

Evidence-Based and Recommended Oral Health Websites

Oral Health for Early Childhood and Individuals with Special Health Care Needs (ISHCN)

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For Families and Professionals:

American Dental Association <https://www.mouthhealthy.org/>

Academy of General Dentistry <http://www.knowyourteeth.com/>

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry <https://www.mychildrensteeth.org/>

American Academy of Pediatrics <https://www.aap.org/oralhealth/>
<https://www.healthychildren.org/> Click on 'Healthy Living' then 'Oral Health'

American Academy of Pediatrics Campaign for Dental Health - excellent resources regarding community water fluoridation facts <https://ilikemyteeth.org/>

American Cleft Palate - Craniofacial Foundation <https://cleftline.org>

NIH Cleft Lip & Palate Information <https://medlineplus.gov/cleftlipandpalate.html>

Autism Speaks <https://www.autismspeaks.org>

"Dental Toolkit" webpage with multiple resources, including the "Autism Speaks Family Services Dental Guide" <https://www.autismspeaks.org/tool-kit/dental-tool-kit>

Specialized Care Company - a commercial company, but potentially useful tools and a good video on brushing someone else's teeth (for purchase only)

<https://specializedcare.com/>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention <https://www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/index.html>

Virginia Dental Association Foundation Resources: Donated Dental Services (DDS), Mission of Mercy (MOM) including Special Olympics <https://www.vdaf.org/>

Virginia Health Catalyst – Advocacy for health of all Virginians, incl. oral health
<https://vahealthcatalyst.org/>

VDH Website and Online Dentist Directory

<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/oral-health/>

- Click on 'Find A Dentist' at the bottom of the webpage
- Find Virginia dentists willing to provide dental care for ISHCN and children < 3 yrs
- Dentists: please add and periodically update your contact information
- Questions? Call (804) 864-7775

For Medical and Dental Professionals:

Smiles for Life Oral Health Curriculum <https://www.smilesforlifeoralhealth.org/>

National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center <https://www.mchoralhealth.org>
<https://www.mchoralhealth.org/SpecialCare/> - 5 modules (free CE credits)

National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (printable brochures)
<https://www.nidcr.nih.gov/health-info>

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Home Page <https://www.aapd.org/>

AAP Pennsylvania Chapter <http://www.healthyteethhealthychildren.org/>

Click on "Resources" tab for printable healthy mouth pages/posters in English, Spanish, Korean, Chinese, Russian, Vietnamese, Arabic, and Haitian Creole

American Dental Hygienists' Association
<https://www.adha.org/resources/clinical-practice-resources/>