

TIPS FOR HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START ORGANIZATIONS

DEVELOPING AND ESTABLISHING A RELATIONSHIP WITH A DENTAL PROVIDER

Find a Dental Provider Champion that will utilize personal connections to help your organization find other dental providers



Choose a dentist or dental hygienist to be on the Health Advisory Committee



Approach Health Advisory Committee members to help find dentists or dental hygienists to be involved with your organization



Provide certificates/awards for your Dental Providers that provide care or serve on your Health Advisory Committee



Market the practices that provide dental care to your HS/EHS children. For example, submit a newspaper article in the local papers or an article in your Head Start newsletter



Contact Managed Care Organizations- ask for names of providers that treat Medicaid patients



Partner with the dentists at local Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and Community Health Centers (CHC) to provide care



Ask your Head Start/Early Head Start colleagues to discuss the Head Start dental needs of your children



Ask your pediatricians and nurse practitioners to solicit dentists to become part of the Dental Home Initiative in your Head Start/Early Head Start