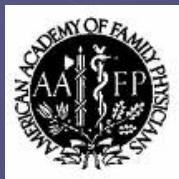
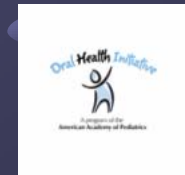


# Medical Professional Organization Efforts to Increase Oral Health Knowledge and Practice



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# Presentation Objectives

- Describe oral health efforts by the AAP
- Describe oral health efforts by the AAFP
- Identify future efforts by each organization

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# Origins of Oral Health at AAP

- MCHB PedsCare Grant (2002)
  - Six strategic areas to build community collaborations
  - Oral health chosen as one key area in response to Surgeon General's Report

# Oral Health Workgroup Achievements

- Policy Statement May 2003: *Oral Health Risk Assessment Timing and Establishment of the Dental Home*
- Speaker's Kit with Powerpoint Training CD (12,500 distributed)
- Online training module (CME 1/2008)  
[www.aap.org/commpeds/dochs/oralhealth/screening.cfm](http://www.aap.org/commpeds/dochs/oralhealth/screening.cfm)
- Oral Health Preceptorship Program
- Monthly E-Newsletter (650 subscribers)
- Website [www.aap.org/oralhealth](http://www.aap.org/oralhealth)

# Oral Health Phase 2

- MCHB Partnership to Reduce Oral Health Disparities in Early Childhood (2005)
- Key goals:
  - Improve professional skills at risk assessment
  - Improves systems of care for prevention of ECC
  - Address oral health disparities
  - Promote oral health within AAP

# Oral Health and AAP Leadership

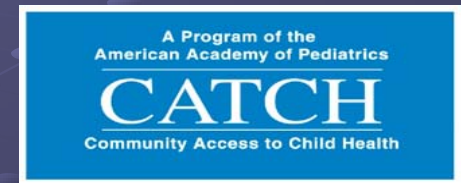
- #3 most important clinical issue (2005 ALF)
- 1 of 6 strategic areas of AAP (2006)
- Oral health education for trainees and practicing pediatricians (2007)
- Application of fluoride varnish (2007)
- Voted topic for Health People 2010 (2007)
  - 5 chapter grants
  - Funded by Friends of Children



