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Announcing a New Feature!

Starting next month, we will be spotlighting oral health champions. Each issue will feature an interview with a health professional who is actively involved in promoting children's oral health.

**Know someone you would like to see featured?
E-mail us at oralhealthinfo@aap.org to share why
your nominee deserves the title "Oral Health Champion".**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call for 2010 NOHC Program Session Submissions

The Planning Committee for the 2010 National Oral Health Conference (NOHC), "Pursuing Excellence in Dental Public Health", invites plenary and concurrent workshop proposals addressing scientific research, program evaluation, community-based interventions, and partnerships related to dental public health. The program proposal form and instructions for electronic submission are available at <http://www.nationaloralhealthconference.com>. Please indicate your preference for a plenary or concurrent session; however, the final decision on program format will be made by the Planning Committee. Please submit your proposal no later than September 15, 2009. Notification of selection will be made in October 2009. Any questions may be directed to Pam Tolson at natoff@aaphd.org or Sandi Steil, sandi@assn-srvs.com.

FDA Issues Final Regulation on Dental Amalgam

<http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm173992.htm>

On July 28, 2009, the US Food and Drug Administration issued a final regulation classifying dental amalgam and its component parts used in dental fillings. Although elemental mercury has been associated with adverse health effects at high exposures, the levels released by dental amalgam fillings are not high enough to cause harm in patients. The regulation classifies dental amalgam into Class II (moderate risk). By classifying a device into Class II, the FDA can impose special controls (in addition to general controls such as good manufacturing practices that apply to all medical devices regardless of risk) to provide reasonable assurance of the safety and effectiveness of the device. The statement will help dentists and patients make informed decisions about the use of dental amalgam. The final rule is available online at <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-18447.htm>.

American Dental Association Statement: FDA Action on Dental Amalgam

http://www.ada.org/public/media/releases/0907_release05.asp

The American Dental Association (ADA) agrees with the US Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) decision not to place any restriction on the use of dental amalgam, a commonly used cavity filling material. The FDA ruling categorizes encapsulated dental amalgam as a class II medical device, placing it in the same class as gold and tooth-colored composite fillings. The ADA has supported a class II designation for dental amalgam since 2002, when first proposed by the FDA.

Change in Venue for New England Rural Oral Health Conference

<http://www.newenglandruralhealth.org/activities/oralhealth.htm>

Due to a scheduling problem with the Sheraton Harborside in Portsmouth, NH, the September 11th New England Rural Oral Health Conference will be held at the New England Center at University of New Hampshire in Durham. Please note this change! For more information about the conference, please contact Marion Pawlek, NERHRT Executive Director, at 603/643-2800.

CMS Web Site Lists Dentists Participating in Medicaid, CHIP

On August 4, the government posted a list of Children's Health Insurance Program and Medicaid participating dentists on the Insure Kids Now Web site at www.insurekidsnow.gov. This information is one requirement of the new Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act and is designed to help Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries locate a participating dentist in their area. The list will be updated quarterly with information provided by the states. Information is also available through the Insure Kids Now hotline at 877/KIDS NOW.

Call for Presentations – Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs Annual Conference

http://conferencemanagersforms.com/AMCHP/AMCHP_AbstractsSubmission.aspx

The Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs is calling for presentations for its 2010 annual conference to be held March 6-10 at the Gaylord National Convention Center and Hotel in National Harbor, MD. The deadline for presentations is August 31, 2009. Accepted presentations will be notified by October 13, 2009. The conference will focus on health equity; quality improvement and instituting quality for improving performance; family-professional, public, and private partnerships; leadership skills and competencies for the future workforce; the changing face of our nation and workforce; best practices, strategies and positive

outcomes; social marketing messages, tools, and resources; and legislative strategy. For more information, contact Colleen Campbell at 703/964-1240, ext 16 or e-mail AMCHPSpeakers@conferencemanagers.com.

New ADA International Volunteer Web Site

<http://internationalvolunteer.ada.org/>

The ADA's new International Volunteer Web site on ADA.org is a go-to resource for dental professionals to learn more about what it's like to volunteer outside the United States, to share their volunteer experiences and photos with others, or to connect with more than 100 organizations that offer volunteer opportunities in dentistry. Launched last month by the ADA Division of Global Affairs, this site offers comprehensive information for both seasoned volunteers and those new to international volunteerism.

Luv N' Care Teethers Recalled

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/SafetyAlertsforHumanMedicalProducts/ucm172712.htm>

Luv N' Care, Ltd, has recalled all of its Nuby gel-filled teethers because the liquid inside 2 lots was found to contain *Bacillus subtilis* and *Bacillus circulans*, bacteria that could cause stomach pain, vomiting, and diarrhea if ingested by children with weakened immune systems. The company is also recalling its Cottontails and Playschool teethers. UPC codes of all affected products are listed in the manufacturer's press release at <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm172689.htm>.

IN THE NEWS

Research Shows Link Between Maternal and Child Oral Health

(New Zealand Doctor Online – August 13)

<http://www.nzdoctor.co.nz/news?article=b2988261-8f3d-4017-a44b-bcdffc37b40b>

Tooth decay is a problem for New Zealand children, and research shows a link between poor maternal oral health and early childhood dental decay. The Ministry of Health commissioned the Murdoch Children's Research Institute to review evidence linking the general and oral health of mothers with the oral health of their children. "Maternal and Child Oral Health - Systematic Review and Analysis", recommends directing oral health promotion and intervention to pregnant women and those with young children, particularly high-risk populations.

Delta Dental Gives \$1.5M to UC Denver for Endowed Chair

(Denver Business Journal – August 12)

<http://www.bizjournals.com/denver/stories/2009/08/10/daily43.html>

Delta Dental of Colorado has pledged \$1.5 million to the University of Colorado Denver's School of Dental Medicine to create an endowed chair in research on early-childhood tooth decay. The school plans to integrate several existing programs under a new Department of Prevention and Population Health Research within the school, which will integrate proven dental health programs for patients throughout their life cycle. It is expected that the establishment of this chair will have long-term positive impact on the fight against caries.

Department of Education, Partners Make Healthy, Happy Kids

(Philippine Information Agency – August 12)

<http://www.pia.gov.ph/default.asp?m=12&r=&y=&mo=&fi=p090812.htm&no=11>

The Department of Education, Philippine Dental Association (PDA), and Lamoiyan Corporation recently launched the Happy Smiles for Healthy Kids project to bring health intervention programs to 8200 preschool kids in 86 schools nationwide. The project aims to improve students' academic performance and reduce drop-out rates by addressing health and dental concerns. The PDA is comprised of 156 licensed dentist members involved in the development of workable oral health programs in public elementary schools and communities. The goal is to increase the level of oral health care awareness, thereby decreasing the incidence of dental caries.

More Children Can Now Afford Dentists

(The Canberra Times, AU – August 12)

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/news/national/national/general/more-children-can-now-afford-dentists/1593404.aspx>

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare will publish the report, *Trends in Access to Dental Care among Australian Children*, today. Researchers surveyed more than 45,000 adults and children between 1994 and 2005

about access to and the cost of dental care. According to the report, the percentage of children who visited the dentist every year for a check-up increased between 1996 and 2005. The research also found the proportion of children who cannot afford to see a dentist has dropped. However, although 4 out of 5 Australian children visit the dentist regularly, one-third of young children have fillings in their teeth.

