

Healthy Me is Cavity-Free Collaborative

COMMITTEES	COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES																																		
Pre-Dental Home Carolyn Brammer, RDH-EA, chair	Develops opportunities for children ages 0-3 to receive preventive care and individualized assessments and to provide their parents / caregivers with targeted education enabling the child to reach age 3 without cavities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed <i>First Teeth Matter</i> programs at Central and Southwest District Health Departments. Developed <i>First Teeth Matter</i> brochures to distribute in the community. Have met with Pediatric and Family Practice providers and staff to educate them on program and encourage referrals. Planning to present to local dental society components about program to raise awareness and support. 																																		
Dental Home NaDene Palmer, MBA, chair	Idaho Smiles (Medicaid) program encourages parents of children ages 0-3 to establish a dental home by their first birthday. The goal is to increase access, improve oral health, and lower overall dental costs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implemented Dental Home mailing and new member ID Card with dental home assignment in May 2014. 1,406 more children seen than prior year. Calling campaign held Nov / Dec 2015 to encourage Idaho Smiles children ages 0–20 to see a dentist. 																																		
Data NaDene Palmer, MBA, chair	Data is being collected and reported on Idaho Smiles (Medicaid) dental services for children ages 0-3, with a breakdown of eligible members, access rates, preventive, diagnostic and restorative utilization with a separation of District Health Departments, then all other dental providers. * The arrows in the accompanying chart indicate increases or decreases in utilization of preventive services for children ages 0-3 as reported by the Idaho Smiles (Medicaid) program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baseline year is 11/02/12–10/31/13 * Data comparison for year two: 11/01/13–10/31/14 <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="5">Preventive Dental Services for 11/01/13 – 10/31/14 as Compared to Baseline Year 11/01/12 – 10/31/13</th> </tr> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Age (Years)</th> <th colspan="2">Statewide</th> <th colspan="2">Ada and Canyon Counties</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Non-Health Departments</th> <th>All District Health Departments</th> <th>Non-Health Departments</th> <th>Ada and Canyon County District Health Departments</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><1</td> <td>↑</td> <td>↑</td> <td>↑</td> <td>↑</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>↑</td> <td>↓</td> <td>↑</td> <td>↑</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>↑</td> <td>↓</td> <td>↑</td> <td>↓</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>↓</td> <td>↓</td> <td>↓</td> <td>↑</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Preventive Dental Services for 11/01/13 – 10/31/14 as Compared to Baseline Year 11/01/12 – 10/31/13					Age (Years)	Statewide		Ada and Canyon Counties		Non-Health Departments	All District Health Departments	Non-Health Departments	Ada and Canyon County District Health Departments	<1	↑	↑	↑	↑	1	↑	↓	↑	↑	2	↑	↓	↑	↓	3	↓	↓	↓	↑
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Caregiver and Early Education Samantha Kenney, RDH-EA, chair	Find creative solutions in providing varied and effective oral health education and resources to the caregivers of young children—parents, pregnant mothers, home visitors, and child care providers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing early childhood oral health training programs for home visitors in four different regions of the state. Contracted with an RDH to create and present trainings via web and face-to-face meetings. 																																		
Medical / Dental Collaboration Angie Bailey, RDH-EA, MSDH, chair	The Medical-Dental Collaboration Committee is working to ensure that fluoride varnish applications, information regarding fluoride supplementation and potential caries risk assessments are provided in the medical setting during well-child visits for children ages 0-3. These recommendations are based on the American Academy of Pediatrics Bright Futures Guidelines and the US Preventive Services Task Force.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met with Regence, Blue Cross, and PacificSource to ensure that reimbursement is available for primary care providers when fluoride varnish applications are provided during well-child visits. Working with the Idaho Oral Health Alliance’s Statewide Healthcare Innovation Plan (SHIP) Oral Health Advisory (OHA) Group to ensure that oral health is included in the SHIP. 																																		
Branding / Messaging Angie Bailey, RDH-EA, MSDH, chair	Determines how best to promote / market our collaborative and share consistent messages on oral health. It also provides recommendations on how to move forward with the collaborative vision.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approves how organizations use collaborative logo. Assists organizations in spreading consistent messages on oral health. Leads discussion on the selection of new oral health messages. 																																		

Here's how you can help with the Healthy Me is Cavity-Free Collaborative:

- Share brochures for the *First Teeth Matter* programs with colleagues, organizations and others who care for children.
- Encourage parents to take their child to a dentist by age 1 and review their child’s Medicaid card for their dental home assignment.
- Spread awareness to physicians and pediatricians on providing fluoride varnish applications during well-child visits and ensuring that children see a dentist by age 1.
- Share the oral health message “Fluoride Prevents Cavities” with the public, organizations, and colleagues, and include the Healthy Me is Cavity-Free logo on your organizations materials.
- Want to get more involved in ensuring Idaho's children are free from tooth decay? Join Healthy Me is Cavity-Free! Email jwheeler@idahooralhealth.org



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