



Setting The Direction For The Future: One State's Commitment Toward The Vision Of Optimum Oral Health For Children

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HRSA –ACF Intra-Agency Agreement

Working in Partnership to Improve Children's Oral Health

Overall goal:
Achieve optimal oral health
for Head Start children and their families.

- 1998 - MCHB and HCFA (CMS) joint Medicaid/CHIP Oral Health Initiative.
- 1999 – MCHB, WIC and HSB held Head Start Partners Forum on Oral Health to address access issues.
- 2001 - Re-established the formal partnership that had existed from 1966 to the mid 1990's.

Intra-Agency Agreement Continued 2001 Intra-Agency Agreement

- 2001 – Regional Forums (HSB/MCHB)
 - * Region VII took the lead –
December, 2001
- 2002 - State Head Start Forums
 - * Kansas – one of the first to held its
forum
- 2005 – Kansas held its follow-up forum

State Follow-up Forums

- 2006 - Kansas awarded an Oral Health Initiative grant
- 2006 through 2007
 - * Kansas State Oral Health Forum
 - * Kansas Oral Health Planning Summit
 - * Kansas State Plan

Kansas Head Start Innovation – Persistence

- 1999
Statewide Head Start Oral
Health Survey -- Data on
Dental Services
- 1999
Head Start Partners Oral
Health Forum in Washington
DC
- 1999-2001
EHS Oral Health Management
System Demonstration Project
- 2001
Statewide Head Start Oral
Health Conference – Health
Managers and Partners



Kansas Head Start Innovation – Persistence

- 2003 – 2005
Early Head Start Oral Health
Demonstration Program
- 2003
Early Childhood Oral Health
Symposium
- 2005
AAP CATCH Planning Grant:
CSHCN
- 2006
ASTDD Grant – Statewide
Planning for Children with
Special Health Care Needs



Kansas Head Start Innovative and Persistent

2008 Kansas Cavity Free Kids

- Focus: Capacity – Building + Coordination + Cohesion
- 10 Head Start Grantees – 57 Counties
- + Community Early Learning Programs
- Dental Homes
- Extended Care Permit Hygienists
- Uniform Curriculum
- Web-based Data System
- Children's Oral Health Advisory Council