

Member Newsletter



Coalition News

2010 Legislative Action Day
Mark Your Calendar for March 2



It's time to get engaged and get active. Join us March 2 (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.) in downtown Lansing for the Coalition's 2010 Legislative Action Day. Discuss the critical issues facing oral health in Michigan, and most importantly, discover how you can make a difference in Lansing. Registration materials are forthcoming. For more information, contact Karlene Ketola, executive director at 517.381.8000.

Have You Visited the Coalition Website Lately?
Website Provides Resources for Providers and Consumers

The Michigan Oral Health Coalition's website - www.mohc.org - provides resources and information on an array of Coalition initiatives. Visitors will find a complete list of members with board members' contact information; upcoming events; initiatives related to the State Oral Health Plan and more. The site also provides tools and resources for educators and consumers. Check us out!



Coalition Education Calendar
Opportunities to Learn, Network and Earn CEs

The Michigan Oral Health Coalition offers monthly opportunities for members to learn, network and earn CEs. Mark your calendar for our next course scheduled Feb. 5 from 10 to 11 a.m. via webinar. The topic is Inflammatory Diseases: "It's Not Just Perio Anymore!" with faculty Lory Laughter. Participate from the comfort of your office or gather your team in a conference room--no travel required! [Register Now](#)

Do you have an idea for an upcoming course or an interest in teaching? Would your organization like to collaborate with MOHC, then contact

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Upcoming Events

February 5, 2010
 10 to 11 a.m.
Inflammatory Diseases Webinar

March 2, 2010
 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Legislative Action Day

June 10-11, 2010
Annual Conference Downtown Lansing

Quick Links

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"What Oral Health Providers Need to Know" Coalition Releases Free Booklets on Abuse and Neglect

The Michigan Oral Health Coalition with funding from Verizon Wireless has released its three "What Oral Health Providers Need to Know" booklets. A professional collaboration of member policy specialists, social workers and hygienists created the booklets to educate oral health professionals on how to respond if they suspect abuse or neglect in a patient. To order copies of the "What Oral Health Providers Need to Know" about domestic violence, elder abuse and child abuse and neglect booklets, call 517.381.8000 today.



State News

Kids Count in Michigan 2009 Report County Profiles of Child Well-Being

Childhood poverty, abuse and neglect continue to rise in Michigan but child deaths are down dramatically, the latest *Kids Count* report finds. The *Kids Count in Michigan Data Book 2009* examines county-level trends in child well-being with a focus on rural, mid-sized and urban counties. The report ranks the 83 counties on 15 measures of child well-being with No. 1 ranking being the best in the state. [Read the report.](#)

Michigan's December Jobless Rate Falls Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth Reports

Michigan's unemployment rate decreased slightly to 14.6 percent in December, according to data released by the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth. The national unemployment rate for December was 10 percent. Michigan's jobless rate was 10.2 percent in December 2008.

2010 Governor's Service Awards Nominations Due February 23

The Michigan Community Service Commission is seeking nominations for the 2010 Governor's Service Awards. The service awards are given annually to individuals, businesses, and organizations to acknowledge their commitment to serving their communities through volunteerism. The nomination form is available at www.michigan.gov/volunteer. Nominations must be postmarked by Feb. 23. For additional information, contact Kathie Vasilion Robinson at 517.373.4200.

National News

Healthy Smiles, Health Children Grant Proposals Due December 30

Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children, the foundation of the American

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Academy of Pediatric Dentistry has launched a new grant initiative. The Future Dental Researcher Fellowship pilot initiative will support the careers of third-year investigators focusing their research on the study of dental care programs targeting underserved and limited access child populations. The program will launch in 2011. For guidelines on how to apply for these grants, visit the [HSHC website](#). Proposals must be submitted by Dec. 31, 2010.

Dental Workforce Model: 2007-2030

American Dental Association Releases Report

The American Dental Association Health Policy Resource Center released the *2009 ADA Dental Workforce Model: 2007-2030*. The report provides a long-term projection of the nation's dental workforce using statistical transition models for retirements, occupation changes, location choice, specialty education and death. It also includes national projections of the number of professionally active dentists, private practitioners, dental school applicants, first-year dental school enrollments and dental school graduates up to the 2030. To order the report, call 800.947.4746.

ADHA Launches New Survey/Research Center

Meeting the Needs at a National, State and Local Level

The American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) announced the launch of its new Survey/Research Center. The goal for the Center is to become the resource for information on the dental hygiene profession and to support data needs for the Association on the national, state and local level. For more information, visit the [ADHA website](#).

Free Health Literacy Training Available

CDC Launches Resources for Public Health Professionals

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has launched an on-line health literacy [training](#) for public health professionals. Continuing education credits in multiple disciplines are available. The training was designed to complement the Health Resources and Services Administration course targeting health professionals in clinical settings with a focus on contexts for public health communication.

The Michigan Oral Health Coalition's mission is to improve oral health in Michigan by focusing on prevention, health promotion, oral health data, access and the link between oral health and overall health.

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