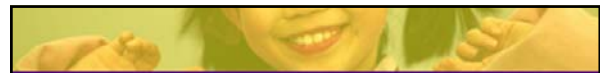




Promoting the Family Perspective: Opportunities for Partnership

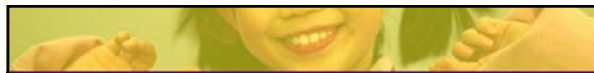
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Session Outline

- Part 1: Why partnership is important
- Part 2: What's new at Family Voices and the Family-to-Family Health Information Centers
- Part 3: Successful Family Partnerships
- Part 4: Discussion - Ideas for Future Partnerships that Promote Oral Health



Family Roles and Partnerships


Families are their children's first and best advocates, providing and overseeing their children's health and development.




Session Goal: Explore the potential for new partnerships between oral health programs & families

Emphasis on opportunities for:

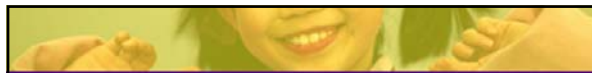
- Oral health assessment
- Oral health assurance
- Oral health policy development



Definition - CYSHCN

HHS/HRSA/Maternal and Child Health Bureau

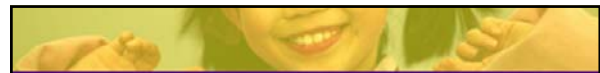
"Those who have or are at increased risk for a chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional condition and who also require health and related services of a type or amount beyond that required by children generally."



Oral Issues for CYSHCN*

- Special dental needs
- Regular dental needs – adaptations for children's special needs
- Expertise + comfort of dental providers
- Cost of care
- Acceptance of Medicaid
- Families' knowledge + priorities

* See Family Voices handout



**Oral Health in America:
A Report of the Surgeon General**

- A Framework for Action suggests.....
using public-private partnerships to improve oral health
- A Framework for Action suggests.....
changing public, provider and policy perceptions of the family role in oral health promotion



Partnerships

- Public health dentistry in partnership with:
 - National, state and local dental assoc.
 - Dental training programs
 - Dental research projects
 - Dental insurance carriers
 - Dental advocacy organizations
 - **Child and family support organizations**



*Families:
Role in children's oral health*

- Making the dental appointment
- Transporting the child to the dental office
- Paying for services
- Determining the child's diet at home
- Encouraging/enforcing home care
- Communicating positive vs fearful attitudes



*Families:
Role in program & policy*


- Advisory role: family advisory councils
- Planning role: program development
- Executive role: boards/committees
- Evaluation role: consumer of services
- Research role: as project partners, subjects



Family Roles and Partnerships

Children's health happens in many settings – home, school, community. Families are the links between caregivers and settings.







FAMILY VOICES

Keeping families at the center of children's healthcare


- Family Voices www.familyvoices.org
- Meetings and Workshops
- Research, Data, and Policy
- Networking and Partnerships
- Technical assistance to F2Fs via the Nat'l Ctr for Family-Professional Collaboration




Family to Family Health Information Centers (F2F HICs) - National



- Family-to-Family Health Information Centers (<http://www.familyvoices.org/info/ncfpp/f2fhic.php>)
As of June 1, funded in 50 states and Wash DC!
- Most, but not all, run in partnership with state Family Voices networks
- Parent-run
- Provide assistance to families, providers and others on many issues related to caring for CYSHCN



Family Roles and Partnerships



Raising children is important, hard work -- 24 hours a day.



FV/F2F HICs - OREGON & Northwest



- What we do
- What we don't do
- Varies by state, but in general, ensure families have information to make informed decisions about:
 - healthcare services & supports
 - health financing for CYSHCN
- Create opportunities for family/professional partnerships




FV Partnerships for many purposes, on many levels

- *Individual - Family to Family*
- *Programs and Services*
- *Policy*
- *Research and Training*



FV Collaborations - Research

- Brandeis University/Family Voices Your Voice Counts National Survey
- National Survey CYSHCN
- National Survey of Children
- Child/Adol Health Measurement Initiative (CAHMI)



FV: Education + Training

- Pre-service
- In-service
- LEND
- Community-based training



Family Roles and Partnerships



Your child's health care providers want to help you raise healthy children.

Children's regular health and dental visits are excellent times to get this help.



Family Voices Bright Futures Materials

In partnership with the American Academy of Pediatrics, and others, Family Voices creates materials which complement the Bright Futures Guidelines for Health Supervision of Infants, Children and Adolescents 3rd Ed




- 📄 FV Bright Futures Family Pocket Guide – Eng & Sp
- 📄 Bright Futures Family Matters – free electronic newsletter
- 📄 Bright Futures Family Theme Sheets
- 🌐 www.BrightFuturesforFamilies.org




Bright Futures Theme Sheets

Family-friendly companion materials to Bright Futures, 3rd edition




FV Collaborations - Research

- Family Voices/Tufts U School of Medicine
Bright Futures: Health & Wellness
- U of Washington/Family Voices
“Dental Home” concept
- Boston U Sch Dental Medicine - Adv



FV Collaborations – Needs Assessment

- FV/F2F Data Collection
- MA Dental Health Survey, CSHCN
L Nelson, Children's Hospital, Boston
- Title V – 5-Yr Needs Assessment



FV Collaborations in Oral Health

- Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD)
- State Forums and State Health Plans for Oral Health for CYSHCN
- FV and F2F HIC State Participation: AK, KS, MA, MI, NE, RI, SC, UT, VA, WA



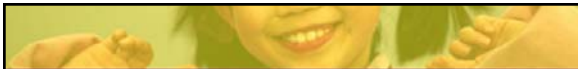
FV Collaborations in Oral Health

- Topical Call on Oral Health
- Oral Health Mailing (FVs + F2Fs)
- FV ListServ – Oral Health Resources/Issues
- Presentations/workshops:
 - AAPD, AAP Summit, Forsyth (and many others)
 - Family Voices National Conference



Family Roles and Partnerships

There are lots of right and good ways to raise healthy children

FV partnership: oral health assessment

- Example: question selection, content of survey
- Example: FV assistance to identify survey sample
- Example: interpretation of findings/dissemination
- Discussion



FV partnership: oral health assurance

- Example: FV collaboration to link CSHCN to oral health services
- Example: evaluate accessibility of services
- Discussion
 - Are these projects realistic?
 - Prior experience in medical field?
 - Which FV components might be interested?



FV Partnership: Oral health policy development

- Example: FV participation in local, state and national health agencies that set oral health policy
- Discussion
 - Precedent for an oral health policy role?
 - How does FV influence health policy generally?
 - How to identify FV units that might be interested?
 - How can FV identify oral health agencies?



Partnerships Work!
Raising healthy children is everybody's business!