



Making Head Start Program Information Report (PIR) Data on Oral Health Work for You!


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Objectives

- Learn how to access and use the Office of Head Start Program Information Report (PIR) to improve oral health.
- Understand oral health PIR data trends during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Compare oral health PIR data trends to medical PIR data trends.
- Identify the family, health professional, and policy and finance issues that affect the oral health of Head Start participants.
- Identify strategies state dental hygienist liaisons (DHLs), regional DHL coordinators (RDHLCs), and Head Start program staff can employ to improve the oral health of Head Start participants



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Introduction to the Head Start PIR

- What is the Head Start PIR?
 - Comprehensive data on services Head Start participants received
 - Demographic data on Head Start staff and children enrolled in Head Start programs and their families
- How are Head Start PIR data reported and collected?
 - Self-reported at the program level
 - Collected at the program level



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Introduction to the Head Start PIR

- What programs collect PIR?
 - Head Start
 - Early Head Start
 - American Indian and Alaska Native
 - Migrant and Seasonal Head Start
- At what level can PIR data be requested?
 - Program
 - Recipient (grant)
 - State
 - Regional
 - National




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Introduction to the Head Start PIR

- What dental data are included in the Head Start PIR?
 - Percentage of children with a dental home
 - Percentage of preschool children completing a dental exam
 - Of preschool children completing a dental exam, percentage needing dental treatment
 - Of preschool children needing treatment, percentage receiving treatment
 - Primary reason that children who needed treatment did not receive it



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How Head Start PIR Data Can Be Used

- Monitor and investigate trends
- Identify and celebrate successes
- Identify challenges and areas for improvement
- Improve quality of support services for families
- Identify topics to provide education to Head Start staff and families


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Accessing PIR Data via Head Start Enterprise System

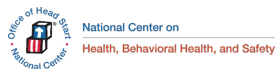
- Contact Head Start Enterprise System help desk to set up a free account and request access
- E-mail: help@hsesinfo.org
Toll-free: (866) 771-4737
Website: <https://hses.ohs.acf.hhs.gov>
- Upon request, access to
 - Full PIR data set
 - Earlier year reports
 - PIR forms
- *PIR Reports User Guide*

Office of Head Start - Services Snapshot
American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) All Programs (2021-2022)

This data services Snapshot summarizes key data on demographics and services for children from birth to age five and program center services by all American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) programs. The data is the Snapshot is a subset of the Annual Program Information Report (PIR) submission to the Office of Head Start.

Funded enrollment		
Number of enrollment slots the program is funded to serve.		
Total Funded Enrollment	# of funded enrollment slots	% of funded enrollment slots
	20,752	100%
Funded enrollment by program option		
Program option	# of funded enrollment slots	% of funded enrollment slots
Center-based option	18,118	87%
Home-based option	808	4%
Family child care option	0	0%
Locally designed option	72	0%
Total funded program services	19,000	92%
Detail - Center-based funded enrollment		
Program option	# of center-based funded enrollment slots	% of center-based funded enrollment slots
Number of slots actual to or greater than 1,020 annual hours for Head Start individual children or 1,380 annual hours for Early Head Start infants and toddlers	15,020	79.6%
Of these, the number that are available for the full-working-day 6-18-monther year	6,382	
Number of slots with fewer than 1,020 annual hours for Head Start and toddlers - more or 1,380 annual hours for Early Head Start infants and toddlers	3,088	20.0%
Of these, the number that are available for 3.5 hours per day for CSE slots	1,888	
Of these, the number that are available for a full working day	332	
Total cumulative enrollment		
Actual number of children and program services received by the program throughout the entire program year. Includes all services who fell during the program year and the enrollment who filed these empty places. One to or more are required in the PIR) than indicated by the funded enrollment numbers.		
Total cumulative enrollment	# of participants	% of participants
Children total cumulative enrollment	17,774	100%
Program services total cumulative enrollment	17,407	98.0%
	367	2.1%

