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IHS Basic Screening Survey (BSS)

Second Phase of the BSS of all IHS areas is under way. This year the surveys will be conducted on AIAN children kindergarten through third grade, to assess their oral health status. Seventeen schools from California has been selected and the Dental Support Center and the CA Area IHS office is working with 11 CA tribal programs to conduct these assessments. We would like to thank the following tribal programs for their participation.

- United Indian Health Services
- Hoopa Tribal Health
- Round Valley Indian Health
- Northern Valley Indian Health
- Toiyabe Indian Health
- Tule River Tribal Health
- Central Valley Indian Health
- Shingle Springs Tribal Health
- Chapa De Indian Health
- Southern Indian Health Council
- Riverside San Bernardino TH

1600 CA AIAN children will be screened by March 1, 2012. This continuing project is to meet the IHS goal of establishing a National Surveillance system for AIAN population.



The New "Mighty Mouth" Fillings!

A new "superhero" has been designed to help promote the "Mighty Mouth" fillings. This Native American character is shown with pink Triage® shooting out of a gun. We have developed "Mighty Mouth" stickers that your clinic can order by going to the IHS ECC Collaborative website— www.doh.ihs.gov/ecc, soon to be www.ihs.gov/doh/ecc, so you can give these out to children after you provide a glass ionomer sealant or restoration.

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Our Mission

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

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Second Annual IHS GPRA Awards Six California Tribal Programs Receives Recognition

This year ten programs will receive awards of \$2,500 each, for outstanding performance or improvement with respect to their dental GPRA objectives. Nationwide an additional 22 programs receive "honorable mention" for outstanding performance or improvement. Since the difference between a cash award and an honorable mention can be as little as a percentage point in scoring, all of the following programs are recognized for their outstanding efforts.

The \$2,500 cash award winners for Best Performance:

- Bristol Bay, Alaska Area, Claremore, Oklahoma City Area, Lawton, Oklahoma City Area, Micmac, Nashville Area, Seminole, Nashville Area

"Honorable mention" for Outstanding Performance:

- Cherokee, Nashville Area, Chitimacha, Nashville Area, Indian Township, Nashville Area, Kodiak, Alaska Area, [Anav clinic Quartz Valley, California Area](#), Red Lake, Bemidji Area, Sisseton, Aberdeen Area, S. Colorado Ute, Albuquerque Area, [Susanville Indian Health Center, California Area](#), Trenton, Aberdeen Area, White Earth, Bemidji Area, Zuni, Albuquerque Area

The \$2,500 cash award winners for Most Improved programs:

- Hannahville, Bemidji Area
- Maniilaq Association, Alaska Area
- [Sacramento Native American Health Center, California Area](#)
- Yukon Kuskokwim, Alaska Area
- Zuni, Albuquerque Area

"Honorable mention" for Most Improvement:

- [Central Valley Indian Health, California Area](#)
- Coushatta, Nashville Area
- Eastern Aleutian Tribes, Alaska Area
- [Karuk Tribal Health & Human Services, California Area](#)
- Ketchikan, Alaska Area
- Mescalero, Albuquerque Area
- Red Lake, Bemidji Area
- [San Diego American Indian Health, California Area](#)
- S. Colorado Ute, Albuquerque Area
- St. Croix, Bemidji Area

Congratulations to the six California programs for receiving these awards!

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Funding Opportunity!! - 2011-2012 DSC Mini Grants



The Dental Support Center is pleased to announce another cycle of funding through mini grants. All California tribal/urban programs are eligible to apply for up to **\$3,000** toward projects targeting **AI/AN adults and youth**. Minimum of 7 grants will be selected through a review process. The grant proposals are due **October 28, 2011**.

For more details, please visit www.crihb.org or contact Lalani at 916-929-9761 (lalani.ratnayake@crihb.net)

(This is the fourth grant cycle from the Dental Support Center. Since 2009 the DSC has funded a total of 25 mini grants for California tribal/urban programs) - <http://crihb.org/health-resources/california-dental-support-center.html>

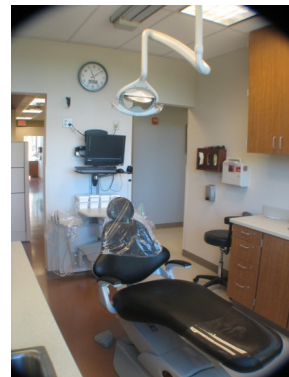
RDH from CA wins the IHS Award for Excellence (Junior Category)

Brenda Meamber, RDH at Northern Valley Indian Health Red Bluff site, was awarded the IHS Award for Excellence (Junior Category) in Dental Hygiene at the IHS Dental Updates Meeting held in Albuquerque NM, the four day meeting ending in the award presentation on Thursday July 21st. Congratulations Brenda for receiving this national award!

