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The National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center (OHRC) has developed two new resources designed to stimulate thinking about and the use of dental sealants to prevent tooth decay. The resources are:

- **Dental Sealants: A Resource Guide, 3rd Edition:** provides information to health professionals, program administrators, educators, policymakers, and others about the use and application of dental sealants. The resource guide include brochures, fact sheets, guides, kits, manuals, protocols, and reports. The third section lists federal agencies, resource centers, and national professional associations that may serve as resources.
- **Preventing Tooth Decay and Saving Teeth with Dental Sealants, 3rd Edition** (fact sheet): Provides information about dental sealants and their uses, effectiveness, service delivery, disparities, public awareness, cost-effectiveness and programs.  
<http://www.mchoralhealth.org/PDFs/DentalSealantGuide.pdf>

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**February is National Children's  
Dental Health Month!**

**Is your health program conducting events and activities to promote Children's Dental Health Month? If so, the Dental Support Center would like to know!!**



ADA American Dental Association

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**DSC Awards  
2010-2011 Mini Grants**

**Our Mission**

Reduce dental decay in Native American infants, toddlers, and children. Provide training, technical assistance, and resources to tribal and urban dental clinics operating in California.

Dental Support Center is please to announce the recipients of the Oral Health Mini Grants Cycle 3. All project proposals are evaluated by at least two reviewers and the following nine programs were selected to receive grant funding:

- Pit River Health Services
- San Diego Indian Health Center
- MACT Health Board
- Lassen Indian Health Center
- Consolidated Tribal Health Project
- Sacramento Native American Health Center
- Indian Health Council
- K'ima;w Medical Center—Hoopa
- Colusa Indian Health Council

Mini Grant activities will focus on improving GPRA measures with services targeted at Native American pregnant mothers, infants, youth, and adults. All proposed projects will be implemented and completed by July 30, 2011 and each of the programs will receive up to \$2,000 to provide services through their tribal health programs.

Dental Support Center is pleased to partner with each of the health programs and wish you much success in conducting oral health prevention projects for your communities.

**RDA Dental Sealant Certification**

Dental Support Center would like to thank Chapa-De Indian Health for hosting a successful dental sealant training November 15-16, 2010 in Auburn, CA. Nine RDAs from the following Indian Health Programs received certification:

- Anav Tribal Health—Quartz Valley
- Tuolumne Me-Wuk Indian Health Center
- United Indian Health Services
- Feather River Tribal Health
- Chapa-De Indian Health
- Karuk Tribal Health
- Native American Health Center-San Francisco

Each of these tribal programs received a new curing light and sealant starter kits from the Dental Support Center. We hope the skills gained through these trainings will continue to assist tribal/urban clinics to achieve their GPRA goals.



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Save the Date!

### 2011 CA IHS Dental Conference

Monday, May 2nd—Thursday, May 5th, 2011

Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza  
300 J Street  
Sacramento CA 95814



Dental Support Center and the CA Area Office is extending an invitation to all dental professionals from tribal programs to attend this four day conference. Do not miss this opportunity to gain new knowledge, enhance your skills and collaborate with other tribal programs!

We are striving to offer your requests from the 2010 conference evaluations. The tentative topics for the 2011 conference are:

- \* Infection Control
- \* CA Dental Practice Act
- \* Pediatric Dentistry
- \* Risk Management
- \* GPRA Update/Challenge
- \* Dental Billing and Coding
- \* Ergonomics
- \* Restorative Dentistry
- \* Cultural Competency
- \* Ethics
- \* Removable Full Dentures
- \* Motivational Interviewing
- \* Problem Solving in Endodontics
- \* Domestic Violence
- \* Lasers
- \* Winning the Battle Against Biofilm
- \* Pharmacology Update
- \* Improving Impressions
- \* Mini-Implants
- \* Periodontics
- \* CPR
- \* Denti-Cal
- \* Temporization
- \* Restorative Dentistry



DANB approves courses for credit which meet the parameters of the DANB Recertification Guidelines. DANB is not responsible for course content.



Registration Information Will Be Available Soon!!

#### Hands-On Courses for Dentists

Dental Support Center in partnership with the CA Area IHS office is planning on offering hands-on courses for dentists working in tribal/urban clinics. The first course on Crown Lengthening will be held in Sacramento in March, 2011. Registration information for this course will be announced soon.

Stay tuned for more hands-on courses!

The ADA has now published online the **New Prescription Dietary Fluoride Supplement Recommendations**. The panel concluded that dietary fluoride supplements should be prescribed only for children who are at high risk of developing caries and whose primary source of drinking water is deficient in fluoride.

[http://ebd.ada.org/contentdocs/6327\\_Fluoride\\_Chairside\\_Tool.pdf](http://ebd.ada.org/contentdocs/6327_Fluoride_Chairside_Tool.pdf)

<http://jada.ada.org/cgi/content/full/141/12/1480>

For all ADA Clinical Recommendations:  
<http://ebd.ada.org/ClinicalRecommendations.aspx>

### Community Highlights

### Fluoride Varnish Trainings for Community Partners



The Dental Support Center is conducting trainings for Head Start/Early Head Start staff, Medical Assistants, Community Health Representatives (CHRs), and Home Health Advocates on Fluoride Varnish applications. All trainings are conducted in partnership with the local IHS dental clinic. Prior to receiving certification, attendees complete the online IHS course followed by the hands-on training to obtain required competencies.

Trainings have been held in Burney, Sacramento and Klamath, CA to train a total of 19 tribal employees. Similar trainings will be held in other areas of California.



### Become an AAIR/CAIRS Dental Services Provider!

A Dental Voucher providing reimbursement of services up to \$1,000 is available for qualified American Indians/Alaska Natives (AIAN) and eligible family members, ages 12 and older that have a history of substance abuse for 5 years or less. The Dental Voucher is intended to help mitigate damage caused by the negative impact of alcohol and drug use. Individuals who are actively abusing substances are also eligible for the Dental voucher with the hope that contact with a Health Care Professional will serve to inform clients of available substance abuse treatment options. The Dental voucher does not include services considered cosmetic in nature. This resource is offered through The Access to American Indian Recovery (AAIR) program and The California American Indian Recovery Services (CAIRS) program which will start taking new clients December 31, 2010.

Currently, there are eight CA tribal clinics offering these services: Native American Health Center, Toiyabe Indian Health Program, Greenville Rancheria, Sacramento Native American Health Center, United Indian Health Services, Riverside-San Bernardino County Indian Health, Pit River Indian Health, and Tule River Indian Health Center.

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