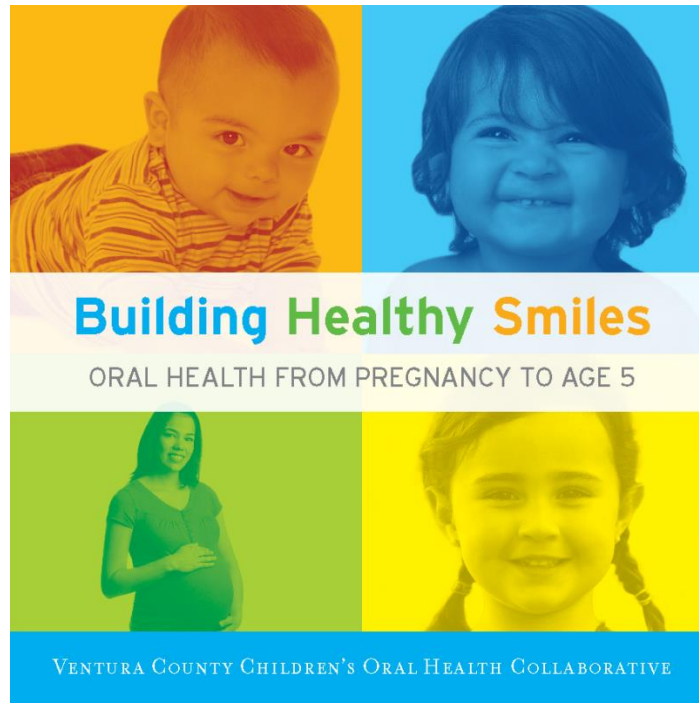
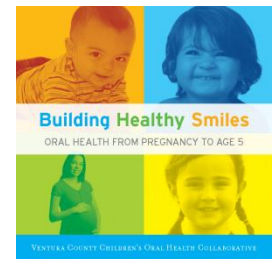


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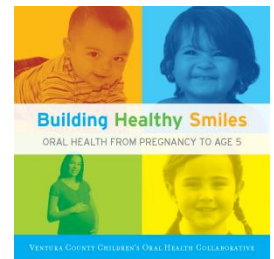
Eliminate Untreated Tooth Decay for
Children in Ventura County



Mission

The Ventura County Children's Oral Health Collaborative strengthens the system of oral health education and care by:

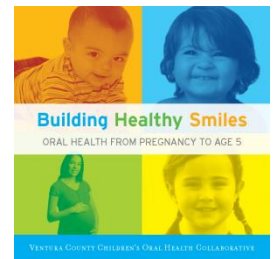
- Involving parents
- Working together
- Raising awareness
- Facilitating communication
- Serving as a clearinghouse
- Encouraging best and promising practices
- Developing resources Sharing data
- Advocating for policy changes



What does this mean in Ventura County?

- By age 5, 37% of children seen by the Ventura Public Health Oral Health Education Program had not been to a dentist*
- 18,000 kids (0-18) have never visited a dentist.
- 9,000 kids came from families who could not afford dental care.
- Ventura Co. is the largest county in CA that does not have a county wide health dental clinic

* According to Ventura County Health Care Agency's November 2013 report "Transforming Ventura County Communities" based on 2009 data



Why Does it Matter?

CALIFORNIA'S 'SILENT EPIDEMIC'

HOW DENTAL DISEASE IMPACTS SCHOOLS

#1 children's health care issue:
dental disease¹

24 percent of children who
have never seen a dentist²

874,000 school days
missed in one
year due to
dental problems³

\$29,700,000

ADA funds lost to California school
districts annually from absences
due to dental-illness⁴

¹ US Surgeon General, 2010 ² Children ages 0 to 11 in 2005, the most recent data available, N. Pourat and L. Finocchio, "Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Dental Care for Publicly Insured Children," Health Affairs, 2010

³ 2007 California Health Interview Survey, most recent available ⁴ N. Pourat and G. Nicholson, "Unaffordable Dental Care is Linked to Frequent School Absences," UCLA Health Policy Research Brief, 2009



Building Healthy Smiles
ORAL HEALTH FROM PREGNANCY TO AGE 5



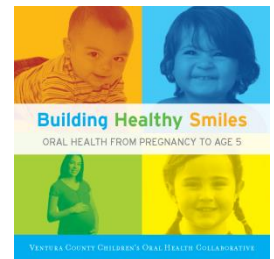
VENTURA COUNTY CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE



Feb. 5, 2013 - Ventura County Oral Health Summit meeting

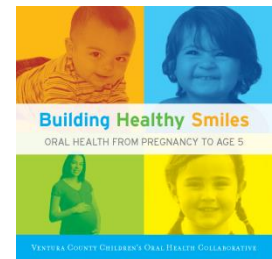
Feb 2014 - Proclamation by Ventura County Board of Supervisors for Dental Health Awareness Month.

Dr. Mark Lisagor and Kathy Long, Supervisor



Dentists: How Can You Help?

