mail: info@cthealth.org; Web site: <http://www.cthealth.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.cthealth.org/matriarch/DocumentViewDirect.asp_Q_PageName_E_Policy+Brief+HUSKY+A+Dental+Care+2#search=%22HUSKY%20A%20dental%20care%3A%20Financial%20strategies%22.

HUSKY A DENTAL CARE: NEW DIRECTIONS

Beazoglou T, Bailit H. 2006. *HUSKY A Dental Care: New Directions*. New Britain, CT: Connecticut Health Foundation. 4 pp.

This policy brief is the first in a series about HUSKY A, a state-level program that provides oral health care for children from families with low incomes in Connecticut. Topics include barriers to oral health care for children and improving access to oral health. Graphs and charts are used to depict data on the size and composition of the oral health safety net in Connecticut and on providers of preventive and restorative dental services for children and adolescents under age 21 who were ever enrolled in the HUSKY Dental Care program. Summary findings and a conclusion are also presented.

Contact: Connecticut Health Foundation, 74B Vine Street, New Britain, CT 06052. Telephone: (860) 224-2200; fax: (860) 224-2230; e-mail: info@cthealth.org; Web site: <http://www.cthealth.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.cthealth.org/matriarch/DocumentViewDirect.asp_Q_PageName_E_Policy+Brief+HUSKY+A+Dental+Care+1#search=%22Husky%20A%20dental%20care%3A%20New%20directions%22.

IDPH SCHOOL-BASED SEALANT PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT: SCHOOL YEAR 2005–2006

Iowa Department of Public Health, Oral Health Bureau. 2006. *IDPH School-Based Sealant Program Annual Report: School Year 2005–2006*. Des Moines, IA: Iowa Department of Public Health, Oral Health Bureau. 2 pp.

This chart provides statistics for several school-based dental sealant programs in Iowa during the 2005–2006 school year. Results for seven agencies indicate the number of children examined, the number of children receiving sealants, total sealants placed, total sealants placed on children covered by Medicaid, the number of children with history of tooth decay, the number of children with untreated decay, the number of children covered by Medicaid with untreated decay, the number of children with private insurance, the number of children with no dental insurance, and the number of children covered by Medicaid.

Contact: Iowa Department of Public Health, Oral Health Bureau, Lucas State Office Building, 321 East

12th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319-0075. Telephone: (515) 281-3733; fax: (515) 242-6013; Web site: http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hpcdp/oral_health.asp. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hpcdp/common/pdf/oral_health/summary_sealant_06.pdf.

INTEGRATING PREVENTIVE ORAL HEALTH CARE MEASURES INTO PRACTICE: A DHFS PROGRAM FOR HEALTH CARE SETTINGS

Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services. 2006. *Integrating Preventive Oral Health Care Measures into Practice: A DHFS Program for Health Care Settings*. Madison, WI: Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services. 8 items.

This resource manual contains materials for use in integrating preventive oral health care measures into public health programs and health care settings. Contents include consumer brochures in English, Spanish, and Hmong; two oral health survey reports for Wisconsin; Beyond Lip Service grant information; a report summary of the Task Force to Improve Access to Oral Health; Wisconsin dental practices statutes; a state dental hygiene practice summary; an opinion of the Wisconsin Attorney General; sample agency protocols; a state Head Start preliminary examination screening form; samples from the Secure Public Health Electronic Records Environment; a state Medicaid update; and a training program manual. Two additional reports that provide overviews of children’s oral health in Wisconsin and Price County are included. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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. Selected content also available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.dhfs.wisconsin.gov/health/Oral_health/trainingresources.htm.

ORAL HEALTH—REVISION: ACF-PI-HS-06-03 PROGRAM INSTRUCTION

Office of Head Start. 2006. *Oral Health—Revision: ACF-PI-HS-06-03 Program Instruction*. Washington, DC: Office of Head Start. 4 pp.

