Something to Smile About!

Head Start and Dental Hygienists Liaison Project
National Center on Health, Behavioral Health, and Safety (NCHBHS)

Design evidence-based resources and deliver innovative training and technical assistance (TTA) to Head Start grantees to help improve the health, behavioral health, and safety of Head Start children, families, and program staff.

NCHBHS Priorities

Promote strategies to **reduce the risk of infection from COVID-19** in Head Start Programs

Support programs **using trauma-informed care** to enhance the well-being of children, families, and staff

Address **social determinants of health** so children and families can be as healthy as possible

Reduce the number of **child incidents** to ensure the safety and well-being of children in HS and EHS programs.
NCHBHS Key Areas of Focus

- Resilience
- COVID-19 school readiness
- Well-being of families
- Substance use prevention
- Staff wellness
- Trauma-informed care
- Health literacy
- Health equity
- Oral health
- SDOH
- EPR&R
- Children's healthy development
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CHILDREN’S EQUITY PROJECT

SESAME WORKSHOP

National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care and Early Education

C4 Innovations

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Building Brighter Childhoods

THE PYRAMID MODEL CONSORTIUM
Supporting Early Childhood PBIS

CHILD TRAUMA RESEARCH PROGRAM

OHRC

National Maternal and Child Health Resource Center

Center for Childhood Resilience

CCHP

CHILDCARE HEALTH PROGRAM

Prevent Blindness

TRENDS

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## NCHBHS Year 1 Goals

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<td>Unify a multi-disciplinary group of national experts</td>
<td>Design, deliver, and promote timely, responsive, research-informed TTA</td>
<td>Maximize capacity-building with Regional TTA network staff</td>
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NCHBHS Dental Hygienist Liaison Project

• Partnership
  National Oral Health Resource Center
  Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors
  American Dental Hygienist Association

• Framework
  Disease prevention and management
  Access to Care
  Systems integration
Role of State DHLs

- Act as communication link
- Collaborate with state organizations
- Promote evidence-informed information and materials
Role of Regional DHL Coordinators

- Support state DHLs
- Make presentations
- Share NCHBHS-produced resources
- Participate in evaluation activities
Examples of State and Regional DHL Activities

**Interprofessional Collaborative Practice**

Michelle Martin Baxter  
Utah DHL

**Virtual Education**

Deirdre Kane  
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**Promoting NCHBHS Resources at Head Start Events**

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Region XI and XII DHL Coordinators

Juanita Simpson
Region XI
American Indian and Alaska Native Head Start

Mariela Leyba
Region XII
Migrant and Seasonal Head Start

- Collaborate with regional health specialists
- Make presentations
- Review NCHBHS oral health resources
- Share NCHBHS-produced resources
Collaboration Is the Key to Success

“DHLs play an important role, but they cannot do it alone. Assistance from oral health (and other health) professionals in the community is an important and necessary contribution to the ultimate goal of improving the oral health of pregnant women and children.”

Questions?
Thank you!

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