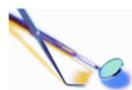


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From the Desk of the Dental Coordinator **Spotlight on Oral Health**



A healthy body is closely related to good oral health. Good oral health starts with good oral hygiene at home and is supported by access to quality dental care. The Department of Developmental Services is committed to assisting individuals who receive services from DDS, their parents, guardians, staff and providers in securing the best possible dental care.

In addition to providing access to quality dental care, individualized training is offered to all private and public agencies in support of individual's oral hygiene. As DDS Dental Coordinator, I am available to come to your facility, assess the consumers brushing and flossing program and techniques, and provide recommendations and suggestions on how to improve an individual's oral health. I'm also available to meet with nursing staff, caretakers and parent groups to serve as a resource in helping to coordinate dental care. I can be reached by phone at (860) 418-6099 or by e-mail at Izabella.pulvermacher@ct.gov.

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) works closely with the Department of Social Services (DSS) and the Connecticut Dental Health Partnership (CDHP) in an effort to expand access to dental care for individuals who receive services from DDS. Connecticut Dental Health Partnership (CDHP) is an organization that administers the dental portion of the Medicaid and HUSKY programs in Connecticut for more than 540,000 residents in Connecticut. The goal of CDHP is to increase the number of individuals receiving dental care under HUSKY/Medicaid coverage. They provide a call center as well as care coordination for their clients. The call center will help with locating a participating dentist, scheduling an appointment and arranging transportation for qualified individuals.

The call center can be reached toll-free at (866) 420-2924 Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. CTDHP is most effective when Medicaid is current and the Medicaid ID number is readily available.

Connecticut Oral Health Initiative (COHI) is a statewide advocacy organization that creates public awareness of the importance of good oral health. Through advocacy, coalition building, and education, COHI works to create a public awareness that should result in better oral health for all. The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is proud to join COHI and other agencies and organizations on **January 23, 2013 for an Oral Health Awareness Day at the Legislative Office Building Concourse in Hartford.**

I will have information and a display table specifically geared for individuals who have intellectual or developmental disabilities. This event is open to the public and all are encouraged to attend. This event will be held from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Please e-mail me for additional information: Izabella.pulvermacher@ct.gov.



Oral Health Awareness Day

A Healthy Body Starts with a Healthy Mouth



Learn why oral health is a vital part of your total health

January 23, 2013
8:30 am—4:30 pm

Legislative Office Building Concourse
400 Capitol Avenue, Hartford CT

Learn how to take care of your mouth and body, receive free health products. Screenings and health information for:

- Oral Health & Diabetes
- Oral Health & Heart Disease
- Oral Health & High Blood Pressure
- Oral Health & Medications
- Oral Health & Tobacco Use
- Oral Health in Childhood
- Oral Health during Pregnancy
- Oral Health for Older Adults
- Oral Cancer
- Oral Diseases

We invite you to an informative oral health presentation addressing oral health disparities in Connecticut, including the findings from the recent oral health surveys of children and older adults conducted in the state and enjoy a light lunch at 1:30 pm in the Old Judiciary Room in the Capitol

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