



Weaving Connections: A Partnership Between Federal Programs

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Disconnect between Head Start, Dental, and Medicaid Communities at National,

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Financing
System
Medicaid
SCHIP
Insurance

Dental
Provider and
Educational
Community

Head Start
Community
National State
Local



Head Start needed:

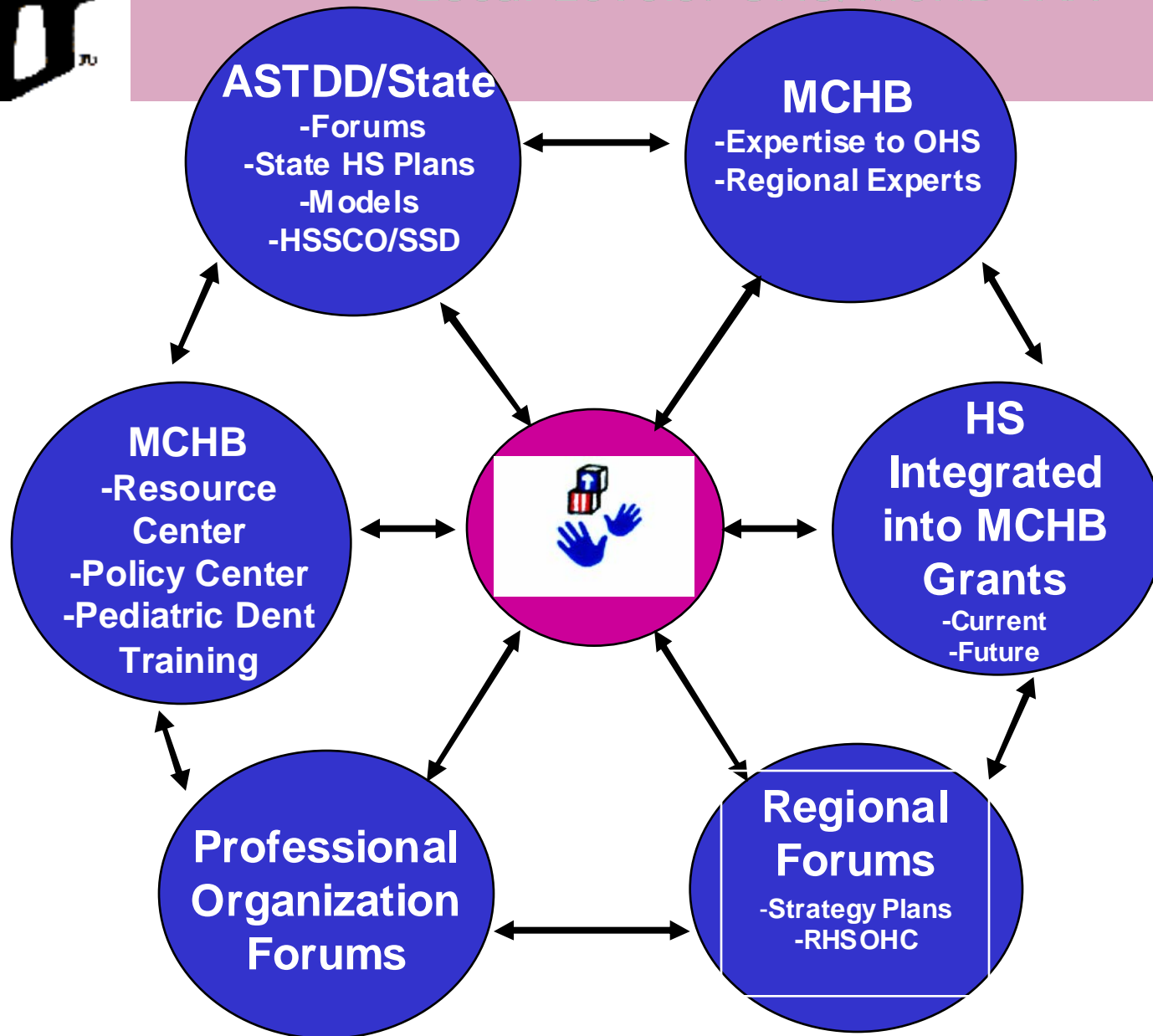
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- Oral health expertise at National, Regional, State & grantee levels
- Increased linkages with MCHB & HRSA programs
- Better linkages with Medicaid
- Increased linkages with state dental programs
- Better linkages with dental providers