This program instruction explains the Office of Head Start's policies and expectations regarding grantee compliance with selected oral health requirements of 45 CFR 1304 Subpart B—Early Childhood Development and Health Services. Topics include brushing for infants and children, the dental home, determination by a health professional of age-appropriate preventive and primary health care, the state Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment program, ongoing care, oral health screening, the Medicaid state plan, and paying for oral health services.

Contact: Office of Head Start, 1250 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Room 800, Washington, DC 20024. Telephone: (202) 205-8347; fax: (202) 260-9336; Web site: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/hsb>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/Program%20Design%20and%20Management/Head%20Start%20Requirements/PIs/2006/resour_pri_00109_122006.html;1166801446188.

SCHOOL DENTAL PREVENTION PROGRAM

South Carolina Department of Health and Environment Control. 2006. *School Dental Prevention Program*. Columbia, SC: South Carolina Department of Health and Environment Control. 1 p.

This fact sheet provides parents with information about South Carolina's school oral health program, which includes a dental sealant component and a fluoride treatment (gel, foam, or varnish) component. Definitions of dental sealants and fluoride treatment are provided, along with information on how children can take part in the program. The one-sided, two-color fact sheet contains two illustrations.

Contact: South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201. Telephone: (803) 898-3432; fax: (803) 898-3323; Web site: <http://www.scdhec.gov>. Available at no charge.

SEAL A SMILE: A DENTAL SEALANT PORTFOLIO FOR DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAMS AND WISCONSIN COMMUNITIES—A USER'S GUIDE. (REV. ED.)

Balnka P, McKenney N, Crespin M. 2006. *Seal a Smile: A Dental Sealant Portfolio for Dental Hygiene Programs and Wisconsin Communities—A User's Guide*. (rev. ed.). Milwaukee, WI: Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin. 95 pp.

This manual provides step-by-step guidelines for developing school-based and school-linked dental sealant programs in Wisconsin. It is divided into modules covering the following topics: (1) introduction and overview of oral health needs in Wisconsin, (2) community partners and resources, (3) selection of children for the program and form development, (4) sealant program preparation and communication forms, (5) sealant program implementation, (6) treatment referral, (7) sealant program evaluation, (8) equipment and supplies, (9) grant writing and funding sources, (10) occupational safety and health training and first aid planning, and (11) problems and solutions. Appendices contain resource information, along with sample forms and letters, recommendations from a workshop on guidelines for sealant use (1994), the report of the governor's task force to improve access to oral health (2005), and the Seal-a-Smile program fact sheet (2006).

Contact: Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin, 1533 North River Center Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53212. Telephone: (414) 390-2191; fax: (414) 390-2190; e-mail: chaw@chw.org; Web site: <http://www.chawisconsin.org/oralHealth.htm>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.chawisconsin.org/oralHealth/Resources.htm>.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

THE DENTAL HOME: IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Foundation, Dental Trade Alliance Foundation, and American Dental Association. 2007. *The Dental Home: It's Never Too Early to Start*. Chicago, IL: American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Foundation. 2 pp.

This mailer is designed to educate oral health professionals and parents about the dental home. The first page of the mailer addresses the following topics: (1) the concept of the dental home, (2) how to establish the dental home, (3) how the dental home enhances the oral health professional's ability to provide optimal oral health care, and (4) how parents and oral health professionals can make a difference in a child's oral health. The second page contains a list of recommendations for oral health professionals and key messages for parents.

Contact: American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Suite 700, Chicago, IL 60611-2663. Telephone: (312) 337-2169; fax: (312)

337-6329; e-mail: jrutkauskas@aapd.org; Web site: <http://www.aapd.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.aapd.org/foundation/pdfs/DentalHomeFinal.pdf>.

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FOR THE DENTAL PATIENT

American Dental Association. 2000-. *For the Dental Patient*. Chicago, IL: American Dental Association and the Journal of the American Dental Association. 1 p.

This series of consumer-education materials, which dentists can clip and copy as handouts for their clients, focuses on oral health topics. New topics are added to the series each month. Topics added in 2006-2007 include the following: (1) radiographs; (2) grills; (3) evaluating oral health information on the Internet; (4) tooth eruption; (5) toothbrush care, cleaning, and replacement; (6) tobacco-use-cessation resources; and (7) infants, formula, and fluoride.