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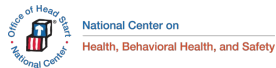
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National Trends in Head Start PIR Dental Performance Indicators for Program Years



- Examined national trends in PIR dental data between 2018, 2019, 2021 and 2022
- Identified pre-COVID and COVID challenges to improve oral health care of Head Start participants
- Offers strategies to address concerning trends in oral health for
 - Local Head Start program staff
 - State DHLs and RDHLCs
 - State organizations
 - Regional health specialists
 - Federal agencies and national organizations

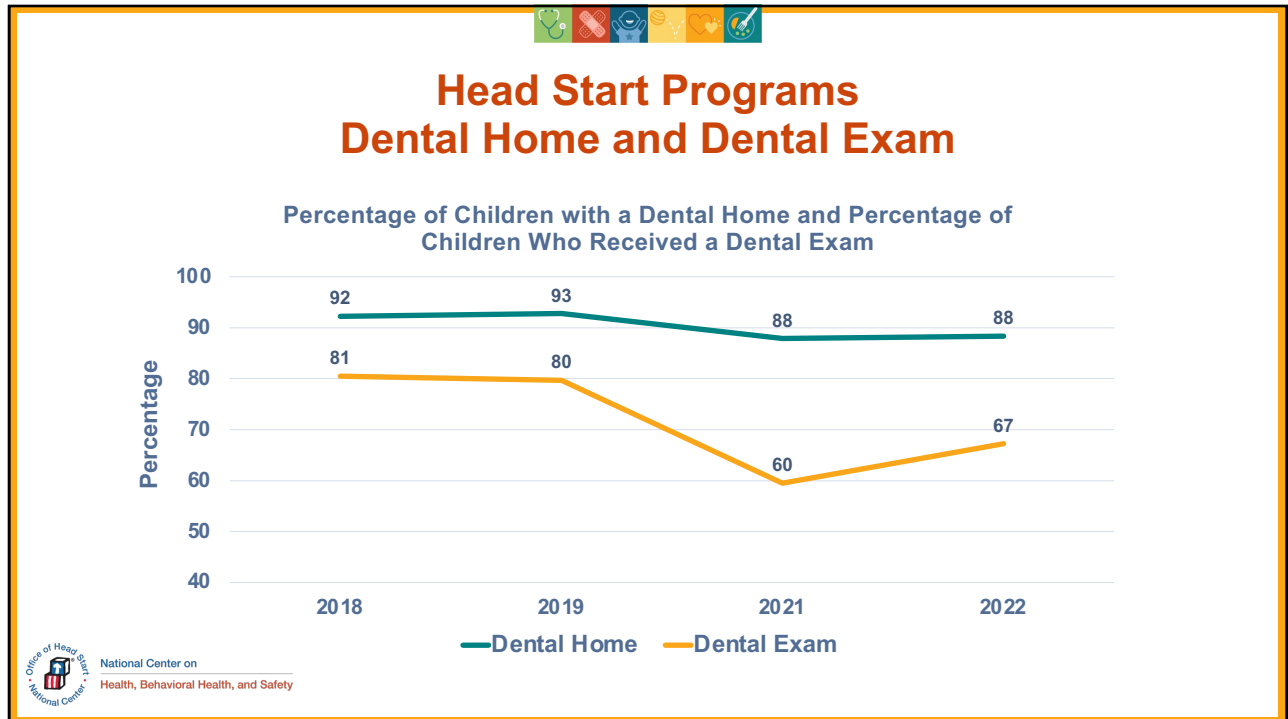


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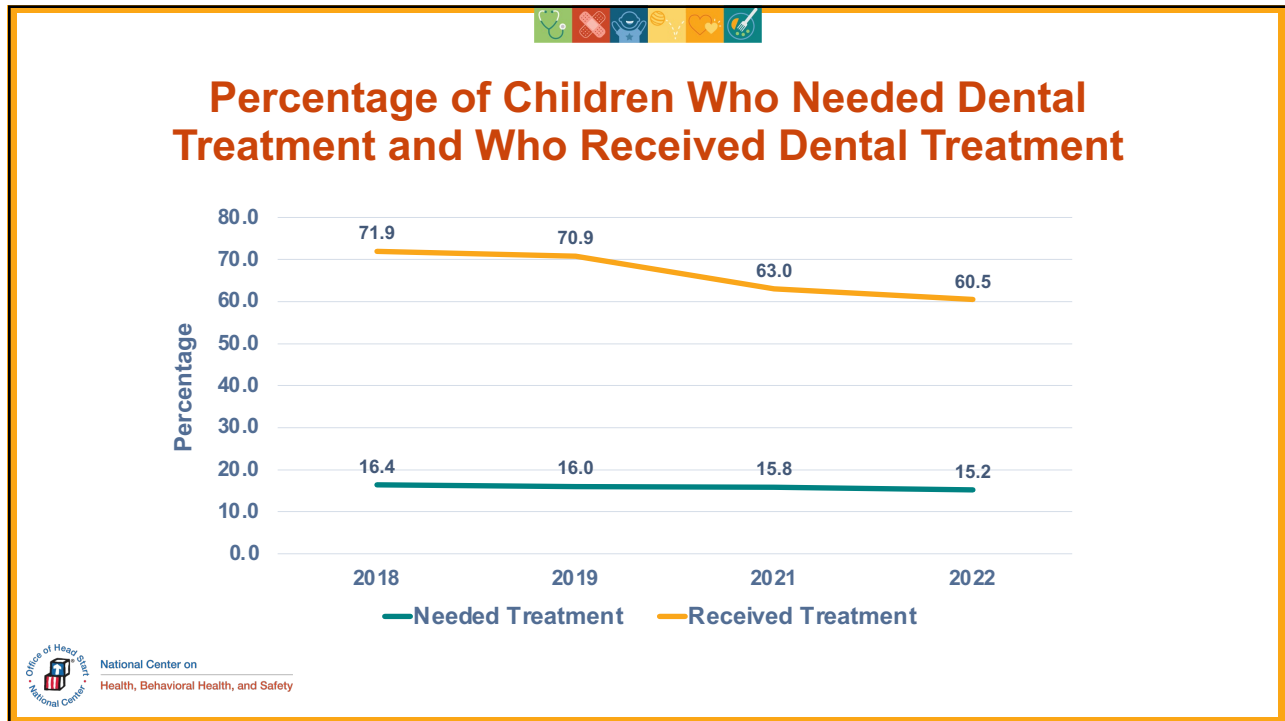