She was nominated by Dr. Tom Lewis, Dental Director at NVIH.

"I think Brenda's strongest attribute is her team work attitude. She can be found cleaning rooms, washing/sterilizing instruments, making phone calls to fill our schedule and any job that might be required in our office no matter how simple. I have practiced dentistry for over forty years and worked with many support staff and Brenda's team-work commitment is remarkable and admired and appreciated by all her co-workers. Please join me in extending congratulations to Brenda. We are happy to have her as part of our TEAM. She models for all of us the performance of excellence, teamwork and dedication to helping others!"

Shingle Springs Tribe opens their new Health Center



The new health clinic at Shingle Springs Rancheria opened its doors to serve its tribe and the community of El Dorado County. The clinic accepts both Medicare and Medi-Cal patients and provides dental, medical, behavioral health, nutrition and other services.

The state of the art Dental clinic occupies the whole of the fourth floor with 14 operatories, a lab, a conference room, a staff lounge, etc. Dr. Chris Shepard DDS, dental director leads the dental team at the clinic which includes: 2 FTE dentists, 2 part time dentists, 1 orthodontist, 4 RDH, 3 RDAs, 2 DA, a receptionist and an office manager.

Mobile Dental Van—In an effort to improve access to dental care for underserved children, the Shingle Springs Tribal Health Program Mobile Dental Van Program was created, through relationships with local El Dorado county First 5 program, and the El Dorado County School District, the Dental Van Program provides, high-quality preventative services (comprehensive exams, digital x-rays, fluorides, varnishes, sealants, dental cleanings and oral hygiene instruction) and dental education to Medi-Cal children whose families can't afford dental care. Its services have been successful in reaching underserved youth by utilizing a dental unit on wheels that visits schools in the El Dorado County School District.

Congratulations to the Shingle Springs Tribe for this great facility! We wish you much success.

Dental Support Center 2010-2011 GPRA Sealant Challenge Winners– Congratulations!

Tribal Program	GPRA Challenge Winner (Annual Goal met)	Best Performers
Riverside San Bernardino	\$500	First Place -\$1,000
Central Valley IH	\$500	Second Place \$500
Chapa De	\$500	
Feather River TH	\$500	First Place- \$1,000
Hoopla	\$500	Second Place-\$500
Consolidated	\$500	
Tule River TH	\$500	
Lassen IH	\$500	First Place-\$1,000
Karuk TH	\$500	Second Place-\$500
Northern Valley IH	\$500	
Anav-Quartz Valley	\$500	First Place-\$1,000
Toulumne Me-Wuk	\$500	Second Place-\$500
Santa Ynez	\$500	
Shingle Springs	\$500	
Pit River HS	\$500	
American Indian HS- Santa Barbara	\$500	

2011-2012 ECC Challenge is On!
Contact Dental Support Center or visit www.crihb.org

Are you a RDH working for a CA tribal/urban program?

We need your feedback! We are building a RDH network to give all of you more opportunities for growth and collaboration. A survey was conducted last month to gather your needs, and opinions. For those of you who sent in your responses....thank you! To make your feedback count, contact the DSC at 916-929-9761, lalani.ratnayake@crihb.net or Gaby Rector RDH, rector@rhclinic.org. You may access the survey at www.crihb.org.

All future newsletters will be emailed to you from the RDH listserve we have created.

The DSC newsletter is published 4 times/year. if you would like to share any information or a project you are involved in through your tribal program, please send it in. Make this newsletter your forum!

A Partnership to Reduce Early Childhood Caries

The DSC partnered with the American Indian Infant Health Initiative (AIIHI) project to provide training and resources for Community Health Representatives (CHRs), during their annual in-service training in September, 2011. The state funded AIIHI program has 24 CHRs from four tribal programs (United Indian Health Services, Riverside San Bernardino, Indian Health Council, and Sacramento Native American Health Center), that provide home visits to AIAN families with infants.

The knowledge, resources and skills gained during the training will assist them to educate approximately 130 families served by this program.