Contact: American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Suite 700, Chicago, IL 60611-2663. Telephone: (312) 337-2169; fax: (312) 337-6329; e-mail: jrutkauskas@aapd.org; Web site: <http://www.aapd.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.ada.org/prof/resources/pubs/jada/patient.asp>.

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GOOD DENTAL CARE: IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START

Henry Schein and American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Foundation. 2007. *Good Dental Care: It's Never Too Early to Start*. Chicago, IL: American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Foundation. 2 pp.

This flyer is designed to educate mothers about oral health and oral health care for themselves and their infants. Topics include breastfeeding and other infant feeding practices, the relationship between the oral health of infants and their caregivers, using a car safety seat, dental visit periodicity, toothbrushing and flossing, and diet and nutrition.

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

HELP ME BE HEALTHY: TOOLS AND RESOURCES FOR THE WIC COMMUNITY

Help Me Be Healthy. 2006. *Help Me Be Healthy: Tools and Resources for the WIC Community*. Falls Church, VA: Help Me Be Healthy. 24 items.

This set of pamphlets was developed for use by the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) in promoting healthy prenatal and early childhood development. The content is based on federal health, safety, and nutrition program guidelines and presented by developmental stage (pregnant women, new mothers, infants and children from birth through age 5). The pamphlets are available in English and Spanish.

Contact: Monica Johnson. Help Me Be Healthy, Crabtree and Company, 200 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA 22046. Telephone: (888) 531-9001; fax: (703) 241-9061; e-mail: info@helpmebehealthy.net; Web site: <http://www.helpmebehealthy.net>. Contact for cost information.

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NOTHING BUT THE TOOTH

Texas Department of State Health Services, Nutrition Services Section and Texas Oral Health Coalition. 2006. *Nothing but the Tooth*. Austin, TX: Texas Department of State Health Services, Nutrition Services Section. 1 DVD-ROM, 1 videotape. (VHS, 7.5 min.).

This videotape (VHS) and DVD-ROM provide information on oral health and oral hygiene for pregnant and parenting women and their infants. The content focuses on the importance of (1) visiting the dentist early in pregnancy, (2) maintaining oral hygiene practices throughout pregnancy, and (3) potential ill effects of oral disease during pregnancy. Additional information is included on the importance of breastfeeding in healthy oral development, cleaning an infant's gums, avoiding frequent and prolonged eating, avoiding utensil-sharing, and scheduling the first dental visit on or before an infant's first birthday. Content is presented in English and Spanish on each videotape and DVD-ROM.

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.

**SIMPLE STEPS TO BETTER DENTAL HEALTH:
PARENTS' GUIDE**

Aetna. 2006-. *Simple Steps to Better Dental Health: Parents' Guide*. Hartford, CT: Aetna.

This electronic guide for parents provides information about oral health care for infants, children, and adolescents. Topics include a guide to primary tooth eruption, cleaning a child's mouth and teeth, toothpaste and toothbrushes, a child's age 1 visit, x-rays, fluoride, dental sealants, repairing children's teeth, endodontic treatment, sedation techniques, oral hygiene and adolescents, pacifiers, tongue piercing, tooth-friendly foods, early orthodontics, and sports safety. The guide also contains a streaming video titled *Brushing Children's Teeth*, and it links to organizations and agencies to contact for more information. The guide is one component of Simple Steps to Better Dental Health, a consumer-information Web site developed by Aetna with content reviewed by the Columbia University School of Dental Medicine.

Contact: Aetna, 151 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, CT 06156. Telephone: (860) 273-0123; Web site: <http://www.aetna.com>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.simplestepsdental.com/SS/ihtSS/r.WSIHW000/st.31840/t.31840/pr.3.html>.