- Become a Denti-Cal provider
- Volunteer
- Participate in “Building Health Smiles”

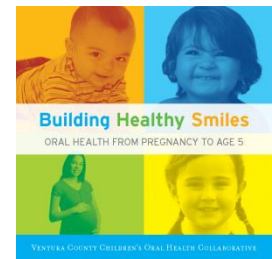


Medical Providers: How Can You Help?

- Include oral health assessments, education & fluoride varnish application in well child visits
- Refer child to dental home
- Refer children to “Building Healthy Smiles”



Fluoride Varnish placed during oral health screening in school class

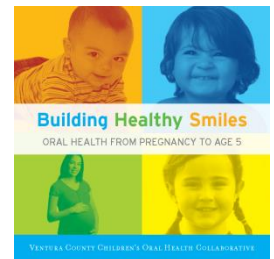


Schools & Child Care Providers: How Can You Help?



Dr. Suzanne Berger, Pediatric Dentist, teaches tooth brushing with the help of a friendly shark with lots of teeth.

- Include oral health education to both children and parents
- Own the idea that oral health is part of overall health
- Refer children to “Building Healthy Smiles”



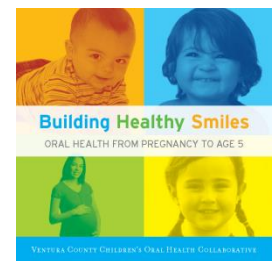
Hospitals & Clinics: How Can You Help?

- Include oral health assessment training in residency programs and for staff in service training
- Refer children to “Building Health Smiles”
- Include oral health education materials to new moms at discharge

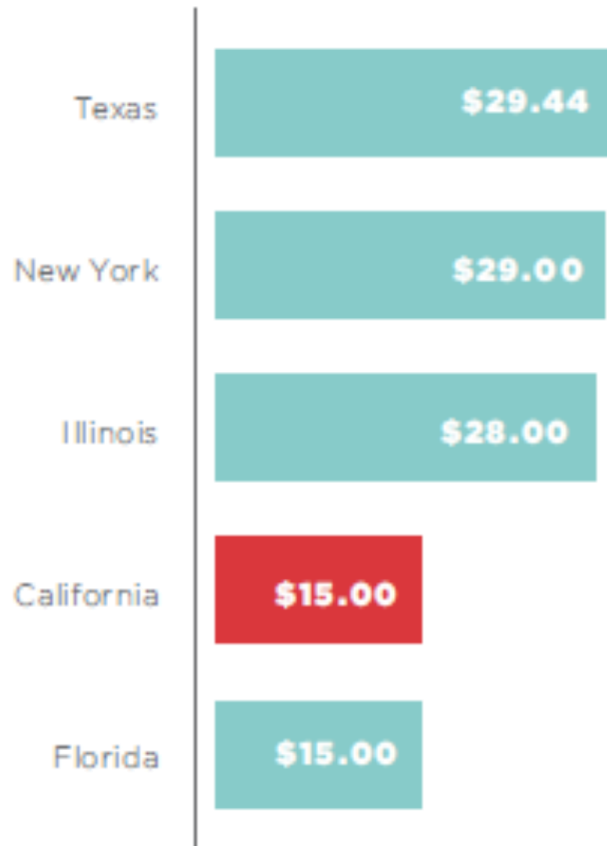


State Legislators: How Can You Help?

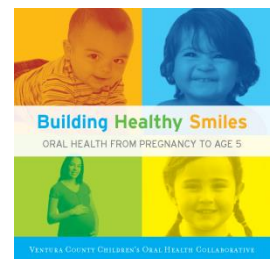
- Approve legislation/budget for a state dental director
- Support for AB 1174
- Support the restoration of funds to the California Children's Dental Disease Prevention Program (CCDDPP)
- Increase Denti-Cal Reimbursement rates for providers



California's Medicaid reimbursement rate for children's dental exams is among the lowest in the nation²



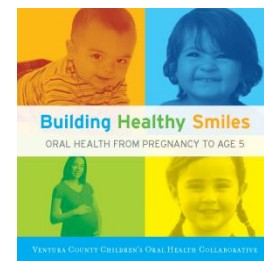
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Parents:

Why is oral health important to your family?

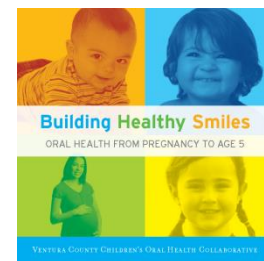
- Prevent pain, suffering and related behaviors
- Prevent difficulty eating, drinking or speaking
- Prevent school absences/Prevent parent missing work



