Maternal and Child Health Bureau
Oral Health

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Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB)
Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People
• **Test promising models** for the integration of oral health into primary care and safety-net settings at the state and local level.

• **Provide targeted technical assistance and training** to Title V Maternal and Child Health programs and oral health Special Projects of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS) grant to successfully translate evidence into sustainable practice.

• Maintain a national center for the **development, housing and dissemination of evidence-based/-informed resources** for administrators, health professionals, educators, and policymakers with the goal of replicating successful integration of quality oral health care into existing systems of care.
Testing promising models

GOAL - Improve access to and delivery of comprehensive, quality oral health care for pregnant women & children.

NOHI
Community Health Centers in 12 States (4 States per NOHI)
✓ Data, Analysis, and Evaluation
✓ Outreach and Education
✓ Policy and Practice

Strategy 1
Enhanced integration of oral health care into Maternal and Child Health (MCH) safety net services (community health centers)

Strategy 2
Increased knowledge and skills among health care providers (including dental, non-dental clinical, and non-dental support service providers)

Strategy 3
Increased knowledge and awareness of preventive oral health practices among parent/caregivers
Goal 2

Targeted Technical Assistance and Training

Goal: Develop and expand accessible, high-quality integrated preventive oral health care for MCH populations, advancing excellence in oral health care technical assistance in support of preventive oral health care delivery.
✓ Develops and disseminates resources for policy makers, systems administrators, health professionals, and educators

**SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT**

COHSII

Consortium for Oral Health Systems Integration and Improvement

ASTDD | DQA | OHRC

Learn more at:
https://www.mchoralhealth.org

**Consumer Education***

*in numerous languages

**Professional Development**

Bright Futures
ORAL HEALTH Pocket Guide

Promoting Oral Health During Pregnancy

**Title V National Performance Measure 13 (Oral Health): Strategies for Success**

May 2005

DHHS/HRSA
Oral Health

Oral health is vital to the health and well-being of pregnant women, children, adolescents, young adults, and families. Common problems include tooth decay (dental caries or cavities), and gingivitis (inflammation of the gums). These are preventable with routine oral health care, early detection, proper diet, and appropriate management.

Our work in this area

To improve oral health, we want to:

- **Increase** access to preventive services
- **Foster** an integrated workforce
- **Achieve** health equity

To achieve oral health equity, we need to:

- **Integrate** oral health within the rest of the health care system
- **Provide** culturally sensitive and cost-effective preventive care
- **Empower** communities and people to follow recommendations for good oral health and overall health

Learn more at: [https://mchb.hrsa.gov/maternal-child-health-initiatives/mchb-programs/oral-health-program](https://mchb.hrsa.gov/maternal-child-health-initiatives/mchb-programs/oral-health-program)
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