STATE REPORTS

CLOSING THE GAP: IMPROVING ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE IN RHODE ISLAND

Rhode Island Oral Health Access Project. 2006. *Closing the Gap: Improving Access to Dental Care in Rhode Island*. Providence, RI: Rhode Island Kids Count. 29 pp.

This report highlights the progress made in oral health care access over the 3 years of the Rhode Island Oral Health Access Project and the work to be done to have access to affordable, high-quality oral health services for Rhode Island residents. Topics also include the role of the dental benefits manager, 15 projects that changed oral health care in Rhode Island, and next steps (such as ensuring adequate funding, continuing to strengthen the oral health care infrastructure, ensuring provider participation, recruiting and retaining strategies to ensure an adequate oral health work force, and developing data systems for oral health to inform policy changes and measure progress).

Contact: Rhode Island Kids Count, One Union Station, Providence, RI 02903. Telephone: (401) 351-9400; fax: (401) 351-1758; e-mail: rikids@rikidscount.org; Web site: <http://www.rikidscount.org/matriarch>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.rikidscount.org/matriarch/DocumentViewDirect.asp_Q_PageName_E_Oral+Health%3A+Closing+the+Gap+Report.

THE DENTAL SAFETY NET IN RHODE ISLAND

Rhode Island Kids Count. 2006. *The Dental Safety Net in Rhode Island*. Providence, RI: Rhode Island Kids Count. 16 pp.

This report describes the dental safety net concept and outlines the goals and the importance of the state Medicaid programs for oral health coverage, RIte Care and RIte Share. Topics include an outline of services provided, policies and guidelines, individuals served, staffing, referrals made, and financing of dental safety net providers. Also discussed are school-linked and community-based oral health programs, as well as future needs and recent developments. Resources, references, and contact information are also included.

Contact: Rhode Island Kids Count, One Union Station, Providence, RI 02903. Telephone: (401) 351-9400; fax: (401) 351-1758; e-mail: rikids@rikidscount.org; Web site: <http://www.rikidscount.org/matriarch>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.rikidscount.org/matriarch/DocumentViewDirect.asp_Q_PageName_E_Oral+Health:+Dental+Safety+Net+Report.

EVALUATION OF THE DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE IN MARYLAND

Children's Dental Health Project. 2006. *Evaluation of the Dental Public Health Infrastructure in Maryland*. Baltimore, MD: Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Office of Oral Health. 152 pp.

This report describes an evaluation of current programs in the Maryland dental public health infrastructure and makes recommendations to further improve the oral health of Maryland residents. Report contents include an overview of the Office of Oral Health and the Medicaid Program in Maryland, an executive summary, a description of the purpose of the evaluation, descriptions of the evaluation design and data collection and analysis methods, a summary of findings, and an overview of the limitations. Additional sections discuss

best practices, trends and gaps in service, and recommendations. Appendices include lists, an agenda, questions, and summary notes from numerous meetings, as well as models used from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Tables provide data on Medicaid utilization and health department data in Maryland and individual counties. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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) 333-7392; e-mail: oralhealth@dhmh.state.md.us; Web site: <http://www.fha.state.md.us/oralhealth>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.fha.state.md.us/oralhealth/pdf/Full_Report.pdf.

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HEALTHY KENTUCKY SMILES: A LIFETIME OF ORAL HEALTH—STATEWIDE ORAL HEALTH STRATEGIC PLAN

Kentucky Department for Public Health, Oral Health Program. 2006. *Healthy Kentucky Smiles: A Lifetime of Oral Health—Statewide Oral Health Strategic Plan*. Frankfort, KY: Kentucky Department for Public Health, Oral Health Program. 70 pp.

This report outlines a strategic plan for improving and enhancing the oral health and general health status of Kentucky residents. Topics include oral health surveys for children and adults; strategic plan mission, vision, and values statements; a situation assessment of strengths, changes, opportunities, weaknesses, and threats; advocacy; economic development; funding; partnerships and collaboration; prevention and treatment; public health education; school-based coordination; and statewide oral health work force issues. A membership list of the Kentucky oral health stakeholder group is also included. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: Kentucky Department for Public Health, Oral Health Program, 275 East Main Street, HS2W-B75, Frankfort, KY 40621. Telephone: (502) 564-3246; fax: (502) 564-8389; Web site: <http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/ach/hca/oralhealth.htm>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://chfs.ky.gov/NR/rdonlyres/69AA0FAC-4479-49D4-8B5F-BD350C4E7594/0/262366UofKRoundIII.pdf>.

