

July -December 2015

This is a SPECIAL REPORT by The Oral Health Program (OHP). We are still involved in educational outreach with diverse, low-income and underserved populations. This report will include outreach from the state-wide oral health survey that is conducted every 5 years.

Special Olympics Fall 2015

Once again the OHP conducted the *Special Olympics Healthy Athletes Dental Clinic at the Fall Games in October*. We saw 252 athletes in two days! These games were held at The University of Utah. Michelle, along with The University of Utah School of Dentistry dental students, Salt Lake Community College Dental Hygiene and Weber State Dental Hygiene Students, conducted the screenings.

We continued our partnership with Salt Lake Donated Dental Services (SLDDS) and they attended the Special Olympics screenings and met with coaches or caregivers to make appointments for follow-up dental work.



In November Michelle attended the *National Special Olympics Healthy Smiles*

training in Orlando, Florida. This was to better help with the dental screenings taking place in Utah each Fall & Summer games. ☺ This photo was taken at the ESPN Worldwide Sports Arena during dental screenings. ☺



Head Start and Office of Home Visiting Update

Michelle continues to share the 12 Oral Health Messages to Head Starts, Home Visitors, The Urban Indian Walk-in Center, WIC and other groups.

Michelle still serves on the Early Childhood Caries National Committee under the direction of the Associate State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD). She also serves as the Dental Hygiene Liaison for the State of Utah for Head Start. Michelle was asked by ASTDD to give a 90 minute workshop at the National Oral Health Conference in April 2016.

Sealants and Fluoride varnish

Dr. Michelson continues to support Sealants for Smiles (S4S) schools, by attending some of their school screenings and board meetings. With the passing of SB177, S4S will be expanding their services due to dental hygienists being able to do basic oral assessments, sealants, and fluoride varnish, in public

health settings, which includes schools. The hygienists work in collaboration with a dentist, but the dentist is not required to do an examination prior to the treatment being done.

Other Assignments and Partnerships

Michelson and Martin have both spoken at the dental and dental hygiene schools on public health dentistry.

Michelle is the State of Utah representative for the Dentaquest 2020 initiative, to help people have access to dental care throughout their life. She attended a fantastic conference in New Orleans on Progress, Power and Possibility. This conference also focused on collective impact in helping others get access and providing advocacy.

Medicaid Collaboration

Dr. Kim Michelson is a member of the CMS Medicaid Oral Health Initiative Learning Collaborative (OHI LC). The OHI LC started to meet October 2014 with four other states. Most of the meetings have been local and have focused on increasing the number of children who receive preventive dental visits and receive dental sealants on permanent molars. Materials prepared by the group are in the process of being distributed to families, medical providers, and dental providers. The purpose of the materials is to increase the number of individuals receiving services. Articles will also be forthcoming in newsletters for the

dentists and the pediatricians through professional associations.

Oral Health Coalition

Michelle continues to work with the UDHA, all the dental hygiene schools and both dental schools. Dr. Michelson continues to work with the UDA and both dental schools. They both encourage helping underserved populations receive access to care. This summer the Utah Oral Health Coalition created four new subcommittees. The four subcommittees are: 1. Aging 2. Children 3. Data 4. Public Awareness. These subcommittees will continue to collaborate and create ways for access.

Kathy Harris RDH has done an outstanding job as the Chair of the Coalition. Dr. Brent Black will become chair of the coalition meeting in March.

Special Update on Oral Health Survey

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Oral Health



The OHP hired two temporary employees to help with the survey this fall--Dental Hygienist Kathy Harris and data recorder Stephanie Bowers. Annie McKenzie (OHP secretary) also helped with data collection and recording. Michelle Martin

RDH, MPH traveled to rural areas to screen children in elementary schools (ages 6-9). It was a busy, yet valuable time to meet with local leaders along the way. In summary the following connections and sharing of oral health materials were made along the way:

September

- Vernal Health Department (met with RN Director and WIC employees) shared resources
- Vernal CHC Dental Clinic – shared educational resources
- Ute Tribal Head Start Health Director – shared resources, gave oral health magnets
- Ute Tribe Senior Center – shared OH resources on aging, diabetes etc.
- Richfield Health Department (met w/ RN Director & shared OH resources)
- Wayne County CHC – met with dental hygienist, shared OH magnets and other resources
- Loa, Utah WIC clinic – met with & shared OH resources on pregnancy & oral health, also gave magnets
- Piute Tribal Medical Director in Cedar City – shared magnets, OH resources, taught how to place fluoride varnish to RN in clinic
- Cedar City Head Start – shared magnets & other resources
- Multicultural Early Intervention in Cedar City – magnets & other OH resources

- St. George WIC clinic – magnets & other OH resources, pregnancy etc.
- Family Health Care Center in St. George – magnets, OH resources, access discussion
- Dixie Dental Hygiene School – met with faculty – spoke to students about survey & public health dentistry



Photos: Pearl (local dental hygienist from Wayne County CHC), Shelly (School RN from Monroe Elementary) – awesome local oral health champions!



October

- Summit County Health Department Camas location – OH magnets
- Wasatch County Health Department – OH magnets
- Green River CHC – magnets & other OH resources
- Price Health Department – WIC Director – magnets & other OH resources

- Price Early Head Start – magnets and other OH resources
- Moab Head Start – magnets & other OH resources
- Moab Health Department – magnets & other OH resources
- Blanding Head Start – magnets, other OH resources
- Blanding Health Department & WIC
- Blanding Senior Center – presentation to seniors, OH resources, and toothbrushes to each in attendance (34)
- Bluff Senior Center – OH resources and toothbrushes
- Montezuma Creek Medical/Dental Clinic – met with MCH provider & gave MCH oral health resources, diabetes & oral health materials and others – magnets as well.
- Presentation at Children’s Service Society (Home Visitors) 12 OH messages & magnets
- Providence Migrant Head Start – magnets and other OH resources in Spanish
- Honeyville Migrant Head Start – magnets and other OH resources in Spanish, as well as, 75 extra fluoride varnish that was donated – they have either PA or RN that comes to put it on w/ faculty.
- Logan Head Start – magnets and other OH resources
- Logan Health Department WIC – OH resources & magnets

- Brigham City Senior Center – OH resources and 25 tooth brushes to use with bingo ☺
- Brigham City CHC – magnets and other OH resources
- Multiple elementary schools along the way received dental screenings for the study (this is done every 5 years)



More local oral health champions!
 Dedicated worker at Bluff Senior Center, Marta & Donna from Moab LHD (October 2015)

Tracking information from July – Dec 2015

Total Brochures	2866
Total Presentations	17

Total Attendance	604
English brochures	995
Spanish brochures	858
AI/AN	80
Diabetes	280
Tobacco/Cancer	50
MCH Oral Health Eng	1157
MCH Oral Health Sp	1225
OH Aging	515
MCH refugee	15
Fl2 varnish at Public Health Events	190