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IHS Division of Oral Health 2010 GPRA Awards Initiative



In our effort to promote prevention throughout the Indian Health Service Division of Oral Health and to promote meeting the three dental GPRA measures, Headquarters is sponsoring annual program awards totaling \$25,000 to deserving IHS, Tribal, and Urban dental programs throughout the country. A total of 10 awards in the amount of \$2,500 each will be provided as described below.

Category 1: Most Improved GPRA Performance

The five dental programs that have the largest percentage increase in the three dental measures from **GPRA Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009) to GPRA Year 2010 (July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010)** will receive a \$2,500 program award (or if a tribal program, a modification to their annual funding agreement).

Category 2: Best Overall GPRA Performance

The five dental programs that have the highest GPRA performance in the three dental measures in **GPRA Year 2010 (July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010)** will receive a \$2,500 program award (or if a tribal program, a modification to their annual funding agreement).

July 2010

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California Dental Support Center NEWSLETTER



CA Dental Support Center Receives Funding To Continue Services!!

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.

We are very pleased to announce that California Dental Support Center has received the grant award from Indian Health Service through the Dental Preventive and Clinical Services Support Centers Grant.

CRIHB was informed on 6/29/10 that the Dental Support Center was 1 of 4 tribal awardees to receive \$249,000 x 5 years 2010-2015 and that the CRIHB proposal was the highest rated proposal of the 10 proposals submitted. The grant will enable DSC to continue providing educational and technical support to 35 tribal/urban programs in California that operate 54 dental clinics, to improve access and dental services. It will also provide educational trainings and resources to 22 tribal Head Start/Early Head Start centers in California.

All of us at the Dental Support Center and California Rural Indian Health Board, Inc. would like to thank all Tribal/Urban clinics as well as the tribal Head Start Centers that graciously offered their Letters of Support for the grant application. They certainly proved the importance of our collaborative efforts and made our grant application much stronger.

As always the DSC Advisory Committee has stood behind us to guide us through all aspects of program planning and the grant application process. A special "Thank you" to Dr. Steve Riggio, Dr. Rick Trahin, Dr. Carolyn Brown, Dr. Joel Umali, Dr. Richard Schoen, Gaby Rector RDH and Carol Kelly RDA. Thank You! We appreciate your commitment to the program.

The five year renewal will positively impact the oral health of AI/AN's in California. The DSC Goals are:

Goal 1: Reduce and prevent oral diseases in AI/AN children and their families through clinic-based initiatives.

Goal 2: Reduce the prevalence of early childhood caries among 0-5 year old AI/AN children by 25% by FY 2015.

Goal 3: Reduce the prevalence of oral diseases among pregnant mothers, youth and adults in CA tribal communities.

Goal 4: Continue to improve and enhance the services provided through DSC.

We need your partnership to make this happen!



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Narrow Diameter Implants
Hands-On Course

United Indian Health Services Inc. in Arcata, California in partnership with the Dental Support Center conducted a hand-on course in mini implants on July 14th. The course was offered to dentists in Northern California tribal clinics. The presenter was Dr. Eugene LaBarre DMD, MS. He is the Director and Associate Professor in the department of Removable Prosthodontics at the University of Pacific (UOP), School of Dentistry.

Eight dentists from Northern CA tribal clinics received the training. The same course will be offered to dentists from Central and Southern CA tribal/urban clinics in the future. If any clinic in these two areas would like to host this training, please contact the Dental Support Center Coordinator, Lalani at 916-929-9761

Resources for CA tribal /urban clinics



Brochure



Poster



First B'Day card Project

If your dental clinic or health program clinics have a need for any of the DSC produced resources, send in your email request to Lalani at lalani.ratnayake@crihb.net

Name of Tribal Dental clinic _____

Address _____

Contact Person _____ Phone # _____

Item _____

of copies needed _____

Community Highlights

Children's Oral Health Project
K'ima:w Dental Clinic, Hoopa
(Project funded by DSC Mini Grant)

A priority area for this project was to improve access and increase oral health awareness and education to pregnant mothers and mothers of young children, ages 0-8 years. We reached out to the community which included Hoopa Head Start, Hoopa Early Head Start, Hoopa Child Development, Hoopa Elementary, Hoopa Tribal After-school Program, Klamath Trinity After School Program, Orleans Head Start, Orleans Elementary and Hoopa Prenatal classes. Services were provided by one dentist with one or two dental assistants on 20 dates of service.

A total of 300 patients were reached (291 children and 9 adults) , to perform a total of 531 procedures

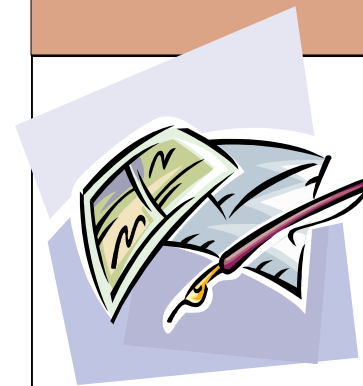
- Oral Health Screenings (300)
- Fluoride Varnish applications (166)
- Dental Sealants (65)
- 2 classes to Prenatal women
- Distribution of toothbrushes, fluoride toothpaste and floss
- Oral Hygiene Instructions

Our findings and possible treatment needs were given to the schools who in turn sent them to homes of the children we had seen. We encouraged them to visit the dental clinic for further treatment. We had anticipated seeing 377 children and 18 pregnant women, however certain circumstances prevented us from reaching our goal such as the response to our parental/guardian consent form, number of children absent from school, school testing dates, and the unexpected short staffing at our own dental facility.

We plan to continue visits to the schools and perform fluoride varnish applications every 3 months.

(from final project report for DCS Mini-grant)

Grant Writing Training Class for Tribal/Urban Clinics



An introductory two-day training on grant writing skills will be offered to all CA tribal/urban clinics on July 29-30, 2010. The announcement of this opportunity has been sent to all Dental Directors and Executive Directors of the programs. One person from each tribal program is eligible to attend. The cost for attending is free and the DSC will reimburse the cost of travel, lodging and per diem for the attendees. The class will focus on the Dental Health Promotion/Disease Prevention (HP/DP) grant format as well as other state and federal grant opportunities that are available for tribal programs.

Class space is limited. Call Lalani for registration. 916-929-9761