Getting a Head Start in Michigan

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Objectives

- Becoming a dental hygienist liaison (DHL)
- Michigan specific program
- Collaborations
- DHL activities
- Materials and resources
- Successes and challenges
Introductions

Jennifer VanWingen, RDH
Collaborations

The Central District Dental Hygienists' Society serving the counties of Ingham, Eaton, Clinton, Shiawassee and Livingston

Capital Area Community Services, Inc
Head Start and Early Childhood Programs
PA 161: Public Dental Prevention Program

“A dental hygienist may perform dental hygiene services under the supervision of a dentist as part of a program for dentally underserved populations in this state conducted by a local, state, or federal grantee health agency for patients who are not assigned by a dentist.”
PA 161: Public Dental Prevention Program

- Administered by Michigan Department of Community Health Oral Health Program
- Allows collaborative practice arrangement to deliver preventive care to unassigned and underserved populations in Michigan
- Non-profit agencies receive 2-year approval to provide care
- 2 Head Start agencies are PA 161 grantees
PA 161: Public Dental Prevention Program

DHL Activities

- Encourage Head Start participation in PA 161 programs
- Provide direct services
- Educate Head Start staff and parents using standardized training program
- Promote use of oral health materials in Head Start programs
Michigan Oral Health Coalition
and Clare County

Food, Family and Fun: Growing Great Families

February 23, 2012 • 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Mid Michigan Community Action Agency
1574 E. Washington Road • Farwell, Michigan

Kindergarten Round-Up Oral Health Assessment
Clare Public Schools and Harrison Community Schools

Presented by the Michigan Oral Health Coalition with financial support through the National Center on Community Innovation Project.
Presentations

Getting a Head Start on Oral Health
Cavity Free Kids

**Cavity Free Kids Training for Parents**

- Free dental exam and cleaning for every Early Head Start parent who attends this training!
- Free books for both children and adults!
- Free Make-It-take-it flannel board stories and finger puppets.

We are very happy to invite you to the Cavity Free Kids Training for parents!

**Discussion:** What causes cavities, fun ways to get children to brush their teeth, and how to keep your child cavity free.

**Fun:** Activities and door prizes

**Date:** Tuesday, November 26, 2013
**Time:** 9:00am-12:30 pm
**Place:** Early Childhood Learning Center (114 W. North St., Oviedo, 48857)

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**“Dinner and child care provided!”**

**Must register by November 19, 2013**

Reservations are limited so act fast!

Please contact Brenda Martinez, Oral Health Coordinator, at 517-482-1504 ext. 132 or e-mail at Brenda.martinez@headstart.org to reserve your spot!
Parent Education Days
Training Resources

Oral Health

Effective oral health practices vary depending on the developmental skills of each child. Tooth decay is the most common childhood disease. It is caused by bacteria that can be shared from person to person. Brushing twice daily is one of the most effective ways to prevent tooth decay and promote good oral health. When children have a healthy mouth, they can speak more clearly, eat healthy foods, and feel good about themselves. A healthy mouth also means children can better focus and learn, have a pain-free mouth, and incur fewer dental costs.

Assessment, Follow-up, and Treatment  Education Activities  Policies and Procedures

National and State Perinatal Initiatives
Home Visiting
Successes

- Joined Michigan Head Start Association
- Trained parents and staff
- Attended Head Start conferences
- Established collaborations
- Provided role modeling
- Utilized assessment codes
Challenges

- Time
- PA 161 administration
- State level collaborations
- Engaging parents, staff, and volunteers
- Finding funding sources

Challenges are what make life interesting. Overcoming them is what makes it meaningful.
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