# AAP Oral Health Grants

- Community Access to Child Health

- 30 grants specific to oral health



- Healthy Tomorrows

- 20 grants specific to oral health



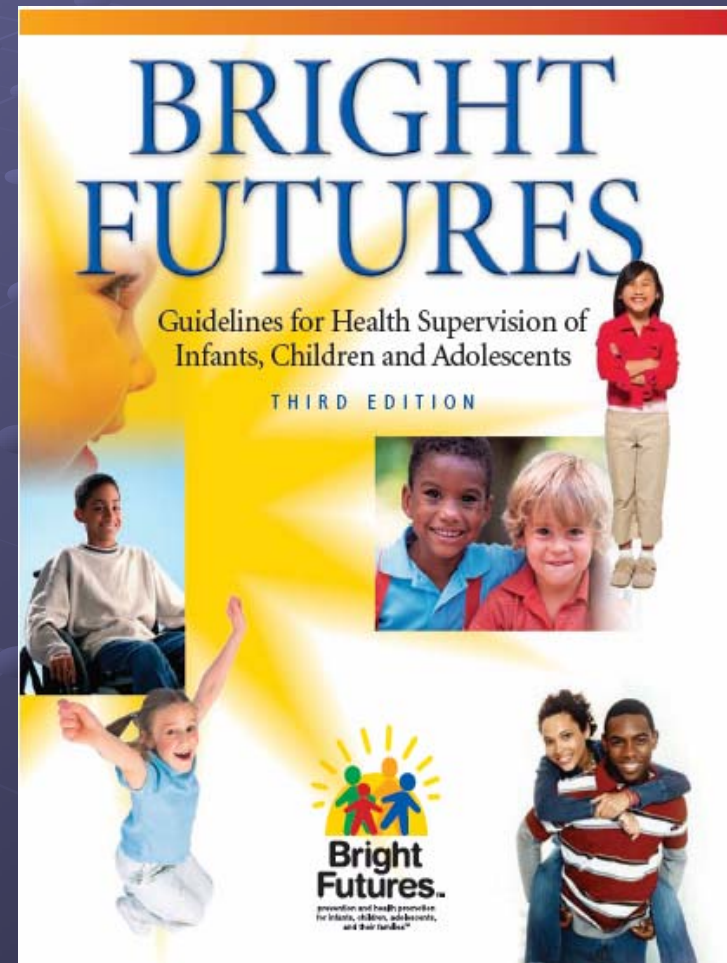
- Oral Health Preceptorships

- 18 completed, 13 in progress





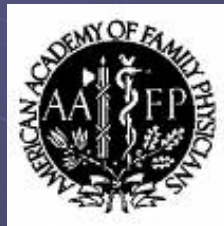
# Oral Health and Bright Futures 3



# Future Directions

- Integrate oral health into the fabric of AAP
- 2008 “Pediatrics for the 21<sup>st</sup> century” focusing on oral health
- Develop training for pediatric residents
- Create national children’s oral health message for parents
- Offer oral health training to AAP Chapters
- Oral health PROS study
- Develop tools to support pediatricians (flip chart, caries assessment tool)

# American Academy of Family Physicians



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# Family Physicians

- Largest primary care specialty- 88,000
- Perform half of all primary care office visits
- AAFP is not institutionally organized around medical subject areas
- Oral health efforts have been led through AAFP's academic arm the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine (STFM)

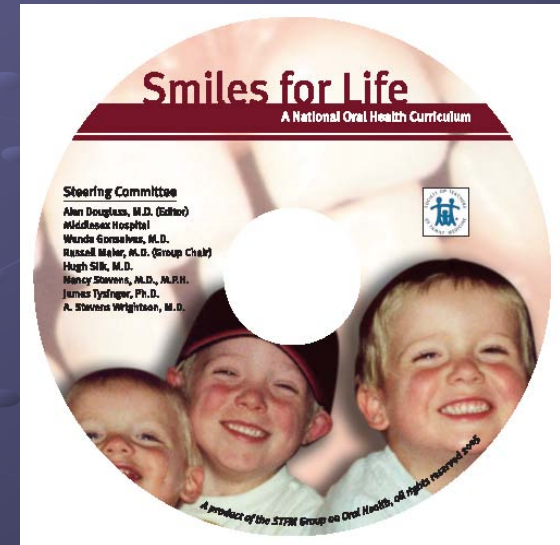


# Medical Education

- Oral health training mandated beginning July 2006 in all 460 FM residency programs
- Oral health taught via Smiles for Life curriculum in at least 24 medical schools

# Smiles for Life

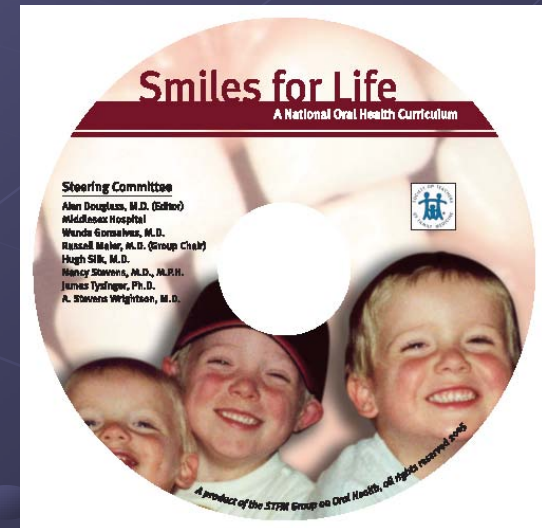
- 6 PowerPoint modules
  - Oral health and systemic disease
  - Adult Oral Health
  - Child Oral Health
  - Oral Emergencies
  - Oral Health in pregnancy
  - Fluoride Varnish
- Patient Education Materials
- PDA downloads and pocket cards
- Implementation guide and learning resources





# Smiles for Life

- All materials available for free  
[www.stfm.org/oralhealth](http://www.stfm.org/oralhealth)
- 2007 Innovative Program Award winner
- 20,000 downloads





# Continuing Medical Education

- 6 articles in American Family Physician since 2004 (188,000 subscribers)
  - Infant oral health
  - Dental emergencies
  - Common oral lesions (2 parts)
  - Geriatric oral health
  - Oral health in pregnancy
- Oral health included in a variety of CME courses

# Future Directions

- Second Edition of Smiles for Life in development- release Summer 2008
- Continued collaboration with pediatric, medical, obstetric, and dental communities
- Development of AAFP Policy Statement on oral health
- Increase oral health exposure into AAFP CME activities