Dentists Step Up Marketing as Patients Skip Their Visits

(Wall Street Journal – August 11)

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB124995744000721607.html?mod=googlenews_wsj

Even dentists are feeling the pinch in the economic slowdown, causing them to spend more time marketing and less time cleaning or pulling teeth. Many dentists have noticed a trend in the last year: As more patients lose jobs and employer-sponsored insurance, fewer come in for major treatments or even routine cleanings. A little more than half of 1275 dentists surveyed in July by the American Dental Association said their net incomes have decreased and their unbooked appointment times have increased from the first quarter. That means more dentists are seeing the need to step up the marketing of their services. Some dentists have upped their personal connection with patients by sending newsletters by mail, offering phased payment schedules, or calling patients directly to book routine cleanings. Others resort to methods such as rolling back prices on procedures, hand-writing letters to patients, and relying on technology such as Twitter to promote their services.

Bite Force

(The Engineer, AU – August 11)

<http://www.theengineer.co.uk/Articles/312614/Bite+force.htm>

Researchers at Leeds University have developed an instrument to measure the force of a child's bite. Dr Mountain, senior child health lecturer and deputy head of the university's School of Healthcare, collaborated with colleagues at the Leeds Dental Institute to design the instrument to accurately test the bite force of more than 206 children aged 3 to 5. Mountain, who led the UK's first research into the bite force and dynamics of young children, believes that the results indicate a need to introduce a bite-testing standard for toys. According to Mountain, age labels on toys are not sufficient for preventing accidents.

Survey Looks Into Oral Health of New Zealanders

(Voxy.co, NZ – August 6)

About 2000 adults and 1000 children in New Zealand will be taking part in an oral health survey being conducted from March to November. The Health Ministry-commissioned survey will gather information about the oral health of children and adults and the oral health services they use. It will be the first nationwide survey looking at people's teeth, mouth, and gums in 20 years. Two nationwide surveys conducted in 1976 and 1988 provided snapshots of the prevalence and severity of New Zealanders' oral health problems and identified inequalities in oral health related to ethnicity and socio-economic status.

CMS Web site Lists Dentists Participating in Medicaid, CHIP

(ADA News—Aug 5)

<http://www.ada.org/prof/resources/pubs/adanews/adanewsarticle.asp?articleid=3687>

This information is a requirement of the new Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) and is being coordinated by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Health Resources and Services Administration with the cooperation and participation of the State Medicaid and CHIP programs. The requirement is designed to help Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries locate a participating dentist in their local area. The list will be updated quarterly with information provided by the states. "We welcome your participation by providing dental services to beneficiaries and wanted to be sure you know you may receive an increase in call volume for appointments because of the information now available on the Web," says Dr Conan Davis, CMS chief dental officer, in the CMS announcement. "We would also like to invite you to add your name to the list by agreeing to participate in your state program." Dentists with questions about InsureKidsNow.gov should contact Dr Davis at conan.davis@cms.hhs.gov.

AAP Presents Research on Vaccine Attitudes, Visit Time

(AAP News – August 1)

<http://aapnews.aappublications.org/cgi/content/full/30/8/19-a>

Most pediatricians counsel on prevention of tooth decay and proper tooth brushing, and about one-half identify dental caries, according to results from a Periodic Survey of Fellows. Survey results also showed that few

identify plaque (25%) or assess parents' oral health (22%) and only 4% apply fluoride varnish. Many pediatricians identified lack of training in oral health care as a barrier to providing oral health screening and dental coverage issues as barriers to referring young patients for dental care.

Redheads' Extra Pain May Cause Fear of Dentists

(CNNHealth.com – July 31)

<http://www.cnn.com/2009/HEALTH/07/30/redhead.pain.dentist>

Studies have indicated that redheads may be more sensitive to pain and may need more anesthetics to numb them. New research published in the *Journal of American Dental Association* found that painful experiences at the dentist might cause more anxiety for men and women with red hair, who were twice as likely to avoid dental care as people with dark hair. In 2004, research showed that people with red hair need 20% more general anesthesia than blonds and brunettes. A 2005 study indicated that redheads are more sensitive to thermal pain and are more resistant to the effects of local anesthesia. Researchers believe variants of the melanocortin-1 receptor gene, which produces melanin and gives skin, hair, and eyes their color, play a role. The next phase of research is to evaluate whether more anesthesia is needed for people with red hair and those with variants of the MCR1 gene for dental procedures.

Micro-images of Strange, Worm-like Structures Uncovered Inside Dissected Molar

(ScienceDaily – July 28)

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2009/07/090727205901.htm>

New, micro-images of strange, worm-like structures uncovered inside a dissected molar might have been held in ancient times as proof that gnawing tooth worms were the cause of tooth decay, a theory widely believed in many cultures before modern times. The structures are not worms, but what they are is still in question. Studies by University of Maryland Dental School researchers recently presented at the annual meeting of the Microscopy Society of America in Richmond revealed cylindrical objects extending or 'growing' out of the natural pores or tubules of teeth. The aim of the Maryland study was to investigate the structures with scanning electron imagery and different specimen preparation techniques. The researchers' observations raised new questions in the controversy over nature of the strange structures.

Australia's Oral Health Ranked Second Worst

(Medical Devices & Equipment, AU – July 30)

<http://www.medicaldevicesandequipment.com/article/australia-s-oral-health-ranked-second-worst/492485.aspx>

Despite the National Oral Health Plan being 5 years into its 8-year plan, gaping holes still remain in how dental care is delivered to Australians. This month the Community Services and Health Industry Skills Council released its 2009 Environmental Scan, providing a snapshot of key issues facing the Community Services and Health industries in terms of skills shortages and development issues that are impacting care levels of every Australian. Oral health, disability careers, and quality Family Day Care services top the list of most urgent areas of concern. The scan provides an analysis of the enormous workforce challenges ahead and steps the Community Services and Health Industry Skills Council is putting in place to assist the industries in responding to these challenges.

Ohio Air Guard Units Provide Free Dental, Health Care in Hawaii

(Mansfield News Journal – July 27)

<http://www.mansfieldnewsjournal.com/article/20090727/NEWS01/907270304>

More than 500 of Hawaii's medically underserved residents are receiving free health care services, thanks to the Hawaii and Ohio Air National Guards. Thirty-four Ohio Guard members from the 178th and 180th Medical Groups, including doctors, dentists, nurses, and medics, are treating patients in Hawaii as part of their training. The Hawaii Medical Innovative Readiness Training program, called E Malama Kakou ("to care for all"), provides general health, vision, dental, and other services to communities. Dentist Anthony Kim, director of the center's dental clinic, said the military dentist and his team are providing checkups, cleaning, fillings and at least 1 root canal. The National Guard is picking up the cost of supplies to help the center serve those without insurance.

Tooth Decay, Bleeding Gums May Herald Chronic Ills

(Reuters – July 27)

<http://www.reuters.com/article/healthNews/idUSTRE56Q4RM20090727>

Modern dental woes have a lot to do with modern whole-body ills like heart disease and diabetes, says the author of a review of decades' worth of studies on diet and health. According to Dr Philippe P Hujoel of the

University of Washington School of Dentistry in Seattle, the culprit in both cases are fermentable carbohydrates that are the foundation of the modern diet. These include sugars and starchy foods that break down into sugars in the mouth, as well as tropical fruits and dried fruits. Hujoel argues in the *Journal of Dental Research* that gum disease and tooth decay should be seen as signs that a person is at risk of heart disease, diabetes, and other chronic health problems. Fat has replaced fermentable carbohydrates as the enemy, which has led to the promotion of heavy carbohydrate consumption and the need for dental interventions like sealant and fluoride. If such high-fermentable carbohydrate diets continue, Hujoel argues, their associated chronic illnesses take hold.

