HEALTHY SMILES

HEALTHY CHILD CARE COLORADO

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT





MISSION + PRIORITY AREAS

 Healthy Child Care Colorado works collaboratively to promote and support health, safety, and wellness best practices in early childhood settings.



OBESITY PREVENTION



SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING



ORAL HEALTH



INJURY PREVENTION

OUR WORK

- Serve as statewide hub for Child Care Health Consultants by providing ongoing support, training, and resources
- Create and deliver innovative professional development experiences for early childhood educators
- Advocate for high-quality health, safety, and wellness policies and practices in Colorado

Cavity Free at Three

Vision

To improve the oral health of all Colorado children.

Mission

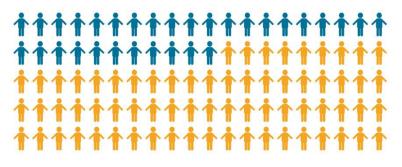
Cavity Free at Three trains medical and dental professionals to provide preventive oral health services for young children and pregnant women to decrease dental disease and reduce oral health disparities among high risk populations.



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Impact to Colorado Children

31% of Colorado Kindergarteners Experience Tooth Decay



2016-2017 Basic Screening Survey, CDPHE, Oral Health Program



What is the Cost to a Child?

- · Impaired chewing and nutrition
- · Difficulty sleeping
- Increased caries risk in permanent dentition
- Impaired speech development
- Infection
- Pain
- Extensive/Expensive dental treatment
- School/Work absences
- · Poor self-esteem



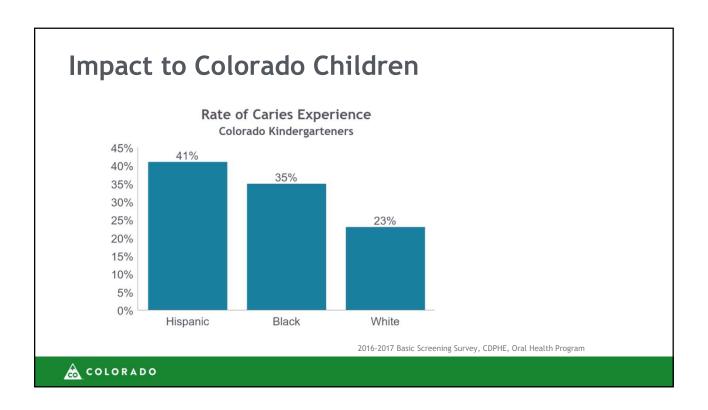


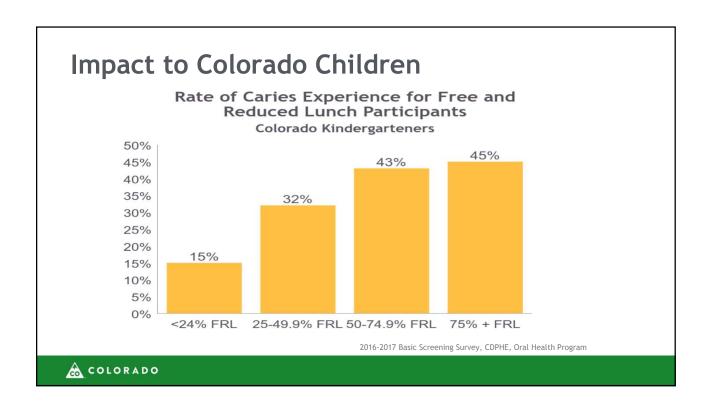
Why Preventive Care?

3,000+

children undergo **general anesthesia** at Children's Hospital Colorado Pediatric Dental Center







IMPACTS OF TOOTH DECAY ON CHILDREN

Not just about teeth

4x more likely
to have lower GPA

Parents miss

2.5 days of work every year because their kids

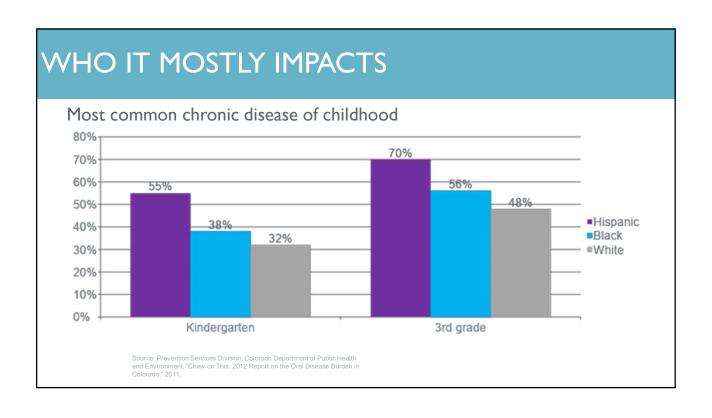
have dental pain

For every 100 low-income kids,

58 hours

of schools are missed due to dental disease

Source: "The Impact of Oral Health on the Academic Performance of Disadvantaged Children," American Journal of Public Health, 9/2012





