

**Working in
Collaboration to
Improve the Oral Health
of Pregnant Women,
Infants and Children in
Head Start**

**National Oral Health
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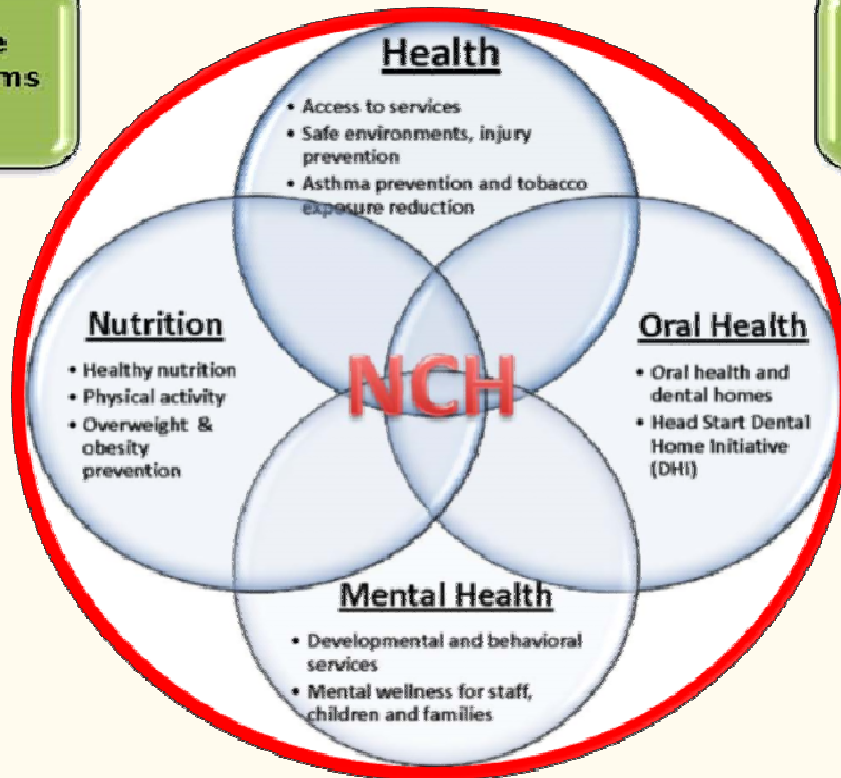
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- American Academy of Pediatrics
- Education Development Center
- Georgetown University, Center for Child and Human Development
- **Georgetown University, National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center working in collaboration with the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors**
- University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) Anderson School of Management, UCLA Health Care Institute
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, National Training Institute for Child Care Health Consultants



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National Center on Health Oral Health Project Guiding Principles

- Promote evidence-informed, practice-based, developmentally appropriate, and culturally sensitive messages, materials, and services
- Focus on prevention and early intervention
- Preserve what works while promoting innovation
- Leverage public/private partnerships
- *Communicate and coordinate with health professionals, child care professionals, and representatives from government agencies, organizations, and programs*



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The American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) is recognized as an important National Center on Health Oral Health Project (NCH OHP) partner.



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What is the Role of the Head Start Dental Hygienist Liaison?

- Provide a **communication link** between NCH and Head Start oral health activities and programs.
- **Collaborate** with state organizations and ongoing networks (e.g., Dental Home Initiatives), including state dental directors and Head State collaboration office directors, to address prevention and access-to-care issues.
- Assist in promoting **evidence-based preventive and educational services** to Head Start statewide.
- **Share links to resources** with Head Start and other partners to improve consistent messaging on oral health.



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