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## **RESOURCES ON ORAL HEALTH FOR PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS**

### **I. Professional Education on Oral Health**

[Continuing Medical Education Course on ECC Prevention: A Medical and Dental Perspective](#) - Maricopa County, Arizona Department of Health

[OPENWIDE](#) - Integrated Training Program for Non-Dental Providers from the Conn. Dept. of Public Health.

American Family Practice's [Anticipatory Guidance](#) in Infant Oral Health: Rationale and Recommendations

[A Health Professional's Guide to Pediatric Oral Health Management](#) - a series of seven self-contained online modules designed to assist health professionals in managing the oral health of infants and young children. They include information on performing an oral screening to identify infants and children at increased risk for oral health problems, offering referrals to oral health professionals, and providing parents with anticipatory guidance.

[Dental Health Screening and Fluoride Varnish Application](#)

[Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals](#)

[Institute of Medicine Workshop Charts Future of Oral Health Workforce](#)

[Protecting All Children's Teeth \(PACT\): A Pediatric Oral Health Training Program](#) - trains pediatricians to become more knowledgeable about child oral health, more competent in providing oral health guidance and preventive care, and more comfortable sharing the responsibility of oral health with dental colleagues.

[Oral Health Risk Assessment Training for Pediatricians and Other Child Health Professionals](#) - provides a concise overview of how to perform an oral examination and conduct an oral health risk assessment and triage for infants and young children.

[Smiles for Life](#) - a comprehensive oral health curriculum for primary care clinicians initially developed in 2005 by the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Group on Oral Health. A revised and expanded second edition was released in July 2008, with further updates in July 2009. The Smiles for Life curriculum was originally designed to be implemented in Family Medicine residency training programs to allow educators to meet requirements mandating education of physicians in oral health.

## II. Oral Health Advocacy Resources

[The Children's Dental Health Project](#) CDHP – assists policymakers, health care providers, advocates, and parents improve the oral health and dental care of children and other vulnerable populations. CDHP combines the services of policy think-tank, advocacy organization, and strategic consultant. Simple one-page fact sheets on the status of children's oral health, Medicaid, EPSDT, and SCHIP are available to educate policy makers on the status of children's dental care. Consider subscribing to "News Bytes" for up to date state and national oral health advocacy news.

The American Academy of Pediatrics Policy [Statement on Oral Health](#) - *“Oral health is an integral part of a child's general health and dental caries is the most common chronic disease of childhood. The new AAP guidelines provide pediatricians and other non-dental health professionals with information to make a difference in the overall health of children. The guidelines provide caries risk assessment tools, prevention strategies, and anticipatory guidance recommendations so that a child's medical and dental homes can be better coordinated. I highly suggest reading and incorporating these guidelines into your practice for the health of our youngest patients.”* — Dr. David Krol, MD, pediatrician and Soros Advocacy Fellow with the Children's Dental Health Project

A [National Call to Action](#) - *“At the 2003 National Oral Health Conference in Milwaukee, Dr. Richard Carmona delivered a national call to action to promote oral health. Dr. Carmona charged the public dental health community to seize the opportunity to eliminate oral health disparities and improve quality of life for underserved America. He encouraged dentistry to assist the medical community in its efforts to provide holistic health care. A National Call to Action to Promote Oral Health is a framework for action stressing public-private partnerships and other strategies of collaboration to improve the nation's oral health. Furthermore, it is evidence of America's paradigm shift to transdisciplinary health care, the approach so embraced by the Association of Clinicians of the Underserved.”* —Dr. Scott Wolpin, DMD, Principal Investigator of the ACU Early Childhood Caries Prevention Project.

Keep America Smiling: [Oral Health Report Card](#) - provides a snapshot of oral health in America and is intended to focus policymakers' attention on areas of need in the realms of prevention, access to care, infrastructure, health status, and oral-health-related laws. For the report, the Oral Health America Campaign for Oral Health Policy, with support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, gathered public health information from a variety of the most recent primary data sources to create a state-by-state database. Additional data were collected through the Oral Health America

surveys of state dental health programs and state Medicaid programs. The report presents an overview of oral health as well as information about the research methodology, categories, and data sources. The report is intended for use by opinion leaders, public advocates, policymakers, communities, health professionals, and the media in supporting successful policies and programs that will make oral health care an integral part of overall health care in America.

### **III. Oral Health Organizations and Programs**

[Academy of General Dentistry](#)

[American Academy of Pediatrics](#)

[American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry](#)

[American Academy of Periodontology-Women & Periodontal Disease](#)

[American College of Dentists](#)

[American Dental Assistant's Association](#)

[American Dental Education Association](#)

[American Public Health Association](#)

[American Association of Public Health Dentistry](#)

[American Dental Association](#)

[American Dental Hygienists' Association](#)

[Association of Managed Care Dentists](#)

[Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs](#)

[Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors](#)

[Bright Futures in Practice: Oral Health](#)

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention "Oral Health Resources"](#)

[Children's Alliance](#)

[Children's Dental Health Project](#)

[Colgate Palmolive](#)

[Hispanic Dental Association](#)

[National Association of Dental Plans](#)

[National Center for Fluoridation Policy and Research](#)

[National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research](#)

[National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center](#)

[Nevada State Oral Health Initiative](#)

[Partnership for Prevention](#)

[Proctor & Gamble Global Dental Resources](#)

[Smile Finders](#)

[University of Washington, Department of Pediatric Dentistry](#)

#### **IV. Pediatric Oral Health**

[Guide to Children's Dental Care in Medicaid EPSTD Periodicity Schedule](#)

[Awesome Smiles](#)

The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and the Children's Dental Health Project are collaborating on a five-year adolescent oral health project, **Awesome Smiles**. Funded through a grant from HRSA/Maternal and Child Health Bureau, the project is part of a larger initiative entitled "Partners in Program Planning for Adolescent Health."

[Campaign for Kids Oral Health](#)

Site created by State of Washington in response to the Surgeon General's Report on Oral Health - reports on programs of all states

[Oral Health and Children Knowledge Path](#)

This electronic resource guide about oral health and children offers a selection of recent, high-quality resources and tools for further research. It is aimed at health professionals, policymakers, and researchers.

[UCSF Center to Address Disparities in Children's Oral Health](#)

[Guide to Children's Dental Care in Medicaid](#)

#### **V. Additional Links**

*Fluorides:*

## [CDC's Water Fluoridation Fact Sheet](#)

Guidance to health care professionals and the public on the best ways to provide and receive fluoride.

## [Fluoridation Status of 50 Largest Cities](#)

The Central Massachusetts Oral Health Initiative

## [MMWRs Concerning Water Fluoridation](#)

The recommendations in this report guide dental and other health-care providers, public health officials, policy makers, and the public in the use of fluoride to achieve maximum protection against dental caries while using resources efficiently and reducing the likelihood of enamel fluorosis.

*Sealants:*

## [Impact of Targeted, School-Based Dental Sealant Programs in Reducing Racial and Economic Disparities in Sealant Prevalence Among Schoolchildren \(Ohio 1998-1999\)](#)

Ohio study shows that school-based sealant programs can reduce disparities in sealant use in elementary school children.

## [National MCH Oral Health Resource Center's "Dental Sealant Resource Guide"](#)

*Standards*

## [Cooperative Agreements to Strengthen State Oral Disease Prevention Programs](#)

## [Current Trends, Core Public Health Functions, and State Efforts to Improve Oral Health--United States, 1993](#)

## [HRSA Medicaid Primer](#)

## [Oral Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Activities](#)