Dentists Give Plan to Fix Nation's Teeth the Brush-off

(The Sydney Morning Herald, AU – July 28)

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/dentists-give-plan-to-fix-nationx2019s-teeth-the-brushoff-20090727-dyro.html>

The proposed plan for a steep rise in the Medicare levy to provide every Australian with dental care has been given the thumbs down by a dentists' group. In its final report to the federal government, the National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission called for a \$3.6 billion-a-year Denticare Australia scheme that would offer universal access to preventive and restorative dental care and dentures. The proposal, which would provide some relief for the 650,000 people currently on dental public health waiting lists, would allow people to choose between private and public dental health plans, both of which will be funded by the scheme. However, the recommendation drew opposition from the Australian Dental Association, which argued the scheme would deliver services such as teeth cleaning, extractions, fillings and dentures but neglect more invasive procedures.

Surgery 'Tourists' Avoid NHS Queues

(The Press Association – July 27)

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ukpress/article/ALeqM5jTRkzu7OF8IXripTaGIlxfvh1C6A>

Four out of 10 Britons going abroad for surgery do so to avoid NHS waiting lists at home, a survey has revealed. This was the top reason for seeking treatment, while 30% went overseas because it was cheaper. The most popular treatment was dentistry, with 28% of the 7000 Britons surveyed having dentistry work done.

Parents Now Preserving Baby Teeth for Stem Cells

(KSL TV – July 23)

<http://www.ksl.com/?nid=148&sid=7272921>

Many new parents have banked the blood in their babies' umbilical cords right after birth, but doing so is expensive. Now some parents are preserving their children's baby teeth for stem cells. According to the National Institutes of Health, between 10 and 20 cells can be isolated from a single baby tooth. The number is small, but how they can divide is powerful. At the University of Utah School of Medicine, researchers say they are years away from conclusive evidence about stem cells from baby teeth. According to Dr Amit Patel, director of Clinical Regenerative Medicine at the University of Utah, doctors need millions or billions for stem cells to be effective.

Gum: A Stick a Day May Keep the Dentist Away

(NPR – July 23)

<http://www.scpr.org/news/2009/07/23/gum-stick-day-may-keep-dentist-away>

Oral health experts say the popularity of sugar-free gums has been one step in the improvement of children's oral health. Gum makers have gone one step further by adding xylitol. Peter Milgrom, a dentist at the University of Washington, and his colleagues have studied how much xylitol is needed to actually knock out bacteria and prevent cavities. "You have to chew at least 2 pieces, 3 times a day to have an effect," says Milgrom. This may sound like an inordinate amount of chewing, but in Finland kids have gotten used to it. The Finns have been chewing xylitol gum for years as part of a public health initiative to reduce cavities, and Finnish researchers have documented a preventive effect in numerous studies going back to the early 1970s at the University of Turku. However, pediatric dentists say it's important to remember that xylitol is not a magic bullet in fighting tooth decay. Parents need to stay on top of the other known prevention methods, as well.

AGD appoints New Executive Director

(ADA News—July 22)

<http://www.ada.org/prof/resources/pubs/adanews/adanewsarticle.asp?articleid=3670>

The Academy of General Dentistry's Board of Trustees announced the appointment June 1 of Charles "Chuck" J. Macfarlane, CAE, as AGD's new executive director. A fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, Mr. Macfarlane brings more than 20 years of experience in health care management and background in

association member services, publications, and governance and volunteer relations to his new role. "General dentists play a critical role in improving the oral health of the public," said Mr. Macfarlane. "Being a part of the professional society that contributes to that vision and assists general dentists in achieving their professional goals is a very exciting opportunity."

Xylitol Joining Fluoride as Cavity Fighter

(Atlanta Journal-Constitution – July 21)

<http://www.ajc.com/health/xylitol-joining-fluoride-as-97112.html>

Xylitol, a naturally occurring sugar found in plants and fruits, is becoming an increasingly important agent against tooth decay as more, and younger, children do not have access to health care. According to Dr Peter Milgrom, a professor of dental public health sciences at the University of Washington and director of the Northwest Center to Reduce Oral Health Disparities, xylitol can be more effective than fluoride because it stops bacteria in the mouth from emitting acid that causes tooth decay and cavities and it makes it harder for bacteria to find shelter on the gums and teeth of young children. In 2007, Milgrom, along with a team of researchers at the University of Washington, developed a study to test the effects xylitol has in decreasing tooth decay in children. The study concluded that the syrup prevented 50% to 75% of tooth decay in these toddlers; however, Dr Tara Schafer, interim chair of the department of pediatric dentistry at the Medical College of Georgia and a practicing pediatric dentist, warns that xylitol should not be the only measure used to fight tooth decay.

Junk Food Advertising Ban to Boost Dental Health

(IrishDentist.ie – July 20)

http://www.irishdentist.ie/news/news_detail.php?id=2092

The advertising of sugary foods that are high in salt and fat to children could soon be banned from Irish television screens. Last week the Broadcasting Act 2009, the most comprehensive legislation governing broadcasting in almost 50 years, was signed into law. The Broadcasting Act changes the nature of regulation in Ireland, allowing for the establishment of a new single broadcasting regulator, the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland (BAI), for both RTÉ and the independent broadcasting sector. The BAI will be established by September 31 and will place restrictions on broadcasters in terms of children's advertising, with a new code governing advertising for foods high in fat, salt, and sugar.

Cavity Free at Three to Expand Training and Reach

(Caring for Colorado Foundation – July 20)

http://www.cavityfreeatthree.org/Docs/Assets/CF3_Moves_to_AHEC2.doc

More young children in Colorado will be able to avoid dental disease as a successful oral health program targeting children expands to its new home with the Colorado Area Health Education Center (AHEC). The AHEC will help incorporate the Cavity Free at Three (CF3) training into the University of Colorado medical school, nursing school, and dental school curricula. A key component of the program marries infant oral and well child care, which means educating parents, but first, changing how primary care is provided for children by targeting providers with an easy and efficient way to reach parents and to provide dental screening and preventive fluoride treatments. The AHEC and its group of technical advisors will educate and train primary care providers, public health workers, and dentists throughout Colorado in a variety of settings. Community marketing efforts will help educate the public about the importance of establishing a dental home for a child by age 1.

Study Shows Aloe Vera Soothes Pain and Fights Cavities

(Examiner.com - July 17)

<http://www.examiner.com/x-14041-Charlotte-Health-and-Happiness-Examiner~y2009m7d17-Study-shows-Aloe-Vera-soothes-pain-and-fights-cavities>

A new study shows that aloe vera gel in tooth gel can soothe pain and fight cavities. The findings, published in the May/June 2009 issue of *General Dentistry*, show that aloe vera tooth gel was as effective, and even outperformed, some other commercial toothpaste when it came to controlling mouth bacteria. The new study shows that aloe vera can destroy disease causing bacteria in the mouth, while offering an alternative for individuals with sensitive teeth and gums. According to the authors, however, aloe vera gel for toothpaste "must not be treated with excessive heat or filtered during the manufacturing process, as this destroys or reduces the effects of certain essential compounds, such as enzymes and polysaccharides."