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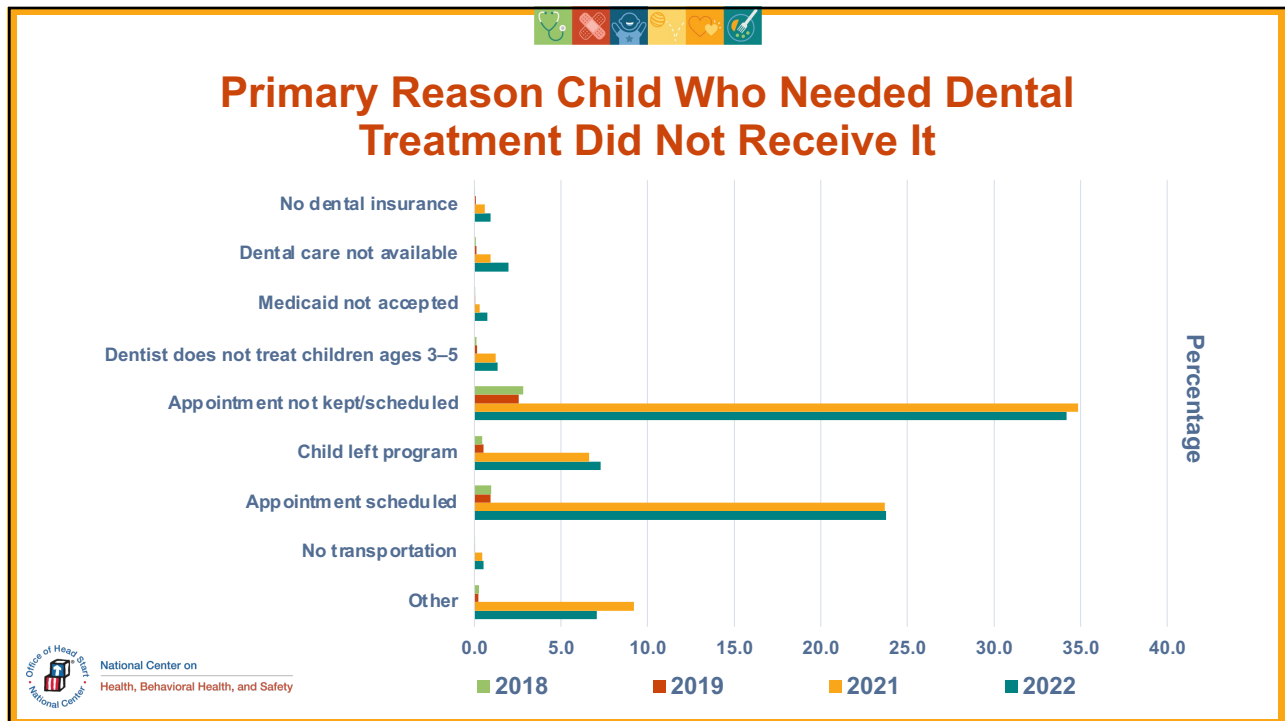
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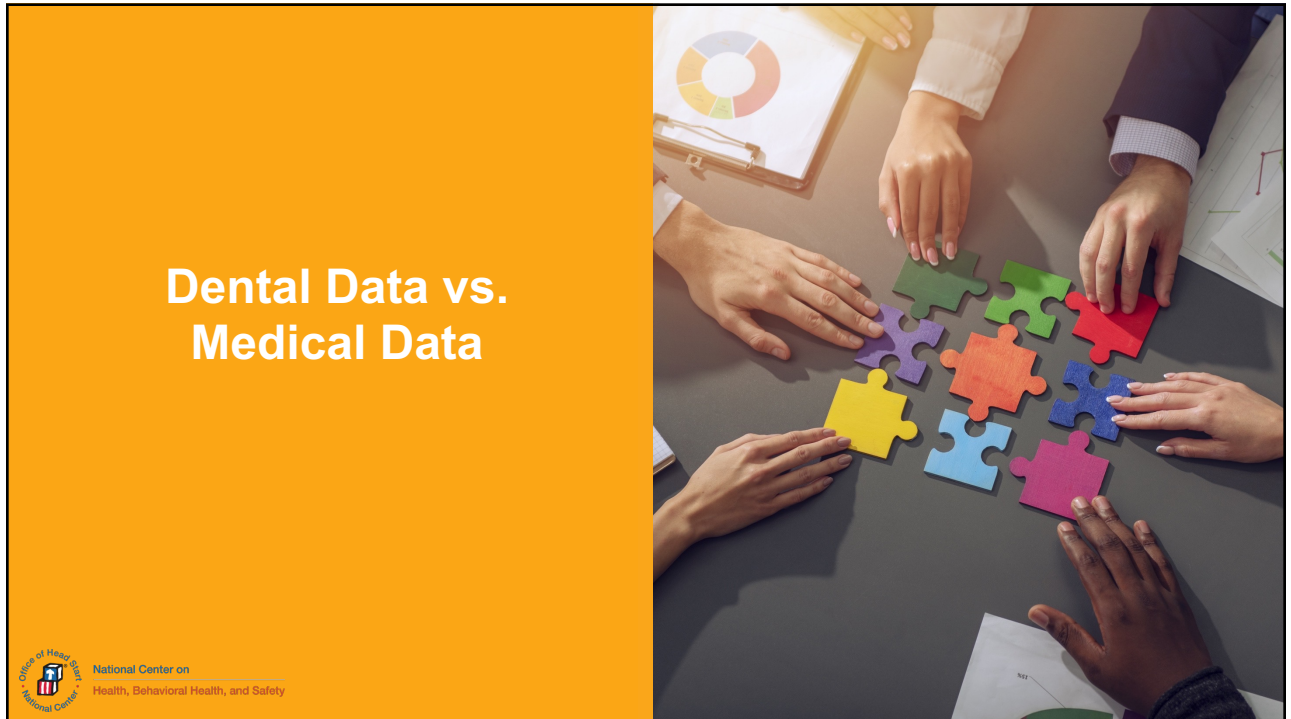
