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Oral Health in the 21st Century:
Something to Smile About – Pediatrician’s Role in
Oral Health

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POSTER SESSION ABSTRACT INFORMATION:

Title: From a Pediatrician’s Desk to State Wide Oral Health Impact:
The Power of Collaborative Initiatives

POSTER SESSION ABSTRACT BODY:

Background:

(maximum 50 words)

Florida children lack access to dental care. USF General Pediatrics is the PCP to high risk low income, Medicaid children, and CSHCNs. Care occurs in clinics and schools through a Ronald McDonald medical/dental Care Mobile. This project started with the primary author receiving an AAP Oral Health visiting Professorships

Project Objectives:

(maximum 50 words)

- 1. Improve access of underserved Florida children (0-3) to oral health through training of Pediatricians, residents, and allied health professional in OHRA and Fluoride Varnish application**
- 2. Work with AAP Chapter and Pediatric Dental Society to advocate for Florida Medicaid reimbursement for the above services to non-dentists**
- 3.**

Target population(s):

The target population directly impacted by this project are Florida Children, particularly high risk children such as children living in poverty, uninsured or underinsured, Medicaid-funded children and CSHCNs. This project will impact the medical providers in Florida through training them for additional services and playing a key advocacy role in ensuring reimbursement for the OHRA and Fluoride Varnish application by Medicaid to non-dentists

Project Description:

(maximum 100 words)

The primary author received training through AAP OHRA visiting professorship. Initially the project entailed improving oral health services through “train the trainer” of residents, students, and implementing OHRA and Fluoride Varnish application in the clinics and the Mobile van. Creative system of coverage of these services was implemented since Florida Medicaid was not reimbursing non-dentists. A Resident CATCH Planning grant was obtained to plan strategies to increase residents’ education in Oral Health and improve clinic services. Residents worked side-by-side with volunteer dentists and dental hygienist students on the mobile van providing Oral Health guidance to students in the underserved schools.

Methods/Strategies:

(maximum 100 words)

The primary author is very active in the AAP Florida Chapter. A member of the executive board, Regional Rep, and Committee on School Health and Sports Medicine chair. He is the Assistant Medical Director for Title XXI CSHCN in Florida. The Chapter partnered with the Florida Pediatric Dental Society and DOH on this issue and the primary author represented the Chapter in a DOH HRSA-funded initiative to train non-dentists in OHRA and Fluoride Varnish application. Both worked together to lobby Medicaid for reimbursement for non-dentists. The primary author utilized the AAP training module and created a Varnish Application videoclip.

Results/Impact:

(maximum 100 words)

The primary author effectively achieved the following results:

- **Trained faculty and residents in Pediatrics and Family Medicine, Medical students, nurses, rural Community Health Centers, and private offices in Florida, held workshops and grand rounds at statewide meetings and trained students at a Medical Mission. He is currently working with the AAP as a trainer.**
- **OHRA and varnish program in the clinics, Mobile van, and Title XXI CSHCN clinics**
- **Chapter newsletter and local newspaper articles**
- **Mentored three residents and a medical student part of a resident CATCH Grant on Oral Health for planning education materials and provider needs assessment (presented at PAS and SSPR meetings)**
- **April 15, 2008, Florida Medicaid issued reimbursement codes for non-dentists for OHRA and Varnish application in children 0-3years**

Conclusion/Key Lesson(s) Learned:

(maximum 150 words)

This project which started as a local initiative by one Pediatric faculty member, resulted in a statewide impact of oral health care and practice changes that will have a long lasting benefit on the oral health of children particularly underserved, high risk children. This project illustrates the following key lessons:

- 1- Local initiatives are highly effective in initiating a change of culture particularly if backed up by the AAP and its Chapter**
- 2- Working with the state AAP Chapter was one of the major factors that helped bring this impact statewide**
- 3- Collaboration and partnerships between pediatrician, AAP chapter, community agencies, universities, pediatric dentists, schools, CSHCN agencies, and funders are powerful forces for achieving effective lobbying on behalf of children and providers**

This project is the perfect example of how the right idea can easily go from a pediatrician's desk to become a statewide initiative that provides children with a lifelong impact on their oral health while pediatricians are reimbursed for it

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