Health Officials Promote Dental Program

(The Miami County Republic – July 15)

<http://www.republic-online.com/200907153997/news/spring-hill/health-officials-promote-dental-program.html>

Kansas health officials are encouraging board members and district officials to participate in a program to promote oral health and education. The program is for screenings only and is a good tool for identifying emergency needs. The program is made possible through a grant from the Kansas Health Foundation and Delta Dental. Between September 2008 and May 2009, screenings have been performed in 49 Kansas counties, and a total of 54,000 students have been screened.

AWARDS / FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Call for Awards Nominations – National Network for Oral Health Access

http://cts.vresp.com/c/?NNOHA/1919cf907e/f6337389a8/395b7e8edf/filename=7344_7871401.pdf&orig_name=2009_Oral_Health_Nomination_Form.pdf

The National Network for Oral Health Access (NNOHA) is accepting nominations for its 2009 Outstanding Contribution Awards. Each year, NNOHA presents awards to individuals or organizations that have made significant contributions to high quality oral health care for underserved populations. Awards will be presented in 3 categories: Outstanding Leadership, Outstanding Clinician, and Oral Health Champion. Nominations are accepted from current NNOHA members, and final selections will be made by the NNOHA Board of Directors. Awards will be presented at the National Primary Oral Health Conference, November 2-4, 2009, in Nashville, TN.

Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant from HRSA

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=09F7KI2F68Kp3q12B7vjmXGhNswgyp32LdLHFt3VJfcyp7R0kmyl!-723925807?oppld=48597&mode=VIEW>

The purpose of the Network Planning Grant Program is to achieve efficiencies; expand access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of essential health care services; and strengthen the rural health care system. The applicant organization must be a rural, non-profit, or public entity that represents a consortium/network of 3 or more health-related entities that need assistance to plan, organize, and develop a health care network. Faith-based and community-based organizations as well as Tribal Organizations are eligible to apply. For-profit organizations are not eligible to be the lead applicant but can participate in the network. The deadline for applications is September 14, 2009. A total of 20 awards will be given, with an award ceiling of \$85,000.

NASHP Seeks Applications for Technical Assistance from States Seeking to Advance Medical Homes from 2009-2010

<http://www.nashp.org/>

The National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) is offering a year-long program of technical assistance for up to 8 states seeking to improve the availability of medical homes in their Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs. States interested in joining the Consortium, which is supported by The Commonwealth Fund, should submit an application by August 5, 2009. The program will be designed to support states in applying the 5 strategies for advancing medical homes identified in our previous work: 1) forming key partnerships, 2) defining and recognizing a medical home, 3) improving purchasing and reimbursement policies, 4) supporting practice change, and 5) measuring progress.

Delta Dental Foundation Grants for Oral Health – Connecticut and New Jersey

<http://www.deltadentalnj.com/foundation/funding.shtml>

Grants will be awarded to community clinics and facilities that help underserved populations gain access to dental care, facilities that provide dental treatment to physically and developmentally disabled children and adults, dental education programs, dental research projects, and Head Start programs. The deadline for applications is August 17, 2009.

ADA Now Accepting Nominations for the ADA Humanitarian Award

<http://ada.org/ada/international/volunteer/humanitarian.asp>

The ADA Division of Global Affairs is accepting nominations for the ADA Humanitarian Award until October 15, 2009. Any individual may nominate an ADA member who has distinguished him or herself by outstanding,

unselfish leadership through the dedication of extraordinary time and professional skills to improve the oral health of underserved populations in the United States and abroad. The 2010 recipient will be recognized at the ADA Annual Session in Orlando and will receive a monetary contribution of \$5,000 to the charity of his/her choice. For more information and nomination materials, visit or contact the ADA Division of Global Affairs at 312-449-2726 or international@ada.org.

TRAINING AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Protecting All Children's Teeth (PACT): A Pediatric Oral Health Training Program

<http://www.aap.org/oralhealth/pact.cfm>

The Oral Health Initiative is pleased to announce the launch of Protecting All Children's Teeth (PACT): A Pediatric Oral Health Training Program! This 13-chapter module aims to educate pediatricians, pediatricians in training, and others interested in infant, child, and adolescent health about the important role oral health plays in the overall health of patients. PACT features topics such as dental development, fluoride, and oral injury and includes interactive tools such as roll-over definitions, chapter photo galleries, and self-assessment pages. The American Academy of Pediatrics is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The AAP designates this educational activity for a maximum of *11.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*[™]. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Healthy Smiles Through Child Care Consultation: A Distance Learning Course

http://nti.unc.edu/healthy_smiles/index.html

This training course is designed to help child care consultants assist child care facilities in improving their oral health practices and policies. Topics include tooth development, oral diseases, prevention, access to care, oral health promotion, and children with special health care needs. Healthy Smiles is a project of the National Training Institute for Child Care Health Consultants and is funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau.

Dental Examination Commission Seeks Public Member

<http://www.ada.org/prof/resources/pubs/adanews/adanewsarticle.asp?articleid=3695>

The agency responsible for the development and administration of the National Board Dental and Dental Hygiene Examinations is seeking nominations for a public member to serve a four-year term. To identify applicants, the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations is asking the dental community for assistance. "It is very important to the work of the Joint Commission that the public member be willing to become a concerned and knowledgeable person about the dental National Board Examination process," said Dr. Ron J. Seeley, JCNDE chair. "That person represents the public's perspective to the Joint Commission, a perspective that cannot be lost for the Joint Commission to do its job properly." In addition to the public member, the 15-member JCNDE includes representatives of dental schools, dental practice, state dental examining boards, dental hygienists and dental students. As a full voting member, the public member must be able to communicate via e-mail and attend a two-day annual meeting at the ADA Headquarters in Chicago in the spring. For details on the responsibilities of the position, the eligibility requirements and how to obtain an application, contact the Joint Commission at 1-800-232-1694 or woodforkc@ada.org. The applicant selected will begin serving a 4-year term in October 2010. Applications and letters of support are due Jan. 4, 2010.

CONFERENCES

National Dental Benefits Conference 2009 *(August 28-29)*

ADA Headquarters – Chicago, IL

<http://www.ada.org/prof/events/featured/benefits/index.asp>

2009 FDI Annual World Dental Congress *(Sept 2-5)*

Suntec Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Centre – Suntec City, Singapore

<http://www.fdiworldental.org/microsites/Singapore/congress1.html>

9th World Congress on Preventive Dentistry (Sept 7 – 10)

Hilton Phuket Arcadia Resort & Spa – Phuket, Thailand

<http://www.iadr.com/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3777>

4th Annual New England Rural Oral Health Conference (Sept 11)

New England Center at the University of New Hampshire in Durham, NH – **CHANGE IN LOCATION!**

<http://www.newenglandruralhealth.org/activities/oralhealth.htm>

Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Periodontology (Sept 12-15)

Boston Convention & Exhibition Center – Boston, MA

<http://registration.experient-inc.com/ShowPER091/Default.aspx?App=A>

Moving Into the Future – New Dimensions and Strategies for Women’s Health Research for the National Institutes of Health (Sept 21-23)

