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Maryland Gets a “Head Start” on Oral Health

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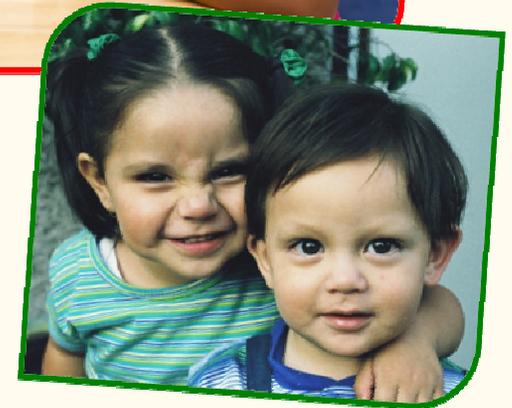
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Establishing Partnerships and Collaborative Relationships

- Contact your state Head Start collaboration office to discuss oral health issues around access to care, prevention, and education
- Participate in Head Start strategic planning meetings, webinars, conferences, and roundtable discussions throughout the year
- Reach out to Head Start programs to find out what information they need



Partnerships and Collaboration

- Maryland Head Start Association (MHSA)
- Maryland State Head Start Collaboration Office
Located in the Maryland State Department of Education
- Maryland Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
- Maryland Oral Health Association
- National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center



Partnerships and Collaboration

- Baltimore City Head Start Health Advisory Committee
- Maryland Dental Action Coalition
- Maryland Dental Hygienists' Association



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Activities to Improve Access to Oral Health Care

- Served as oral health advisor to
 - MHPA Strategic Planning Committee
 - Baltimore City Head Start Health Advisory Committee
- Promote availability of oral health resources specifically designed for Head Start including *Brush Up on Oral Health* newsletter



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Activities to Improve Access to Oral Health Care



- Provided oral health education to health managers, family service coordinators, and teachers at MHSA’s 2013 spring training conference
- Co-presented “Oral Health Resources to Support Head Start Programs” at MHSA’s 2013 Fall Networking Institute



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Activities

- Participated as Maryland DHL at
 - American Dental Hygienists' Association 2013 session
 - MHSA's 2012 fall and 2013 spring meetings
 - Maryland Academy of Pediatric Dentistry's 2013 winter meeting
 - National Oral Health Conference 2013



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2014 Activities

- Attended MHSA Strategic Planning Meeting for 2014
- Contacted University of Maryland Dental Hygiene School Outreach Coordinator
- PIR Issues Discussed with MSDE
- Discussed new HS dental form
- Conversation with Baltimore City HS regarding mobile dental programs
- Prepared OH presentation for MHSA Spring Conference



My Challenges

- Understanding programs' organization and infrastructure
- Competing concurrent sessions at MHSA meetings
- Seeking permission to visit Head Start programs located in schools