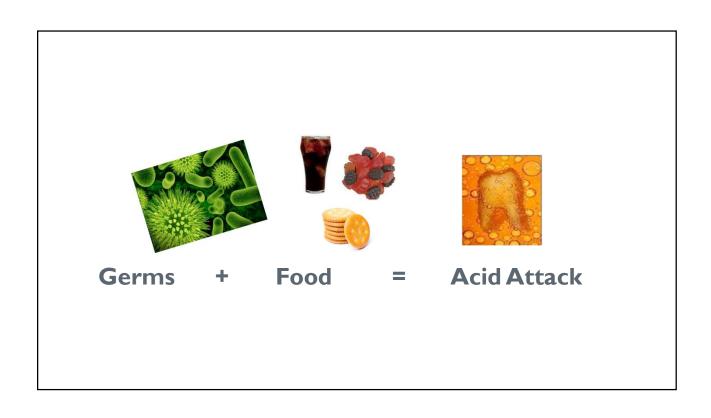
THE CHILDREN BEHIND THE STATISTICS

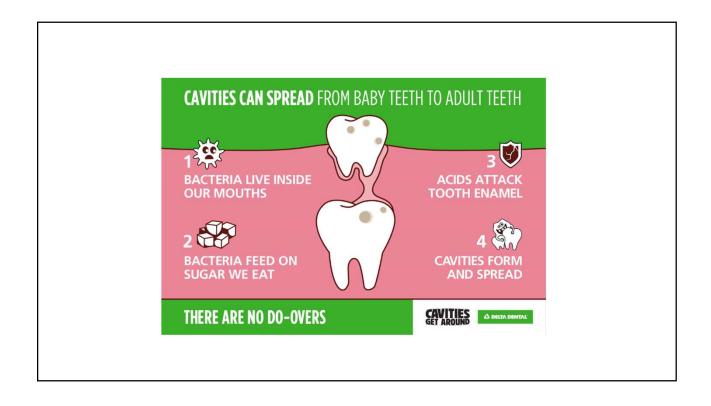


5 BASICS OF ORAL HEALTH



#I BABYTEETH ARE IMPORTANT!





EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES

Cavities



White spots

ABSCESS FROM UNTREATED DECAY





#2 WATER FOR THIRST

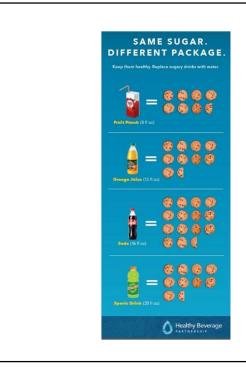
SUGARY DRINKS

- Largest source of added sugar in U.S. diet
- Major contributor to type 2 diabetes, obesity, heart disease, tooth decay
- Health implications disproportionately impact lowincome communities and people of color



http://www.kickthecan.info/obesity





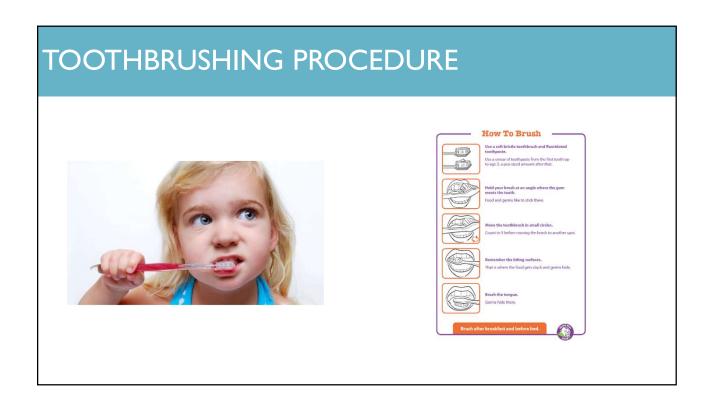




#3 TOOTH HEALTHY FOODS



#4 BRUSH, FLOSS, SWISH



TOOTH BRUSHING





#5 GOING TO THE DENTIST

VISITING THE DENTIST

- First Visit, First Birthday
- Regular checkups catch early decay and make teeth stronger (cleaning, fluoride varnish, x-rays)
- Treatment important to follow-up



Establish a Dental Home

Ensure that your patients have a dental visit scheduled at the eruption of the first tooth or by age 1



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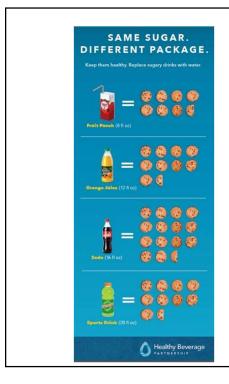
POLICY, ADVOCACY, AWARENESS EARLY CHILDHOOD HEALTH, SAFETY & WELLNESS	

CAVITIES GET AROUND CAMPAIGN

- Bilingual campaign launched in 2014
- Mass media + grassroots outreach
- Key messages
 - Cavities spread from baby teeth to adult teeth
 - Sugar in juice fuels cavity-causing bacteria
 - Limit juice to mealtimes
 - Only water between meals/at bed

CAVITIES GET AROUND

www.CavitiesGetAround.com





Bringing OH Prevention to Early Childhood Settings Matters







Prenatal Oral Health

How is maternal oral health related to optimal health during pregnancy and early infancy?



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Early Intervention is Critical

Dental referral, treatment and education **EARLY** in pregnancy can:

- · Impact behavior change
- · Improve birth outcomes
- Reduce the potential for vertical transmission of bacteria



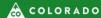


Treatment Guidelines

Dental care is **SAFE** and recommended **ANYTIME**_during pregnancy.



American Academy of Family Physicians, American Academy of Pediatricians (AAP), American Academy of Physician Assistants, American College of Nurse-Midwives, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), American Dental Association (ADA), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Food and Drug Administration (FDA)



TOOTH HEALTHY TEXT

Each message includes a tooth healthy tip and link to an activity for children and families. Sign up for this bi-monthly text by sending the message ToothHealthy to 313131 from your phone.





Thank You!

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