Women & Infants Hospital – Providence, RI

http://orwh.od.nih.gov/news/Brown%20meeting_flyer_RI_508.8.12.09.pdf

American College of Dentists Meeting & Convocation (Sept 30–Oct 1)

Sheraton Waikiki Hotel - Honolulu, HI

<http://acd.org/upcoming.htm>

American Dental Association’s 150th Annual Session (Sept 30 – Oct 4)

Hawaii Convention Center – Honolulu, HI

<http://www.ada.org/prof/events/session/index.asp>

American Dental Assistants Association Annual Session (Sept 30 – Oct 4)

Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa – Honolulu, HI

<http://www.dentalassistant.org>

3rd International Symposium on the Oral-Systemic Health Connection in Children (October 9)

North Pointe Conference Center – Columbus, OH

<http://www.nationwidechildrens.org/gd/templates/pages/medpros/medpros.aspx?url=409&page=4609&clk=58094>

Fourth Annual Institute for Oral Health Conference: Defining Quality Oral Health Care (Oct 15-16)

Hotel Valencia – San Jose, CA

<http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=5c135ee7-d109-4fd5-be06-94bd2494426a>

American Academy of Pediatrics National Conference and Exhibition (Oct 17-21)

Washington Convention Center—Washington, DC

<http://www.aapexperience.org/>

The Oral Health Sessions offered at the 2009 NCE include:

- 10/19 4-5:30 pm: Medical/Dental Efforts (C. Czerepak, DDS; G. Romano-Clarke, MD)
- 10/20 7-8:00 am: Meet the Expert (Adriana Segura, DDS)
- 10/20 8:30-10 am: Medical/Dental Efforts (Rama Oskouian, DMD; Giusy Ramona-Clarke, MD)

ADEA Fall 2009 Meetings (Oct 21-24)

Hilton Anatole – Dallas, TX

<http://www.adea.org/events/Pages/Fall2009Meetings.aspx>

17th Annual Meeting of the Hispanic Dental Association (Oct 22-24)

Hilton Americas – Houston, TX

http://www.hdassoc.org/site/epage/25547_351.htm

RESOURCES

Information-seeking Behavior of Pediatricians Accessing Web-based Resources

<http://adc.bmj.com/cgi/content/abstract/94/8/633?maxtoshow=&HITS=&hits=&RESULTFORMAT=&andorexactitle=&andfulltext=oral+health%2C+dental%2C+pediatrician%2C+child%2C+teeth%2C+tooth%2C+caries&andorexactfulltext=or&searchid=1&usestrictdates=yes&resourcetype=HWCIT&ct&eaf>

Information technology resources play a key role in helping physicians to deliver, in a time-efficient manner, solutions to clinical queries at the point of care, and many pediatricians now believe the quality of patient care depends on Web-based pediatric resources. This study analyzes the information-seeking behaviors of pediatricians in answering every-day clinical queries.

US Oral Health Workforce in the Coming Decade. Workshop Summary

<http://www.iom.edu/CMS/3809/55302/71993.aspx>

The current oral health workforce fails to meet the needs of many segments of the US population. This variability in access to oral health services is often related to geography, insurance status, sociodemographic characteristics, and income levels. Challenges include a lack of coordination and integration among the oral health, public health, and medical health care systems; misaligned payment and education systems that focus on the treatment of disease rather than prevention; the lack of a robust evidence base for many dental procedures and workforce models; and regulatory barriers that prevent the exploration of alternative models of care. The Institute of Medicine hosted a workshop on February 9-11, 2009 to discuss the current status of access to oral health services, which workforce strategies hold promise to improve access, and how stakeholders can improve the regulations and structure of oral health care delivery to improve access. The full report, along with a 2-page summary, is now available for download.

ADA 4th Economic Confidence Survey Available

<http://www.ada.org/prof/resources/pubs/adanews/adanewsarticle.asp?articleid=3693>

According to the 4th ADA Survey of Economic Confidence, 2nd quarter results were more negative than those of the 1st quarter of 2009, but more positive than those for the 4th quarter of 2009. Findings show dentists are more confident in future economic conditions. The percent reporting that they are either "somewhat confident" or "very confident" increased by almost 15 percentage points between the 4th quarter 2008 and 2nd quarter 2009. ADA members can download the report from ADA.org at www.ada.org/goto/freereports.

AADR Releases its Statement on Oral Health Care Within Health Care Reform

http://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2009-07/iaa-ari071409.php

On July 14, the American Association for Dental Research (AADR) released its policy statement titled "Oral Health Care within Health Care Reform," which focuses on the scientific base of oral health and its associations to other aspects of health. In this policy, the AADR recommends providing accessible and affordable oral health care to facilitate the application of dental research findings and to improve the oral health of all Americans, including the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of oral diseases in health care reform, and continuing a sustained investment in biomedical research, including the NIH National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, to further reduce the burden of oral diseases for all Americans.

New AAPD Policy Statement – Guidelines on Perinatal Health Care

http://www.aapd.org/media/Policies_Guidelines/G_PerinatalOralHealthCare.pdf

Recognizing that perinatal oral health, along with infant oral health, is one of the foundations upon which preventive education and dental care must be built to enhance the opportunity for a child to have a lifetime free from preventable oral disease, the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry has released new oral health care guidelines for expectant mothers. Recommendations for perinatal oral healthcare include caries risk assessment, anticipatory guidance, preventive strategies, and appropriate therapeutic interventions.

New State-by-State Reports Show How Health Insurance Reform Will Benefit All Americans

<http://www.healthreform.gov/healthcarestatus.html>

Health Secretary Kathleen Sebelius released Stable and Secure Health Care for America, a series of new state-by-state reports outlining how health insurance reform will improve health care for all Americans. The reports

show reform will lower health care costs; increase health care choices by protecting what works and fixing what's broken; and assure quality, affordable care for all Americans.

Updates to AAPD Policy Statements

<http://www.aapd.org/media/policies.asp>

The AAPD has updated the following policy statements:

- *Guideline on Behavior Guidance for the Pediatric Dental Patient*
- *Guideline on Dental Management of Pediatric Patients Receiving Chemotherapy*
- *Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation, and/or Radiation*
- *Guideline on Fluoride Therapy*
- *Guideline on Management of Dental Patients with Special Health Care Needs*
- *Guideline on Oral Health Care/Dental Management of Heritable Dental Developmental Anomalies*
- *Guideline on Pediatric Restorative Dentistry*

New Presentations from the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center

<http://www.mchoralhealth.org/>

Two new presentations are available on the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center Web site. Developing an Oral Health Medicaid Portability Model for Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Children: An Expert Meeting presents an overview of Medicaid eligibility and approaches to increasing enrollment and portability for children in Migrant and Seasonal Head Start programs. Topical Fluoride Recommendations for High-Risk Children: Development of a Decision Matrix summarizes recommendations from an expert panel to develop a decision-making tool for primarily non-dental audiences on the use of topical fluoride in preventing and controlling dental caries in young, high-risk children. Both reports are available in PDF format.

