

SUMMARY/UPDATE
EARLY HEAD START/ HEAD START AND STATE AND TERRITORIAL ORAL HEALTH FORUM
LEADING TO AN ACTION PLAN

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FORUM MODEL USED

- Telephone survey of all Kansas Head Start programs done prior to Forum to update a previous needs assessment
- Format of Forum included: 1) keynote presentation by Dr. Jim Crall, MCH National Oral Health Policy Center; 2) state-of-the-state summary by the president of a private foundation in Kansas (United Methodist Health Ministry Fund) which has been a primary supporter of OH initiatives; 3) overview of the planning process and Surgeon General's framework by Michael Felix; 4) facilitation of three group dialogues on Access, Policy and Financing and Prevention and Education.
- Development of strategies and priorities into an Action Plan by Planning Committee.

MAJOR PARTNERS

- ASTDD*
- Kansas Department of Health and Environment*
- Kansas Head Start Collaboration Project*
- United Methodist Health Ministry Fund
- Region VII Head Start Quality Improvement Center
- Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services
- Kansas Dental Association
- Kansas Dental Hygienists Association

FORUM DATE(S)

- December 6, 2002

STATUS OF ACTIVITIES/OUTCOMES

- Participants signed up for three task forces, corresponding to the group dialogue areas, to begin work on implementing the action plan. These task forces will meet on March 28.
- Followup to the Forum will also be part of the work of a statewide oral health coalition, which is being organized to build on the momentum created by the UMHMF Oral Health Advisory Committee, the ABCD Kansas Steering Committee, and the Head Start Oral Health Forum.