Resources on Mobile and Portable Dental Services in Preschool and School Settings

This issue brief provides an overview of the complex issues that confront communities and states around mobile and portable dental care provided in educational settings such as preschools, Head Starts and K-12 schools. This document:
- Explores underlying issues for using mobile or portable dental care systems
- Provides some examples from communities and states
- Suggests questions to ask for making decisions about starting such programs
- Lists resources for those looking to start or expand such programs
- Suggests recommendations for action and further research.

② Information on starting, expanding or evaluating mobile/portable dental care options is available in an online Mobile-Portable Dental Clinic Manual. Five chapters include: Introduction and Planning, Mobile Dental Systems, Portable Equipment, Mobile-Portable Hybrid, and Measuring Effectiveness and Outcomes.

③ The Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors has created a policy statement supporting school-based/school linked mobile or portable dental programs that provide comprehensive services or linkage to a dental home.