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2010 IHS Dental Conference – May 3-6, 2010

Holiday Inn Capital Plaza, 300 J Street, Sacramento California

Register at <http://www.doh.ihs.gov>

Hope to see you there!



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California Dental Support Center NEWSLETTER



Oral Health Mini Grants—Cycle 2 Dental Support Center Awards 9 Mini Grants to Tribal/Urban Health Programs



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.



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Dental Support Center is excited to announce the recipients of the Oral Health Mini Grants Cycle 2.

- Northern Valley Indian Health
- Colusa Tribal Health
- K'ima:w Medical Center—Hoopa
- Native American Health Center –Oakland
- Feather River Tribal Health
- Anav Tribal Health—Quartz Valley
- Sonoma County Indian Health Project
- Indian Health Council of Santa Clara Valley
- Pit River Indian Health Services

All proposed projects would be implemented and completed by July 30, 2010 and each of the health programs will be receiving up to \$2,000 to provide services to their communities. Dental Support Center is pleased to partner with each of the health programs and wish you much success in conducting oral health prevention activities.

Indian Health Service Early Childhood Caries Initiative is a new program designed to promote prevention and early intervention of dental caries in young Children through interdisciplinary approach. Components of the initiative are:

- Early oral health assessments by community partners such as Head Start, WIC, nurses, doctors, and CHR's
- Fluoride applications by these community partners and dental teams
- Dental sealants on primary teeth by dental teams at an early age
- Use of Glass Ionomer ITRs (Interim Therapeutic Restorations)

These efforts are of utmost importance to reduce ECC and assess the oral health status of young native American children in California. Dental Support Center looks forward to partner with all tribal/urban programs on this effort and to provide assistance to implement the initiative. For detail information please contact DSC coordinator Lalani at 916-929-9761 or visit www.doh.ihs.gov/ecc.



IHS Sets New Priority for GPRA Measures: Increase ACCESS to Dental Services to 44%

Trainings For Registered Dental Assistants

Dental Support Center is pleased to have been able to conduct four Dental Sealant Trainings for Registered Dental Assistants this grant year to certify a total of 39 RDAs. We would like to thank the tribal dental clinics that graciously offered their facility to host the trainings.

- Consolidated Tribal Health
- Sonoma County Indian Health Project
- Central Valley Indian Health
- MACT Sonora Dental Clinic

Each of the RDAs who completed the training received a curing light and a sealant starter kit. We hope the skills gained through these trainings will continue to assist tribal/urban clinics to achieve their GPRA goals.

Dental Support Center conducts a periodic survey to assess the needs of RDAs working in IHS clinics. As a result of this effort we will be offering certification trainings in Radiography and the state mandated Infection Control trainings in the future.

2009 Dental Support Center GPRA Dental Sealant Challenge 1 - \$500 Winners CA Tribal Programs that met their

- Central Valley Indian Health
- Chapa De Indian Health Project
- Consolidated Indian Health Project
- Feather River Indian Health
- Northern Valley Indian Health
- Pit River Health Services
- Riverside San Bernardino Indian Health
- Santa Ynez Tribal Health
- Shingle Springs Tribal Health
- Susanville Indian Health
- Sycuan Medical Center
- Tule River Indian Health
- Tuolumne Me-Wuk Indian Health

2009 Dental Support Center GPRA Dental Sealant Challenge 2 Performance Winners

- GROUP A - Service population of 4000 or more**
- First Place - Central Valley Indian Health - 70% ----- \$1,000
 - Second Place - Riverside San Bernardino IH - 46%----- \$500
- GROUP B - Service population of 2000-4000**
- First Place - Feather River Indian Health - 57%----- \$1,000
 - Second Place - Consolidated Indian Health - 44%----- \$500
- GROUP C - Service population of 1000-1999**
- First Place - Lassen Indian Health - 27%----- \$1,000
 - Second Place - Northern Valley Indian Health - 18%-- \$500
- GROUP D - Service population less than 1000**
- First Place - Tuolumne Me-Wuk Indian Health - 308%--\$1,000
 - Second Place - Shingle Springs Tribal Health - 81%----- \$500

CONGRATULATIONS!

Community Highlights

“A New Year—A Healthier You and Child” Event by Indian Health Council Dental Clinic



The Dental Department at Indian Health Council, Inc. in Valley Center hosted a Dental Health Fair on January 21, 2010. Table top presentations were conducted on baby bottle tooth decay, pregnancy and oral health, xylitol, fluoride, dental sealants and a puppet show demonstrating proper oral hygiene techniques. Additionally the participants received education through a PowerPoint presentation on pediatric health. Pre/post surveys were conducted. A raffle followed each of the presentations. Raffle items included oral health educational materials, electric toothbrushes and gift cards. This project was funded through a Dental Support Center mini grant.



Give Kids A Smile Event—Tuolumne Me-Wuk Dental Clinic—Sonora

In support of ADA’s “Give kids A Smile” campaign, the Tuolumne Me Wuk Dental Clinic hosted the 2nd annual GKAS event on February 5th and February 6th 2010. The event was held at the Tuolumne Me Wuk Dental Clinic on the 5th and at Safari Smiles on the 6th of February, 2010. The event was open to kids in the 1 to 15 years range. Our 2nd annual Give Kids a Smile event was a major success. We saw a total of 58 children and provided free dental care in the tune of \$28,595. The incredible team work amongst volunteer dentists (10), hygienists (4) and the dental assistants (17), 100% of our patients received complete preventive care starting with dental screenings, X-rays, teeth cleaning, fluoride treatments and dental sealants. Most of our patients also received routine therapeutic dental care including fillings as well as extractions. Patients who needed emergency dental care were referred to various providers within and outside of our area to receive free dental care so that their treatment would be completed.

Special Thanks to **Salida Surgery Center, Central California Dental Surgicenter**, and our local organizations and people whose support was pivotal in the success of this event; **ICES, Tuolumne County Health Department, Headstart, Tuolumne County WIC program, Smile Keepers** and **First 5 Tuolumne County** for their valuable input and support towards organizing and planning for this event. It is because of their hard work that we were able to organize this event. Lastly, a big “Thank you” to the Health Board Members and our Executive Director at the **Tuolumne Me Wuk Indian Health Center**. Their support was invaluable and their dedication to serve our community is commendable. This was a great achievement for our community in Sonora and we look forward to doing this in 2011.

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