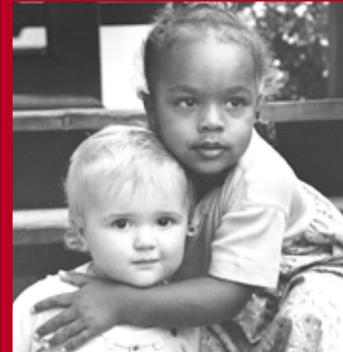


CHCS Purchasing Institute: Best Practices for Oral Health Access

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Background

- Center for Health Care Strategies, Inc. (CHCS) is a non profit health policy resource center that works with state and federal agencies, health plans, providers and consumer groups to develop effective solutions for the challenges they face in improving publicly financed care by sponsoring:
 - ✓ Purchasing Institute (PI)
 - ✓ Best Clinical and Administrative Practices (BCAP)
 - ✓ Multi-Stakeholder Quality Improvement Collaborative
- Funding from the State Action for Oral Health Access Program
- Partnership with Health Systems Research, Inc through a grant from Maternal Child Health Bureau of the Health Resources and Services Administration



Purpose

- Provide states with strategies to better manage the progression of oral health disease,
- Identify how to improve the value of the Medicaid dental benefit
- Reinforce the link or oral health to overall physical health and chronic illness
- Illustrate how states can improve access, quality and program efficiencies
- Demonstrate how teams create effective collaborations and
- Leave the Institute with a follow-up State Action Plan.



STATE TEAMS SHARE AND LEARN

- 13 State Teams
 - California: *No Child's Smile Left Behind*
 - Georgia: *Is it Preventable? Yes: Fund Dental Benefits in Medicaid*
 - Hawaii: *Keiki to Get Better Smiles*
 - Idaho: *Do Good Cheap*
 - Illinois: ***Puts Money Where Their Mouths Are***
 - Iowa: ***"I Smile": Showing up on Kids Faces***
 - Michigan: *Take a Bite out of Infant Mortality and Children Suffering*
 - Minnesota: *Voices Raised for the Silent Epidemic*
 - New Mexico: *Celebrate the Year of the Child with a Healthy Smile*
 - Utah: *Lack of Access Causes Avoidable Suffering*
 - Virginia: ***Virginia Drills Deep to Improve Dental Care for Children and Pregnant Women***
 - Washington: *Timely Treatment for Toddler's Teeth*
 - Wisconsin: *Need to Bridge Historic Divides*