JOURNALS

Access (*July 2009*)

<http://adha.org/publications/index.html>

Advances in Dental Research (*Volume 21, Number 1, August 2009*) – **NEW!**

<http://adr.sagepub.com/current.dtl>

Articles of interest:

- *Remineralization, the Natural Caries Repair Process—The Need for New Approaches*
- *Dental Erosion—Novel Remineralizing Agents in Prevention or Repair*
- *Xylitol, Mutans Streptococci, and Dental Plaque*
- *Challenges of Implementing New Remineralization Technologies*
- *Antibacterial and Probiotic Approaches to Caries Management*

Ambulatory Pediatrics (*Volume 9, Issue 4; July-August 2009*)

<http://www.journals.elsevierhealth.com/periodicals/acap/current>

American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics (*Volume 136 Issue 1: July 2009*)

<http://journals.elsevierhealth.com/periodicals/yomod/current>

American Journal of Public Health (*Volume 99, Issue 8; August 2009*)

<http://www.ajph.org/current.shtml>

Archives of Disease in Childhood (*Volume 94, Number 8, August 2009*)

<http://adc.bmj.com/current.dtl>

Articles of interest:

- *An Evaluation of the Benefits of Non-nutritive Sucking for Premature Infants as Described in the Literature*

Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine (*Volume 163, Number 8, August 2009*)

<http://archpedi.ama-assn.org/>

British Dental Journal (Volume 207, Number 3; August 2009)

<http://www.nature.com/bdj/index.html>

Articles of interest:

- *Importance of Radiographs*
- *Rural Dental Conference Explores Oral Health*
- *Child protection: Training and Experiences of Dental Therapists*

British Medical Journal (Volume 339, Number 7716) – **NEW**

<http://www.bmj.com/current.dtl>

Articles of interest:

- *Aphthous Ulcers*

Contemporary Pediatrics (July 2009)

<http://contemporarypediatrics.modernmedicine.com/contpeds/issue/issueDetail.jsp?id=17707>

Dental Economics (Volume 99, Issue 7; July 2009)

<http://www.dentaleconomics.com/issue/toc.html>

Dutch Journal of Dentistry (Volume 116, Number 7; July 2009)

<http://english.ntvt.nl>

Articles of interest:

- *The Restorative Care Index in Children*
- *Diagnostic and Restorative Behavior in Dutch Dentists' Pediatric Dental Care*

European Journal of Orthodontics (Volume 31, Issue 4; August 2009) – **NEW!**

<http://ejo.oxfordjournals.org/current.dtl>

Articles of interest:

- *Dynamics of Orthodontic Root Resorption and Repair in Human Premolars: A Light Microscopy Study*
- *Early Crossbite Correction: A Three-dimensional Evaluation*
- *Prevalence of a Posterior Crossbite and Sucking Habits in Brazilian Children Aged 18–59 Months*
- *Prevalence and Distribution of Permanent Canine Agenesis in Dental Pediatric and Orthodontic Patients in Hungary*
- *Reduction of Salivary Mutans Streptococci in Orthodontic Patients during Daily Consumption of Yogurt Containing Probiotic Bacteria*

Journal of the American Dental Association (Volume 140, Issue 8; August 2009)

<http://jada.ada.org/current.dtl>

Articles of interest:

- *Sealants Revisited*
- *Xylitol-Containing Oral Syrup May Prevent Caries in Children*
- *Porcelain-Fused-to-Metal Versus Zirconia-Based Ceramic Restorations, 2009*

Journal of Dental Education (Volume 73, Issue 8; August 2009)

<http://www.jdentaled.org/current.shtml>

Journal of Dental Research (Volume 88, Number 7; July 2009)

<http://jdr.sagepub.com/current.dtl>

Articles of interest:

- *On a Path to Unfolding the Biological Mechanisms of Orthodontic Tooth Movement*
- *Efficacy of Silver Diamine Fluoride for Arresting Caries Treatment*

Journal of Dentistry for Children (Volume 76, Number 2, July 2009)

<http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/aapd/jodc/2009/00000076/00000002>

Articles of interest:

- *Clinical Considerations in the Management of Inflammatory Periodontal Diseases in Children and Adolescents*
- *Fused Teeth: A Review of the Treatment Options*

- *Effect of Adhesive Restorations Over Incomplete Dentin Caries Removal: 5-year Follow-up Study in Primary Teeth*
- *Oral Health-related Quality of Life and Dental Esthetics in Amsterdam Schoolchildren*
- *Uncommon Localization of a Sialolith in a Child's Frenum*

Journal of Endodontics (Volume 35, Number 8, August 2009)

<http://www.jendodon.com>

Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved (Volume 20, Number 3, August 2009)

http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/journal_of_health_care_for_the_poor_and_underserved/toc/hpu.20.3.html

Journal of Periodontology (Volume 80, Number 8; August 2009)

<http://www.joponline.org/toc/jop/80/8>

Journal of the Canadian Dental Association (Volume 75, Number 6, July/August 2009)

<http://www.cda-adc.ca/jcda/vol-75/issue-6/index.html>

Articles of interest:

- *Water Fluoridation in Canada: Past and Present*

New England Journal of Medicine (Volume 361, Number 6, August 2009)

<http://content.nejm.org/current.dtl>

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Clinics (Volume 21, Issue 3, August 2009)

<http://www.oralmaxsurgery.theclinics.com/current>

Articles of interest:

- *The Bacteriology of Salivary Gland Infections*
- *Diagnosis and Management of Pediatric Salivary Gland Infections*
- *Epidemiology of Salivary Gland Infections*

Oral Diseases (Volume 15, Issue 5, July 2009) – **NEW!**

<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/118545009/home?CRETRY=1&SRETRY=0>

Articles of interest:

- *The Minor Salivary Gland Proteome in Sjögren's Syndrome*

Oral Health (July 2009)

http://www.oralhealthjournal.com/issues/table_of_contents.asp?issue=07012009&RTtype=&PC=

Articles of interest:

- *Dentin/Enamel Adhesives: Their Current Status*

Pediatrics (Volume 124, No 2; August 2009)

- <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/current.dtl>

Pediatrics in Review (Volume 30, Number 8, August 2009)

<http://pedsinreview.aappublications.org/current.dtl>

Articles of interest:

- *Teething: Facts and Fiction*

Pediatric News (Volume 43, Issue 7; July 2009)

<http://www.epediatricnews.com/current>

RDH Magazine (Volume 29, Issue 7; July 2009)

<http://www.rdhmag.com/issue/toc.html>

ONLINE NEWSLETTERS

ADA News Today

<http://www.ada.org/prof/resources/pubs/adanews/index.asp>

Bellweather: Leading Local Efforts to Improve the Nation's Oral Health – American Association for Community Dental Programs

<http://www.aacdp.com>

Cochrane Oral Health Group Newsletter

<http://www.ohg.cochrane.org>

Erie Family Health Center Newsletter

<http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs054/1102233611976/archive/1102490642860.html>

MCH Alert – Maternal & Child Health Library

<http://www.mchlibrary.info/alert/2009/alert080709.html>

Articles of interest:

- *Article Assesses Impact of Medicaid Policy Allowing Medical Providers to Be Reimbursed for Fluoride Varnish Treatment*

Oral Health Alert: Focus on Head Start

<http://www.mchoralhealth.org/alert/2009/ohalert0709.html>

Articles of interest:

- *Beyond the dmft: The Human and Economic Cost of Early Childhood Caries*
- *Chairside Diet Assessment of Caries Risk*
- *A Survey of North Carolina Safety-Net Dental Clinics' Methods for Communicating with Patients of Limited English Proficiency*

Oral Health America e-Newsletter

<http://oralhealthamerica.org/news/news.html>

Update – Friends of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research

<http://www.fnidcr.org/newsletters/index.html>

OPPORTUNITIES



PedJobs is the electronic recruitment resource for pediatrics. View available jobs or post a resume. PedJobs is found online at:

Indian Health Service

Indian Health Service (IHS) has vacancies in facilities large and small in some of the most beautiful areas of the United States. Whether you choose the Commissioned Corps, Civil Service, or direct Tribal hire career path, IHS has a position that will meet your specific needs for opportunity, adventure, and purpose. There are currently 73 vacancies—68 available now. To access an unofficial listing of vacancies open or soon to be open go online to: <http://www.dentist.ihs.gov/Positions/vacancies.cfm>. For more information, contact each area's contact person found by clicking on the job title opening to page 2 of the vacancy listing.

