**Questions and Answers** from the Feb. 28, 2014 DHL webinar:

*Collection of Data Head Start*

**Comment: The link to the form in the PowerPoint does not work.**

The ECLKC (website) was “under construction” for a short period. The following link is now working and you can access the forms for children, pregnant women, and combined for pregnant women and children, as well as the sample letter for the provider: <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/health/center/oral-health/policies-procedures/oral-health-forms.html>

**Who is responsible for incorporating the use of the oral health forms in our state?** **The HS Collaboration Office?**

Head Start grantees may opt to use the new oral health forms or develop their own forms. Working with the HS Collaboration Office to inform the grantees and encourage them to use the new forms is probably the best method for getting universal acceptance.

**How did you handle calibration, especially when working with private practice dental practitioners?**

The Oregon program has not done any calibration with our community dentists; however, before the hygienists go to the Head Start sites, they review the ASTDD BSS materials so that they are calibrated. We do hope to introduce the form at the state dental conference so that we can provide more information and will have ASTDD resources available.

**What were some of the initiatives in WA that helped decrease the decay levels in 2005?** Washington has had a variety of initiatives including, the ABCD program and county oral health coordinators that provided preventive services in Head Start. The funding for the county oral health coordinators was recently removed from the state’s budget.

**The Head Start PIR has a data field '% of children with dental treatment needs'. Will programs find the national form easily transferrable to the PIRs?**

Yes, the new oral health forms collect the necessary information for PIR.

**Does the Head Start form come in an iPad app as well?**

There isn't an iPad for the forms, but NCH is thinking about developing one.

**How easy will it be for the managed care organizations to switch to using these forms as well**?

The oral health forms are a supplemental form that providers are asked to complete for the Head Start programs. They are not substitutions or alternatives for dental providers’ examinations forms. A sample letter to providers has been developed by NCH and is available at the link listed above. [[Michelle: The new oral health forms are not supplemental forms, but can replace forms that providers are using.]]

**I noticed the form asks if the practice is the child's "dental home". Have you had any issues with dental providers not understanding what a dental home is?**

No, because I think the providers assume that if the child presents at their office that that is now their dental home. The hygienists that we have going to the sites directly serve as an extension of that dental home, not as a separate entity.

**Katrina Holt asked participants to please share your suggestions for the National Center on Health staff and DHLs to promote use of the new oral health forms.**

Diane Flanagan: During a recent GKAS event, I was informed there would be HS children receiving exams. I made the forms available, they were completed, and now the HS health coordinators are considering using the new forms next year.

**If you have ideas after the call, send me an e-mail (kholt@georgetown.edu).**