



Broadcast the Invitation !! The upcoming [Statewide Early Childhood Caries Prevention Forum](#) promises a look at innovative options to solving the difficult problem of preventing early childhood caries. The program will include national and state leaders in the field and the opportunity to join in discussion with professionals working in the interest of oral health for young children. Plan to join us and register now through the SOHIP Web site at www.oralhealthflorida.com. This event will be held in Tampa Florida on July 18th as a pre-conference to the 2006 One Goal Summer Conference. There is no registration fee for the forum and reduced room rates are available for participants.

Oral Health Workgroups are developing on each of the following issues as a result of SOHIP member responses from previous conference calls.

- Early Childhood Caries Prevention Forum
- Migrant Oral Health Forum
- HIV/AIDS Oral Health Forum
- Oral Health for the Elderly
- Special Needs
- Integration of Dental Into Medical School Curricula
- Teledentistry

If you would like to be involved in a workgroup or establishing one on another SOHIP strategy, send an E-mail to Joyce_Hughes@doh.state.fl.us

SOHIP Conference Calls have been helpful in moving the SOHIP plan forward and the next one has been scheduled for 12:15 – 1:45 PM on June 1, 2006. The call will focus on planning the agenda for the next face to face SOHIP meeting on Monday, July 17th; champion workgroup updates and an ECC Prevention Forum report. You will find the draft conference call agenda attached and available for your input. SOHIP Partners, kindly send any agenda suggestions and your RSVP ASAP via E-mail to Joyce_Hughes@doh.state.fl.us

The conference call number is (850) 922-2903; SunCom 292-2903; for callers outside of Leon County and without access to SunCom - call toll free 1-800-416-4254.

To all SOHIP Organization Representatives: Let Florida know about your organization's initiatives toward putting the SOHIP Plan into action. Please send your contribution information to be put on a *CURRENT INITIATIVES* page for the SOHIP Web site at www.oralhealthflorida.com. E-mail to Joyce_Hughes@doh.state.fl.us

Perhaps it's time for your county to have it's own Oral Health Improvement Plan

With evidence showing linkages between poor oral health and multiple physical conditions, including heart disease, pre-term birth, diabetes, osteoporosis, and medication side effects, Americans are becoming increasingly aware that we are truly not totally healthy without good oral health. The Florida Department of Health Public Health Dental Program supports community efforts by working through local coalitions to raise awareness of the importance of oral health to total health and to use the State Oral Health Improvement Plan as a template to develop individual county action plans. HATS OFF to Indian River County Health Department for being the first to utilize this resource. Their meeting is scheduled for June 29, 2006. Contact Joyce Hughes for more information at 850-4444 ext 2821 or through www.oralhealthflorida.com

Oral Health Training Opportunities

Oral Health Care for Special Needs Patients

by
Luisa Utset-Ward, D.M.D.

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Pre-term Births and Periodontitis: Does Periodontal Therapy Work?

**Conservative treatment of
periodontal disease reduces the
incidence of pre-term birth.**

**Presented by
Dr. Marjorie Jeffcoat, D.M.D.**

Dr. Jeffcoat is the Dean of the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine and is considered an international expert on perio-systemic disease. She is the past president of the International Association For Dental Research and former Editor of the national Dental Journal

**Tuesday, June 6, 2006
FSU College of Medicine Auditorium
11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Webcast available**

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