



***Improving Oral Health for
Head Start Children:***

***NATIONAL ORAL HEALTH CONFERENCE
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY
DENTAL PROGRAMS***

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Disconnect and Understanding Between Head Start, Dental and Medicaid Community

**Financing
System
Medicaid
SCHIP
Insurance**

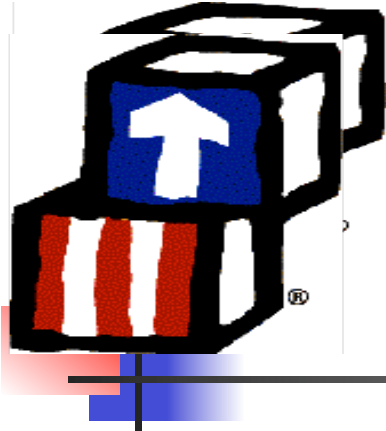
**Dental Provider
and Educational
Community**

**Head Start
Community
National State
Local**



An Assessment By Head Start and Maternal and Child Health Showed Head Start Needed:

- ❖ *Oral health expertise at the national, regional, state and grantee levels*
- ❖ *Increased linkages with state dental programs*
 - ❖ *Better linkages with public and private dental providers*
- ❖ *Better linkages and understanding of Medicaid and SCHIP*
- ❖ *Better understanding of the state dental practice acts and relationship between dentist and dental hygienists*



MCHB Developed and Implemented Comprehensive & Coordinated System-based Plan

