

Dental Support Center



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California Rural Indian Health Board Inc.

Funded by Indian Health Service

- **26 health programs, which operate 49 dental clinics, in the state of California.**

Grant Period

September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2010

Mission

Reduce Tooth Decay in Native American Infants and Young Children. Provide Education, Training, Technical Assistance and Resources to California Tribal and Urban dental clinics to better serve the native communities

Oral Health Status of AI/AN Children

- 79% of AI/AN children 2-5 years had a history of tooth decay.
- 68% of the 2-5 year olds have untreated decay.
- 87% of AI/AN children 6-14 year olds had a history of tooth decay.

(1999 IHS Oral Health Survey)

- AI/AN children have approximately 3-4 times the amount of decay, relative to the U.S. population.

(Fact Sheet- Office of Minority Health)

Goal 1

Clinic based initiatives to prevent dental decay in infants and toddler

- Educational presentations to Medical and Dental Staff
- Promote referrals of young children for dental care
- Train medical staff on risk assessment to identify and treat high risk children with Fluoride Varnish applications
- Provide preventive items, brochures and other resources to dental clinics

Goal 2

Community Based Initiatives to enhance and encourage prevention among preschool children

- **Educate Tribal Head Start Staff and Parents through presentations**
- **Provide educational resources to Tribal Head Start and Early Head Start agencies (19)**

Goal 3

Provide education and trainings to dental staff to better serve the AI/AN population

- Facilitate trainings in Billing and Coding for dental professionals
- Provide continuing education
- Provide Dental Sealant certification for RDAs
- Organize and conduct the Annual IHS/DSC Conference for tribal and urban dental professionals

Dental Sealant Certification Trainings for Registered Dental Assistants

- First Training – November 14-15, 2008
10 participants
- Second Training is scheduled for
February 27-18, 2009 – 12 participants



2009 IHS/CAO DENTAL CONFERENCE



MAY 4 - 7, 2009

Red Lion at Arden Village
1401 Arden Way, Sacramento CA 95815
916-922-8041

Register Now!!

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DSC Advisory Committee

Eight Members

- 6 Dentists
- 1 Registered Dental Hygienist
- 1 Registered Dental Assistant (vacant)

- External review of the DSC Program by an IHS consultant in August, 2008
- Continue to explore grant opportunities



Year 3 Projects

Dental Sealant Challenge

**An incentive to Increase GPRA measures
\$500 award to programs that meet their
sealant goal by end of GPRA year**

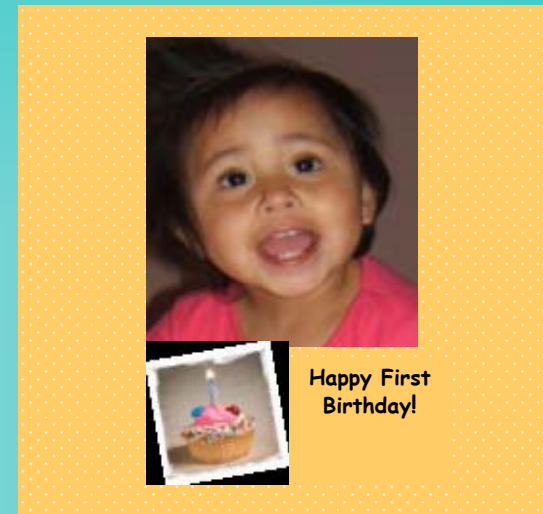
**\$250 award to any clinic that exceeds
the 2008 GPRA goal by 30% or more**

First Birthday Card Project

- To Promote Baby's first dental screening

Partner with:

- Medical clinics
- WIC clinics
- Early Head Start



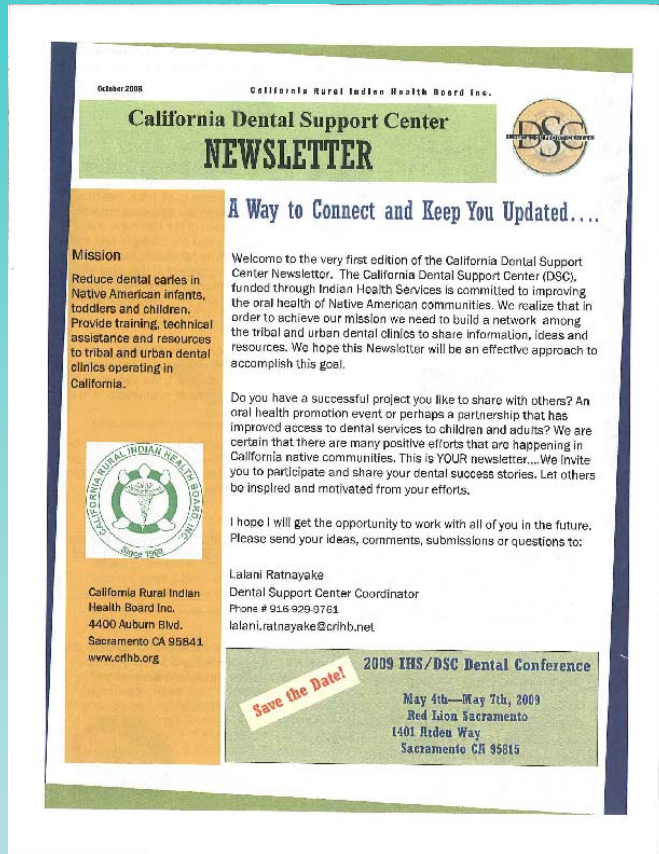
DSC provides the Incentive/Gifts to the Dental Clinics

15 Health Programs are already implementing the project. To date 360 cards and incentive packages have been distributed.

Two New Presentations to Medical & Dental Clinic Staff

- Link between mother's oral health and Pre-Term/Low birth weight babies
- Periodontal Health/Cardio Vascular & other systemic diseases

Newsletter



Head Start Partnership

- **Head Start Advisory Council**
- **Parent education through newsletter articles**
- **Guideline/Resources for Head Start Centers**
- **CCDF presentation**

**Healthy
Teeth**



**Healthy
Smiles**



**Healthy
Kids**