National Network for Oral Health Access (NNOHA) Job Listings

The NNOHA Web site lists health center dental openings throughout the United States. The job list is available at http://nnohajobbank.com/NNOHA%20Logon/Job_List.aspx.

Multiple Locations—Part-time Pediatric Dentists

We are seeking pediatric dental faculty with experience in teaching and mentoring who wish to be involved with a unique and innovative postdoctoral training program. Opportunities are available in western Massachusetts and statewide in Arizona and Hawaii. Part-time and per diem positions are also available at the main hospital site in Brooklyn, NY and within the Lutheran Medical Center School Oral Health Program. Applicants must be

Board Certified and/or educationally qualified and license eligible in the state where they will practice. Please forward CV in confidence to Silvia Perez-Spiess, DDS, Program Director - Pediatric Dentistry, Lutheran Medical Center, 150 55th St, Brooklyn, NY 11220 or sperez@lmcmc.com.

Dental Volunteers Sought for Caribbean, Latin American Missions

Hope for A Healthier Humanity, a charitable organization that provides medical and dental care and education in the Caribbean and Latin America, seeks dentist volunteers for three dental brigades in 2009. Mission trips are set for Aug. 16-21 to Honduras, Sept. 13-17 to the Dominican Republic and Oct. 18-22 to Panama. For more information, contact Dr. A. Stanley Kosan, HHH co-founder and chairman, by calling 718/966-4750 or 917/689-5830; by e-mail at hopeforahealthierhumanity@gmail.com. The Web site is www.hopeforahealthierhumanity.org. For information about other international dental volunteer opportunities contact the ADA Division of Global Affairs at 312/440-2726 or international@ada.org.

Flagstaff, AZ—Dental Hygiene Assistant Clinical Professor Positions (Northern Arizona University)

Northern Arizona University has 2 positions open for Assistant Clinical Professor. One position is located in Keams Canyon, AZ, with weekly travel between Keams Canyon and Flagstaff required. The second position is a 9-month clinical position located in Phoenix. Both positions will remain open until filled. To learn more, visit the Faculty and Administrator Openings Web page at <http://hr.nau.edu/m/content/view/796/549>.

San Francisco, CA—Professor and Chair, Department of Preventive and Restorative Dental Sciences and Leland A & Gladys K Barber Distinguished Professorship in Dentistry (University of California, San Francisco School of Dentistry)

The University of California, San Francisco School of Dentistry invites applications and nominations for the position as Chair of the Department of Preventive and Restorative Dental Sciences. Strong departmental research programs in behavioral sciences, epidemiology, biomaterials/bioengineering, lasers, and caries are related to the department's clinical responsibilities. The successful candidate will hold a Leland A and Gladys K Barber Distinguished Professorship in Dentistry and will take a strong leadership role in the teaching, research, patient care, and service missions of the department and school while being responsible for overall strategic planning and management of the department. UCSF seeks candidates whose experience, teaching, research, or community service has prepared them to contribute to UCSF's commitment to diversity and excellence.

Applicants should e-mail a letter of interest and curriculum vitae plus the names and addresses of 3 references to Peter B Sargent, PhD, Chair, PRDS Search Committee at peter.sargent@ucsf.edu or mail to UCSF School of Dentistry, Box 0640, 521 Parnassus St, Room C-734, San Francisco, CA, 94143-0640. More information about the position is available online at http://www.norcalherc.org/c/job.cfm?t3169=&keywords=D-229&site_id=730&page=1&sort=relevance,date_&jb=5534818.

Colorado—Managing Director (Oral Health Awareness Colorado!)

The successful candidate will demonstrate strong written and oral communication skills; "big picture" thinking; ability to clearly articulate the shared vision for the future of the coalition and its work; self-motivation and ability to work independently; an understanding of key networks and partnerships necessary to achieve outcomes; and the ability to understand, develop and implement evaluation measures. Familiarity with health care issues and policies and a commitment to services for the underserved is much appreciated. The OHAC! Managing Director works closely with the contract lobbyist for the coalition, and reports to the coalition co-chairs. The position is a part-time contract position, with an expected time commitment of 20-30 hours per week, which may vary with the needs of the coalition. Please provide a resume and cover letter via email to info@beasmartmouth.com by August 7, 2009. Please include "Managing Director Application" in subject line.

Colorado—Dental Hygienist (Cavity Free at Three Program)

This position will be instrumental in initiating the Cavity Free at Three program under the guidance of The Children's Hospital Pediatric Dentistry. The Dental Hygienist will be required to perform screenings and apply fluoride varnish, provide education to families, document and track progress and provide quarterly updates and reports. In addition the Dental Hygienist, will implement a training program for primary care providers, general dentists and dental students. Qualifications include 2 or more years experience with pediatric population, a Bachelors degree, with dental hygiene as the field of study. Interested individuals should apply online at <http://www.thechildrenshospital.org/about/careers/index.aspx>. The position ID is 29323. You may also fax a copy of your resume to Janine Constantini at 720/777-7239.

Hartford, CT—Multiple Positions (Connecticut Oral Health Initiative)

The Connecticut Oral Health Initiative is seeking qualified applicants for the positions of Advocacy Director, Development Coordinator, and Administrative Assistant. For more information about the available positions, refer to the Connecticut Oral Health Initiative's Web site at <http://www.ctoralhealth.org>. To apply, e-mail a cover letter and resume (PDF or Word files only) to the Connecticut Oral Health Initiative at lisar@ctoralhealth.org.

Chicago, IL—Project Manager, Community Dental Health Coordinator Program (American Dental Association)

This position's main responsibilities include planning, overseeing, managing, and coordinating the Community Dental Health Coordinator (CDHC) Pilot Program. This position requires an advanced degree with a minimum of 5 years of experience in association management, health care field/organization, education, or related area or a baccalaureate degree with a minimum of 7 years of relevant experience in education, association management, health care field/organization or related area. Candidates should have team-oriented project management experience with excellent oral, written, and organizational skills; experience and skill working with volunteers and tracking details; demonstrated sensitivity and diplomacy in organizational relationships; problem solving skills; ability to work effectively as a member of a team and supervisor others; and the ability to prioritize work assignments. More information about the job, including a link to the online application, is available at https://pserprd.ada.org/psp/HRPRD849E/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/HRS_HRAM.HRS_CE.GBL?Page=HRS_CE_HM_PRE&Action=A&SiteId=1.

