HEAD START DENTAL HOME INITIATIVE
How This Started

• Under the direction of the Office of Head Start (OHS), the Head Start Resource Center (HSRC) offered funds to support state Dental Home Initiatives (DHI).

• DentaQuest Foundation provided funding for two years to continue this initiative.
Florida – Region 04

- 58 Head Start Programs
  - 10 Community Action Agency
  - 3 Government Agency
  - 28 Private/Public Non-Profit
  - 17 School System
Results

- All Early Head Start (EHS)/ Head Start (HS) children have access to and receive comprehensive services in a “dental home.”

- Expand statewide
Partners Along the Journey

- Florida Dental Hygiene Association
- DentaQuest Foundation
- Office of Head Start
- Florida Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
- Head Start State Collaboration Office
- University of Florida - College of Dentistry
- Orange County Head Start
- Valencia College
- Oral Health America
- Greater Orlando Dental Hygienists’ Association
- Dental Society of Greater Orlando
- Orange Blossom Family Health Center
- Greenberg Dental & Orthodontics
- Crest Oral B
- Phillips Sonicare
- Premier Dental Products
- MCNA
- DentaQuest
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HS DHI GOALS

1. Increase the number of Head Start (HS) children with an established dental home.
2. Provide triage and referral, increase preventive services and provide dental oral health data on the state and national level.
3. Provide dental education for EHS/HS staff and parents.
4. Develop the infrastructure and tools for statewide program expansion.
Goal 1

Increase the number of HS/EHS children with an established dental home.

Outcomes

✓ 99% of children – Initial Dental Examination
✓ 58% of children needing restorative care started or completed treatment
✓ Dental Resource Guide given to all parents
✓ Provider Participation Form developed and distributed
✓ New partnership with Greenberg Dental & Orthodontics
Goal 2

Provide triage and referral, increase preventive services and provide dental oral health data on state and national level.

Outcomes

✓ 1595 children received Basic Screening Survey (BSS)
  • 2012-2013 – 1120 children received BSS
  • Treatment Urgency
    - No obvious problems – next scheduled visit 2012-2013: 75% 2013-2014: 80%
    - Early care – within next several weeks 2012-2013: 23% 2013-2014: 18%
    - Urgent care – within week – pain or infection 2012-2013: 2% 2013-2014: 1%

✓ 3558 fluoride varnish applications
  • 2012-2013 – 1637 fluoride varnish applications

✓ Systems change

✓ Conducted Gator Kids Healthy Smiles training for physicians of HS children
Goal 3

Provide dental education for HS/EHS staff and parents

Outcomes

✓ 420 HS parents attended educational sessions
✓ 26 EHS parents attended educational sessions
✓ 2 EHS enrollment fairs
✓ Attended regular meeting of Center Managers and Social Workers to discuss importance of program
✓ Statewide monthly distribution of “Brush Up Newsletter”
✓ Partnered with HS State Collaboration Office to promote Smiles for Life Curriculum
Goal 4

Develop the infrastructure and tools for statewide spread of program.

Outcomes

✓ Statewide Expansion
  - 70% of Head Start Programs in Florida interested in implementing the Head Start Dental Home Initiative
  - Implementation Tool Kit (almost completed)
  - Continue to build and develop partnerships with dental providers
  - Program is sustainable
  - Working with state agencies, legislators, and advocates

✓ Continue to work with national and state leaders to share the importance of oral health for Head Start children, families and staff
Eradicate Dental Disease in Children

By 2020, 75% of children reach age 5 without a cavity.