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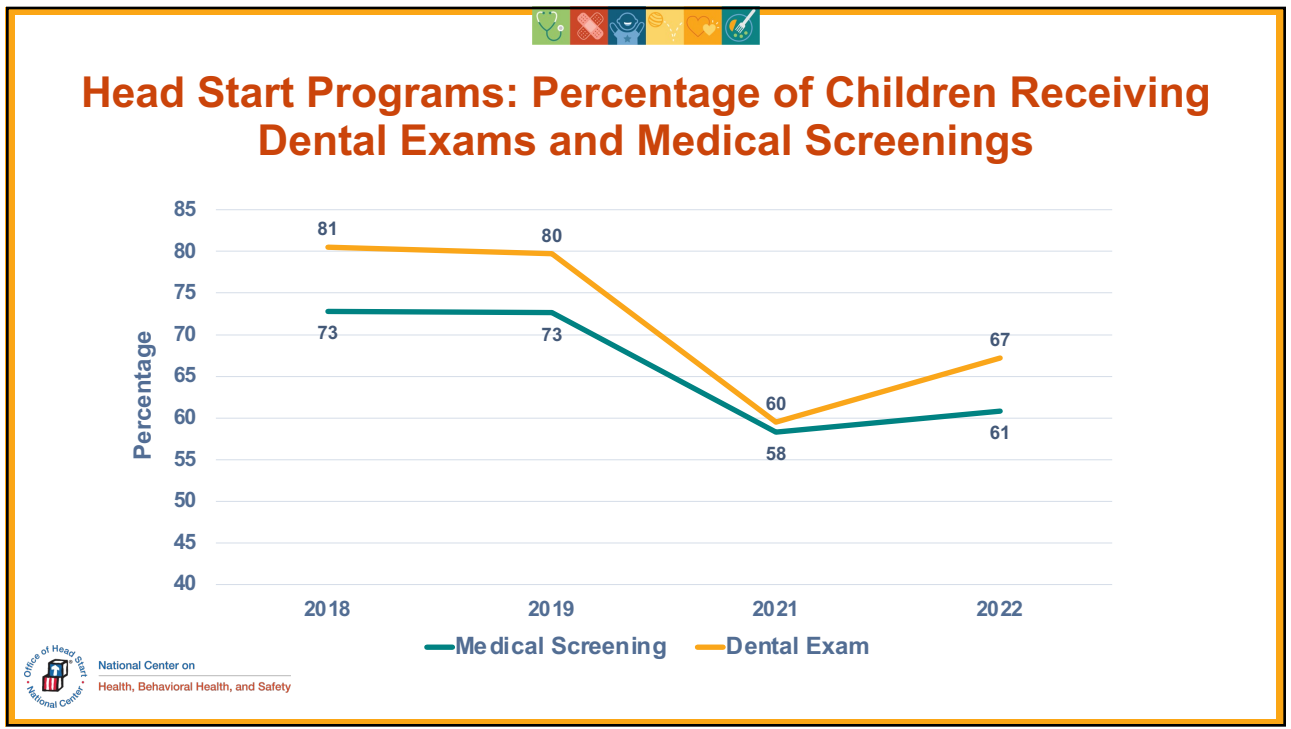
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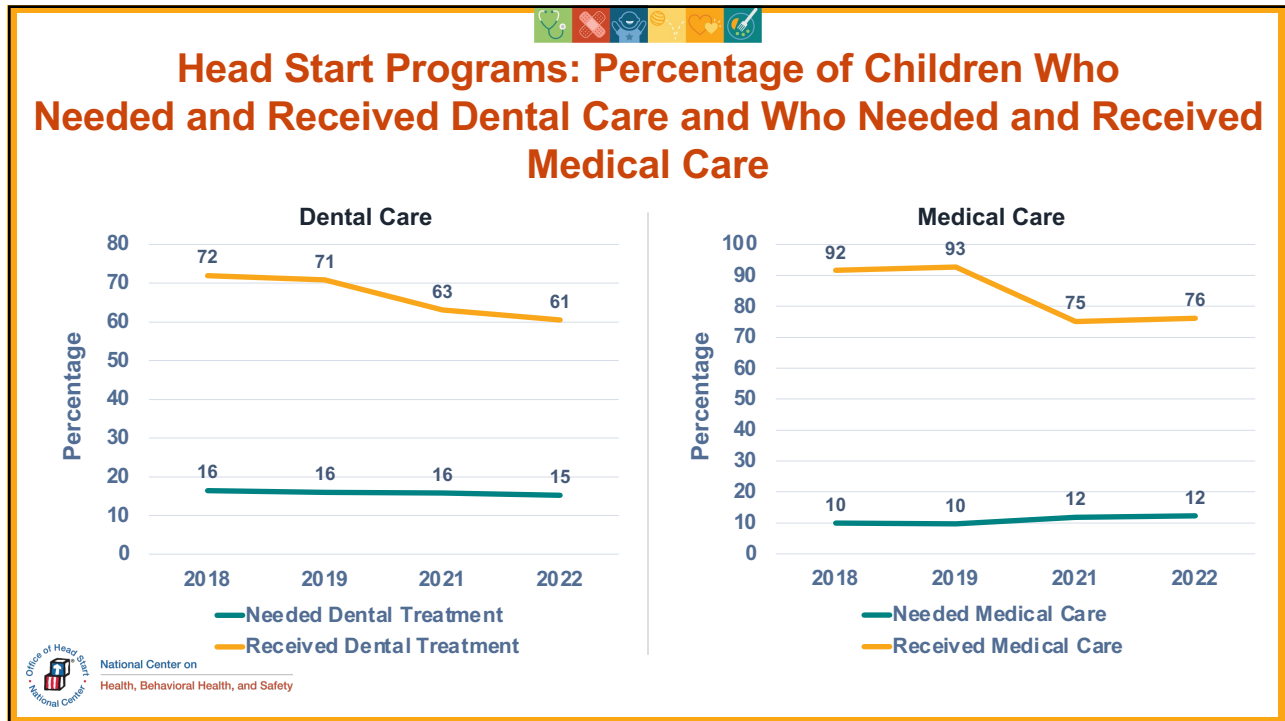
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Pre-COVID and COVID Issues and Challenges

