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Oral Health Resources for Nondental Health Care Professionals

Many children do not have access to regular dental care, and few under age 2 have ever had a dental visit. However most children do have contact with nondental health care professionals who could help prevent serious dental problems.

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH), Oral Health Program (OHP) provides resources to public health care workers, primary care providers, school nurses and other nondental professionals on how to prevent oral diseases and link children with dental homes.



Help Me Smile

The OHP recently updated *Help Me Smile*, an online, self-study training for home visitors and professionals working in Help Me Grow, the Bureaus of Health Services and Maternal and Child Health, Early Head Start/Head Start, WIC, the Department of Developmental Disabilities, child care staff members and child care providers. The course is offered at no charge.

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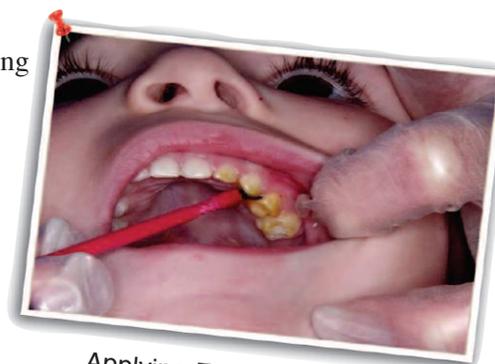
Smiles for Ohio—Fluoride Varnish:

Training for Primary Medical Care Providers Serving Young Children Enrolled in Medicaid

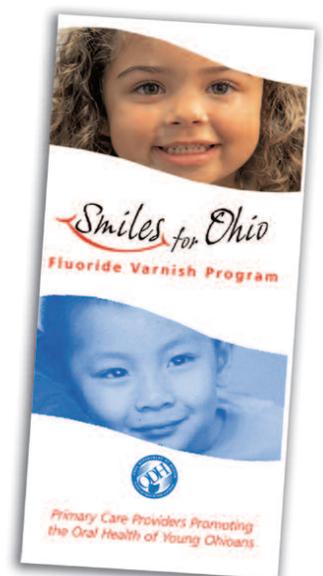
The OHP, in collaboration with the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center at Georgetown University, has developed a free, one-hour, web-based self-study course for primary medical care providers interested in improving the oral health of young children enrolled in Medicaid. This course is designed to provide Medicaid/Healthchek primary medical care providers and other health care providers with the knowledge needed to reduce the incidence of dental caries among children under age 6 and to contribute to the establishment of a dental home.

The course offers training on:

- the role of primary medical care providers;
- the dental caries process;
- caries risk assessment; and
- anticipatory guidance, fluoride varnish application and referrals.



Applying Fluoride Varnish



The training can be accessed at: <http://www.ohiodentalclinics.com/curricula/smiles/index.html>.

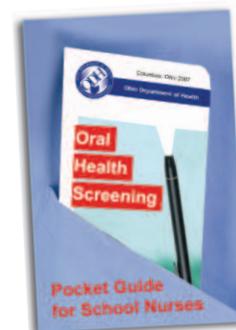
Oral Health in Head Start Programs

OHP staff are a resource to Early Head Start/Head Start programs to help them implement the oral health-related Head Start Performance Standards.



Guidelines for Oral Health Screening in Ohio's Schools

The OHP developed *Guidelines for Oral Health Screening in Ohio's Schools*. The guidelines provide school nurses with practical information on procedures, supplies and techniques. A laminated pocket guide has been developed as a handy reference, and a training DVD is also available. The guidelines and these tools can be accessed on the OHP website at the address listed below.



Help Me Smile

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The course provides high quality information on oral health for caregivers, pregnant mothers, infants, toddlers, young children and adolescents on:

- healthy and unhealthy dental behaviors;
- behaviors that lower the risk of dental problems; and
- how to identify those with the greatest need to see a dentist and make referrals to dental homes for diagnosis and treatment.

Each learner who participates in the self-study has access to electronic files, including assessment tools, and a flip book. The *Help Me Smile* course can be accessed by going to <https://oh.train.org>.



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