HELPING MARYLAND SMILE: THE FISCAL YEAR 2006 REPORT OF THE OFFICE OF ORAL HEALTH

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Family Health Administration. 2006. *Helping Maryland Smile: The Fiscal Year 2006 Report of the Office of Oral Health*. Baltimore, MD: Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Family Health Administration. 13 pp.

This fiscal year report of the Maryland Office of Oral Health provides information on a variety of public oral health initiatives and interventions designed to promote the oral health status of Maryland residents. Topics include promoting oral health for children, oral health grants, the Maryland Dent-Care Loan Assistance Repayment Program, and the Maryland Oral Cancer Prevention and Education Initiative. Graphs indicate progress in the provision of oral health services and include data on the number of children receiving oral health services, clinic visits, dental sealants, and fluoride supplements, as well as the number of adult clinic visits. Information on state and local partnership efforts to improve oral health among Maryland residents, an urgent dental clinic to meet the oral health needs of children enrolled in Head Start in three Lower Eastern Shore counties, and evaluation of the dental public health infrastructure are also presented.

Contact: Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Family Health Administration, 201 West Preston Street, Room 306, Baltimore, MD 21201. Telephone: (410) 767-5300; fax: (410) 333-7106; Web site: <http://www.fha.state.md.us>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.fha.state.md.us/oralhealth/pdf/Oral_Health_06_Annual_Report.pdf.

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I AM READY TO SUCCEED: ARIZONA'S SCHOOL READINESS ACTION PLAN

Arizona State Board on School Readiness. 2006. *I Am Ready to Succeed: Arizona's School Readiness Action Plan*. Phoenix, AZ: Arizona State Board on School Readiness. 5 pp.

This document, intended for use by policymakers, community leaders and groups, educators, and families, outlines Arizona's 5-year action plan to enable all children to enter first grade safe, healthy, and ready to succeed. The plan presents a vision statement, discusses the role of parents and communities in preparing children for school, and outlines 10 action steps for school readiness.

Contact: Arizona State Board on School Readiness, Arizona Governor's Office for Children, Youth, and

Families, 1700 W. Washington, Suite 101, Phoenix, AZ 85007. Telephone: (602) 542-3620; Web site: <http://gocyf.az.gov/sr>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.governor.state.az.us/cyf/school_readiness/documents/061705%7eGovernorNapolitano'sSRActionPlan.pdf.

MARYLAND HEAD START ORAL HEALTH ACTION PLAN

Maryland Head Start Association. 2006. *Maryland Head Start Oral Health Action Plan*. Baltimore, MD: Maryland Head Start Association. 2 pp.

This fact sheet describes elements of the action plan to provide oral health care for children (birth to age 5) and their families in Maryland. Strategies are outlined for providing access to oral health services, for oral disease prevention, and for oral health education for children, parents, teachers, and health professionals.

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

MONTANA ORAL HEALTH PLAN

Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Oral Health Program. 2006. *Montana Oral Health Plan*. Helena, MT: Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Oral Health Program. 23 pp.

This report describes a statewide plan to promote oral health, prevent oral disease, and reduce health disparities that affect low-income, underinsured, or uninsured people, those who are geographically isolated, and those who are vulnerable because of special health care needs. Report sections include an introduction and background on oral health status in Montana and an outline of goals and priority strategies. The appendix includes a list of individuals who participated in developing the state oral health plan, as well as reference documents that provide information on collaborating agencies, water fluoridation in the state, oral health providers in the state, and dental shortage areas. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Oral Health Program, 1218 East Sixth Avenue, Helena, MT 59620. Telephone: (406) 444-0276; Web site: <http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/PHSD/family-health/oral-health/family-oralHealth-index.shtml>. Available at no charge from the Web site at <http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/PHSD/family-health/oral-health/documents/MT-State-Oral-Health-Plan2006.pdf>.