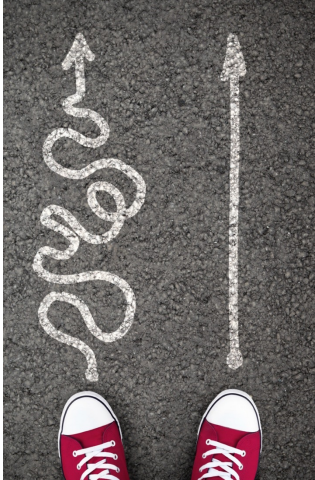

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Pre-COVID and COVID Oral Health Challenges Family Issues

- Pre-COVID
 - Low personal and organizational oral health literacy
 - Fear of dental visits
 - Not comfortable with the lack of cultural sensitivity in educational materials
 - Limited or unreliable transportation
- COVID
 - Same challenges as listed above
 - Fear of COVID transmission
 - Unaware that dental offices were open
 - Not comfortable with strict office protocols





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Pre-COVID and COVID Oral Health Challenges Oral Health Professional Issues



- Pre-COVID
 - Low participation in state Medicaid program
 - Not comfortable with providing care to young children and children with special health care needs
 - Few practices in rural areas
- COVID
 - Same challenges as listed above
 - Dental office closures
 - Staff shortages
 - Fear that COVID cases may be traced back to practice



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Pre-COVID and COVID Oral Health Challenges Policy and Financing Issues

- Pre-COVID and COVID
 - Decreased Medicaid funding in many states
 - Inadequate Medicaid reimbursement
 - Inconsistent payment approaches for preventive care
 - Bureaucratic delays in treatment authorization and reimbursement
 - State dental practice act restrictions
 - Limited case-management personnel





Strategies for Addressing Concerning Trends in Oral Health




	
<h2 style="text-align: center;">Strategies for Addressing Concerning Trends</h2> <h3 style="text-align: center;">State DHLs</h3>	
Concerning Trend	Strategy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Concerning trends unknown ■ Children not receiving needed follow-up care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Review PIR oral health data to identify concerning trends ■ Present data to Head Start program staff and state oral health partners ■ Provide education to families and Head Start staff to improve their oral health literacy ■ Provide education and training to oral health professionals to help them identify and address oral health literacy issues in their practice
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<h2 style="text-align: center;">Strategies for Addressing Concerning Trends</h2> <h3 style="text-align: center;">Regional DHL Coordinators</h3>	
Concerning Trend	Strategy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Concerning trends unknown ■ Poor access to oral health care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Review PIR oral health data to identify concerning trends ■ Present concerning trend data at regional conferences ■ Encourage dental schools and dental hygiene programs to work with Head Start programs ■ Provide presentations at dental schools and dental hygiene programs to raise awareness of Head Start's commitment to oral health
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 Strategies for Addressing Concerning Trends Local Head Start Program Staff	
Concerning Trend	Strategy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Families not keeping dental appointments ■ Family concerns about infectious disease transmission, including COVID-19 ■ Poor access to oral health care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Provide support services ■ Determine why appointment not kept ■ Share information with Health Services Advisory Committee (HSAC) ■ Share information about dental office infection-control practices ■ Share materials explaining safety of receiving oral health care ■ Identify oral health workforce capacity in community needs assessment ■ Explore use of teledentistry with HSAC ■ Invite oral health professional to serve on HSAC


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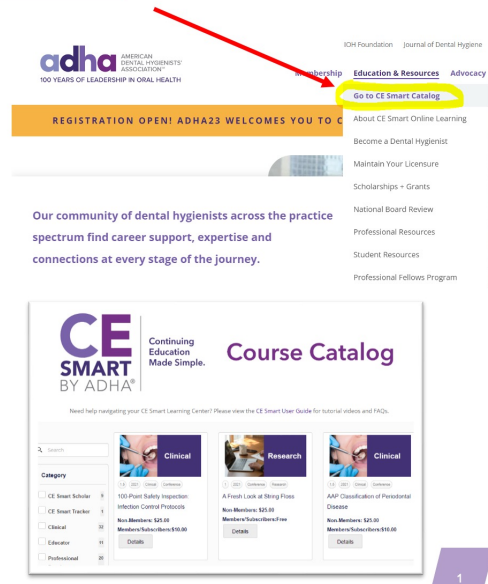
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