Indianapolis, IN—Various academic positions (Indiana University)

Numerous dental health positions are listed at http://www.iupui.edu/~oeo/academicjobs/acad_jobs.htm. Available jobs include:

- *Visiting Assistant Professor/Department of Preventive and Community Dentistry*
- *School of Dentistry Assistant/Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion*
- *Assistant Professor, Department of Endodontics*
- *Assistant Professor - Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery*

Boston, MA—Director of Dental Services (MassHealth)

The Director of Dental Services is a full-time key policy-making position in the Office of Medicaid. The Dental Director shall oversee the MassHealth dental program within the MassHealth Office of Acute and Ambulatory Care (OAAC) and work in collaboration with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Office of Oral Health on dental public health programs. The Dental Director shall also work to increase access and work on oral health prevention activities and other initiatives to address oral health disparities, including but not limited to workforce shortages. The Dental Director must be a Massachusetts-licensed dentist with public health experience. The Dental Director will report directly to the Director of the MassHealth Office of Clinical Affairs and indirectly to the Deputy Assistant Commissioner for the OAAC. The Dental Director will be an important representative of and spokesperson for the MassHealth dental program, participate on various committees, and provide outreach to dentists in the Commonwealth. The Dental Director will lead the MassHealth Dental Advisory Committee, chair applicable joint committees, and consult with the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy regarding dental rate development. Frequent travel throughout Massachusetts and occasional evening hours for board meetings are required. More information and a link to apply online is available at https://www.jobs-umassmed.org/umm/jobboard/JobDetails.aspx?_ID=*C34CD1B14930B825.

Minneapolis, MN—Various academic positions (University of Minnesota)

Numerous dental health positions are listed at <http://www.dentistry.umn.edu/employment/home.html>. Available jobs include:

- *Associate Dean for Clinic Administration and Patient Care*
- *Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Faculty*
- *Research and Post-Doctoral Associates*
- *Director, Dental Therapy Program*
- *Endodontics Faculty*
- *Post Doctoral Associates*

Lincoln, NE—Dental Health Director (Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services)

This position provides overall management and leadership in the strategic design, analysis, and development of improved dental health care. Responsibilities include providing information on policies and programs that can improve oral health; represent the office to external stakeholders, including public and private organizations, providers, and the general public; building both state and national visibility for Nebraska's oral health initiatives through participation on various leadership committees, conference attendance, submissions to national publications, and networking; and working with communities, review scientific literature and determine the oral health evidence base for policy recommendations. The position is open until filled. Apply online at <http://www.statejobs.nebraska.gov>.

Brooklyn, NY—Associate Director for Advanced Education Program in Pediatric Dentistry

The Associate Director will assume day-to-day responsibilities for development and implementation of but not limited to policies, procedures, resident recruitment, evaluation, faculty recruitment, patient care, resident mentoring and supervision, hospital partnerships, accreditation activities and mentoring residents in their research activities. Candidates must be Board Certified/Board Eligible and have 5 years of experience. Please send your CV in confidence to Silvia Perez-Spiess, DDS, Program Director - Pediatric Dentistry, Lutheran Medical Center, 150 55th St, Brooklyn, NY 11220 or sperez@lmcmc.com.

Providence, RI—Oral Health Epidemiologist & Evaluation Specialist (Rhode Island Oral Health Program)

The Oral Health Epidemiologist & Evaluation Specialist will perform and advise evaluation activities and epidemiologic analyses of all Oral Health Program activities and assist the Manager with statewide oral health initiatives that improve the public's attitude, knowledge, and behavior toward oral health. Minimum qualifications include a Master's degree in Public Health or equivalent experience; work experience in SAS statistical software, Microsoft Excel, & Microsoft Access; knowledge of public health surveillance programs and databases; experience in program evaluation and performance measurement; and experience in grant writing and reporting. View the full job listing online at <http://providence.craigslist.org/gov/1274842528.html>.

Providence, RI—Oral Health Program Coordinator (Rhode Island Oral Health Program)

The Oral Health Program Coordinator will perform responsible, highly technical work in connection with the implementation of statewide oral health/health education/health promotion/disease prevention programs and will assist the Oral Health Program (OHP) Manager with statewide oral health initiatives. Required skills include strong written/oral communication; knowledge of the principles, practices, and techniques of oral health or public health; a familiarity with the development/implementation of oral health education/health promotion programs; and Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Adobe Suite experience. The full job listing is available online at <http://providence.craigslist.org/gov/1291142868.html>.

El Paso, TX—Public Health Dentists

Reporting to the Senior Public Health Dentist, this position provides professional chair side dental services to El Paso County residents from ages 1 to 21, both in the Public Health Department's Rawlings Dental Clinic and in 3 Mobile Dental Clinics, which operate at schools throughout El Paso County. Important aspects of the Dental staff's responsibilities are Oral Health Education and related preventive services. Responsibilities of this position include restorative and surgical services, preventive services to include prophylaxis, topical fluoride, oral hygienic instruction, diet instruction and sealant placement, and the interpretation of radiological survey of oral structures and tissues. The Public Health Dentist also completes required documentation of treatments and patient assessments and ensures compliance with guidelines related to infection control, radiation safety, hazardous chemicals and other policies and regulations as promulgated by the El Paso Public Health Department and/or Texas State Board of Dental Examiners. The position is open until filled. Qualified candidates please submit your resume online at <http://www.watersconsulting.com/recruitment>.

Morgantown, WV—Assistant/Associate Professor, Division of Pediatric Dentistry (West Virginia University School of Dentistry)

Responsibilities include course development and clinical instruction for predoctoral training, patient care, and scholarly activity. There may also be future involvement in postdoctoral training with the potential of a pediatric dental residency program. Candidates must have a DDS or DMD degree from an accredited US or Canadian dental school or foreign equivalent, be board certified or board eligible in pediatric dentistry, and be eligible for a West Virginia License. Prior academic and/or private practice experience is desirable. Review of applications

will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Salary and academic rank will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest; current CV; and the names, addresses, and phone numbers of 3 references to Dr Elliot Shulman, Chair, Search Committee, West Virginia University School of Dentistry, PO Box 9485, Morgantown, WV, 26506-9485. More information about the position is available online at <http://www.hsc.wvu.edu/sod/employment/faculty/Advertisement%20-%20Pediatric%20Faculty%20Position%202009.pdf>.

Australia—*Australian-American Health Policy Fellowship (Department of Health and Ageing)*

The Australian-American Health Policy Fellowship offers a unique opportunity for outstanding, mid-career US professionals—academics, government officials, clinical leaders, decision-makers in managed care and other private health care organizations, and journalists—to spend up to 10 months in Australia conducting research and working with leading health policy experts on issues relevant to both countries. The fellowship is structured around mutual areas of interest, such as health care quality and safety, the private/public mix of insurance and providers, fiscal sustainability of health systems, management and efficiency of health care delivery, health care workforce, and investment in preventive care strategies. Proposals should address one of the program's areas of interest and clearly demonstrate the intention to combine research and practical experience; relevance to both the United States and Australia; achievable outcomes, given the duration of the placement; and the potential to advance policy in Australia and the United States. US citizenship is a requirement for eligibility. More information and applications are available online at <http://www.commonwealthfund.org/fellowships>. Please direct questions to Robin Osborn at 212-606-3809 or ro@cmwf.org. The deadline for receipt of applications is August 15, 2009.

Sydney, Australia—*Professor and Dean of Dentistry (University of Sydney)*

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