ORAL HEALTH

University of Minnesota, School of Public Health, Maternal and Child Health. 2006. Oral Health. *Healthy Generations* 7(1):1-12.

This newsletter issue features articles on oral health promotion for children, adolescents, and pregnant women. Topics include preventing tooth decay, oral health for pregnant women, the association between periodontal disease in pregnant women and preterm birth or low birthweight, reducing the consumption of soft drinks in schools, and a case study of an oral health program element in Head Start in Minnesota. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: University of Minnesota, School of Public Health, Maternal and Child Health Program, 1300 South Second Street, Suite 300, Minneapolis, MN 55454. Telephone: (612) 626-8644; fax: (612) 624-0315; Web site: <http://www.epi.umn.edu/mch>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.epi.umn.edu/mch/resources/HG_oralhealth.shtml.

ORAL HEALTH FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS

Zamani AR. 2006. *Oral Health for Children with Disabilities and Special Needs*. Oakland, CA: California Childcare Health Program, Childcare Helpline. 2 pp.

This brief offers advice on oral health care for children with disabilities or chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional conditions who require help beyond that required by children generally. The brief discusses the importance of proper oral hygiene for those born with oral conditions, who have difficulty brushing and flossing, who have reduced saliva flow, or who have restricted diets.

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statement of conditions in 2005; policy options; and recommendations. Appendices include a list of members of the Ohio Dental Workforce Roundtable, a summary of a literature review, and notes.

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ORAL HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT OF HOMELESS ADULTS IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Bruno R. 2006. *Oral Health Needs Assessment of Homeless Adults in the District of Columbia*. Washington, DC: So Others Might Eat. 44 pp.

This report examines the oral health status, level of access to oral health treatment, and barriers to accessing oral health treatment among adults residing in the District of Columbia who are homeless. Report contents include an executive summary, a discussion of the importance of conducting such a needs assessment, a review of findings, and policy recommendations. Also included is a print copy of a PowerPoint presentation discussing the findings and statistics from the needs assessment.

Contact: So Others Might Eat, 71 O Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20001. Telephone: (202) 797-8806; fax: (202) 265-3849; e-mail: web@some.org; Web site: <http://www.some.org>. Available at no charge from the Web site at http://www.some.org/docs/OralHealthReport_2_06.pdf.

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SERVICES PROVIDED TO CHILDREN ENROLLED IN NORTH DAKOTA HEAD START AND EARLY HEAD START: 2006 FACT SHEET

Fassinger P, Danielson R. 2006. *Services Provided to Children Enrolled in North Dakota Head Start and Early Head Start: 2006 Fact Sheet*. Fargo, ND: North Dakota KIDS COUNT. 2 pp.

This fact sheet highlights the health services provided to Early Head Start and Head Start enrollees in North Dakota in 2006. It provides an outline of program success, including increasing access to health insurance and oral health services, increasing utilization of health screening and needed treatment, increasing use of health services by pregnant women, increasing utilization of mental health consultations and referrals, and identification of speech and language impairment among children enrolled in Head Start. Statistical data are provided in six charts.

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REPORT OF THE OHIO DENTAL WORKFORCE ROUNDTABLE

Health Policy Institute of Ohio. 2006. *Report of the Ohio Dental Workforce Roundtable*. Columbus, OH: Health Policy Institute of Ohio. 27 pp.

This report summarizes a series of roundtable discussions held throughout 2005 by the Health Policy Institute, in partnership with the Ohio Department of Health, to consider how Ohio might more effectively utilize its oral health work force to address the oral health needs of its most vulnerable citizens. Topics include an introduction and background on the status of providing oral health care to Ohio's minority, low-income, and rural populations; a review of the history of the oral health roundtables; an integrated approach to planning and change; a description of core values; a