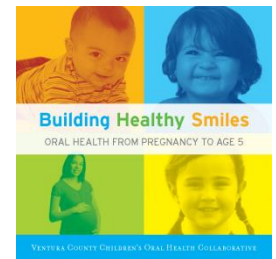
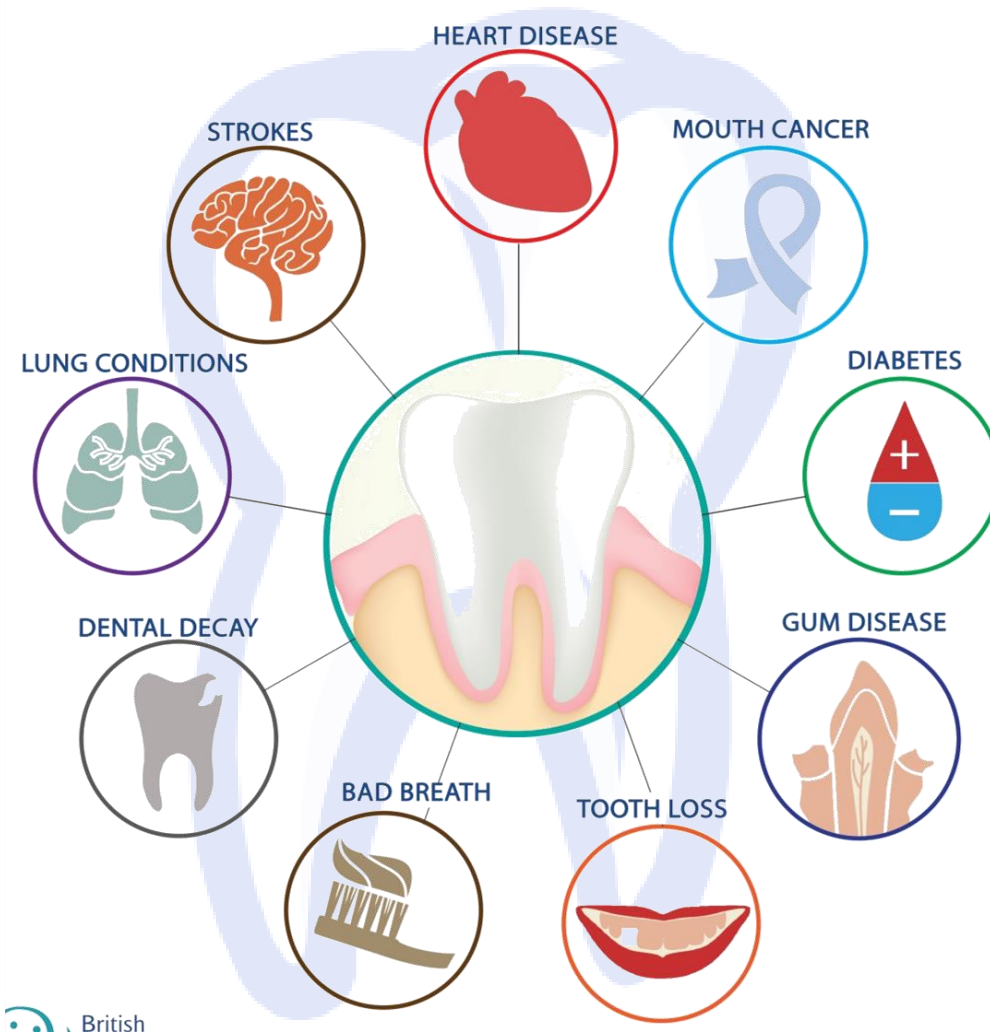
Parents:

Why is oral health important to your family?

- Promote normal growth & development and self-esteem
- Prevent risk of serious infections and medical issues
- Good oral health= Good overall health

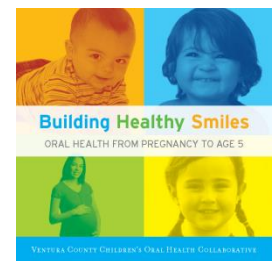


WHAT PROBLEMS COULD POOR DENTAL HEALTH CAUSE?



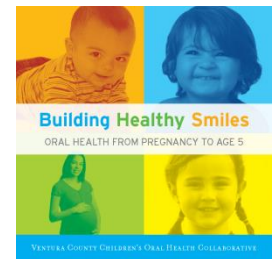
Schools & Child Care Providers: Why is oral health important for my school?

- Improved educational performance/participation
- Fewer absences = more ADA money for schools
- Improved student health, self-esteem and social-emotional development
- Pain free children = better students



Hospitals, Medical Providers, and Dentists: Why is oral health important to my patients?

- Fewer ER visits for dental problems
- Decrease in episodic care
- Good oral health = good overall health



In 1 year, kids on Denti-Cal had 26,614 ER visits for preventable dental problems¹



26,614 

ER Visits for Preventable Dental Problems



1/2 

More than Half of Those Visits Were for Kids Ages 1-5



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¹ Children Now analysis based on Public Records Act Request to the California Department of Health Care Services regarding the oral health of children enrolled in Denti-Cal for calendar year 2011, received May 2013. Counts of emergency room visits are based upon ambulatory care sensitive (ACS) dental conditions, i.e. conditions where timely and effective primary care may reduce or prevent the need for emergency care and hospitalizations.

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