Weaving Connections at the National, Regional, and Local Levels: OHS/MCHB IAA

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Weaving Connections: Highlights of Head Start Oral Health Activities

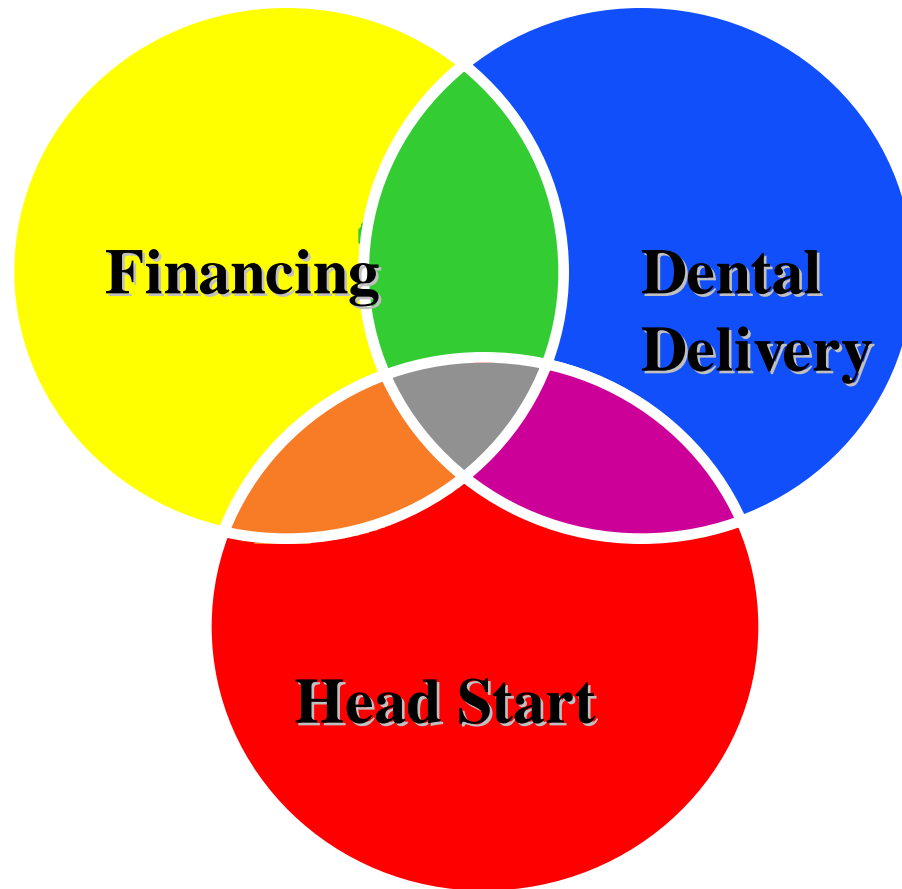
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- **1999** National Head Start and Partners Oral Health Forum
- **2001** OHS/MCHB Inter-Agency Agreement
- **2001-2005** Regional Forums
- **2002** Regional Head Start Oral Health Consultants
- **2002-2006** Professional Association Forums
AAPD, ADHA, ADA, ADEA, HDA
- **2002-2007** State and Territorial Forums and follow-ups
- **2005** National Head Start Oral Health Resource Center



Our Goal is to have a System where Head Start
Can Interface Directly with the Dental and
Financing Systems

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How Strong are the Connections We Wove?

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The IAA was not refunded in 2007.
With the weaver gone, what will the fabric look like? Will it hold together, or will it unravel?
What happens next?

