Head Start / AAPD
Dental Home Initiative

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Head Start Dental Home Initiative

The goal of the initiative is the development of a national network of dentists to provide dental homes for Head Start children.
The Head Start program provides grants to local public and private non-profit and for-profit agencies to provide comprehensive child development services to economically disadvantaged children and families, with a special focus on helping preschoolers develop the early reading and math skills they need to be successful in school.

mounting evidence that the earliest years matter a great deal to children's growth and development is common in all studies
Fundamental Purpose of the Head Start Program

• Head Start is a national program that promotes school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children through the provision of educational, health, nutritional, social and other services to enrolled children and families.
Health Areas

• Eyes

• Hearing

• Dental
• The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act appropriated $2.1 billion for the Head Start and Early Head Start programs in FY 2009 to expand enrollment by 64,000 children and families. These funds are available for 2 years.
Head Start Affiliation Advantages

• Eliminate No Shows

• Funded Patients

• Educate Parents/Market to Parents
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