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Children’s Oral Health Access

What We’re Learning; What We’re Doing

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Learning Objectives

- Summarize findings from 2 projects: one provided background on the challenges & opportunities for SBHCs in addressing children’s oral health in; the other investigated the reasons for persistent oral health access problems for kids.

- Describe two foundation initiatives that support school-based oral health programs.

- Identify challenges to providing oral health services in schools and in school-based health centers.
Children’s Oral Health: What We’ve Learned

Results from two projects

✓ Oral Health Care in SBHCs:
  Report from a US DHHS meeting, November 2010.

✓ Children’s Oral Health: Views from the field.
Project #1: SBHCs and Oral Health --Advice from an MCHB Planning Meeting

How does oral health care relate to other services in SBHC & how do providers relate?

What are relationships with external providers?

Who tends the policy context?

What is the sustainability plan?

Evaluation and quality assessment?
Project #2: Children’s Oral Health: Views from the Field

- **Problem:** Persistent poor oral health status of low income & minority children as documented in a decade of studies and reports

- **Study Method:** 25 key informant interviews with state & federal officials, researchers, foundation officials

- **Solutions:**
  1. Increasing consumer demand
  2. Expanding provider supply
Why Poor Children Still Don’t Get the Oral Health Care They Need
Findings from CHHCS study

1. Demand factors: Lack of parent demand, policy maker demand, broader citizenry demand

2. Supply factors: Constrained supply of dentists, limitations on mid-level providers, absence of adequate public finance strategy
Challenges or Opportunities?

- The 10-month school year
- A policy environment that has local, state and federal dimensions
- Community dental providers
- Integration or parallel play with other services in SBHC -- Co-location or single record?
- Evaluation - Options
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