

Member Newsletter



Coalition News

2011 Check-Up on Oral Health: A County Profile Coalition Releases New Report

Oral health is essential to overall health and quality of life. Left untreated, dental diseases can result in infection and severe pain, an inability to perform daily activities, and in very rare cases, death. In 2008, more than 1,000 Michigan residents were hospitalized due to emergency conditions related to the teeth and jaw—all of these considered avoidable hospitalizations.



The "2011 Michigan Check-Up on Oral Health: A Michigan County Profile" outlines key economic and oral health indicators for each Michigan county. The Report covers the demographics of each county's population, dental providers and the dramatic need of the uninsured and Medicaid enrollees. For more information, visit us at www.mohc.org.



2011 Legislative Action Day Mark Your Calendar for March 15

Being a good advocate starts with active participation. Join us March 15 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) in downtown Lansing for the Coalition's 2011 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 available now. For more information, contact Karlene Ketola, executive director at 517.827.0466.

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Coalition Fan List Continues to Grow

Our "fan list" continues to grow! Do you have friends, family or colleagues that would benefit from periodic news on issues impacting oral health?



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Upcoming Events

February 18, 2011
12 to 1 p.m.
Breastfeeding's Effect on the Oral Cavity Webinar

March 15, 2011
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Legislative Day
Downtown Lansing

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Xylitol and Probiotics: More Guilt Free Options to Providing Oral Health Webinar

April 29, 2011
12 to 1 p.m.
Severe Mental Illness and Oral Health Webinar

Visit www.facebook.com and search "Michigan Oral Health Coalition."

June 9-10, 2011
Annual Conference
Lexington Hotel
Lansing

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. 18 from 12 to 1 p.m. via webinar. Participate from the comfort of your office or gather your team in a conference room--no travel required!

Upcoming Education Events

Breastfeeding's Effects on the Oral Cavity and Dental Decay
February 18, 12 to 1 p.m.
Webinar | [Register Now](#)

Xylitol and Probiotics: More Guilt Free Options to Providing Oral Health
March 18, 12 to 1 p.m.
Webinar | Registration Form forthcoming

Severe Mental Illness and Oral Health: Schizophrenia, Bipolar, Depression
April 29, 12 to 1 p.m.
Webinar | Registration Form forthcoming

Do you have an idea for an upcoming course or an interest in teaching? Would your organization like to collaborate with us, then contact Karlene Ketola, executive director at 517.827.0466.

State News

Exam of Michigan Oral Health

Michigan Center for Rural Health March 4 Webinar

On March 4 (12 to 1 p.m.), Oral Health Director Christine Farrell, RDH, BSDH, MPA will present the webinar "Checkup: Annual Exam of Michigan Oral Health." Topics to be addressed include: 1) Current Medicaid dental policies; 2) State oral health program updates, and discussion on oral health program initiatives. For registration information, contact Phyllis Ball at ballp@msu.edu.

National News

Untreated Cavities in Children

CDC Releases New Data for Children's Dental Health Month

In recognition of National Children's Dental Health Month, the Centers for Control and Prevention (CDC) is highlighting data about untreated dental caries in children ages 2-19, during three time periods: 1971-1974; 1988-1994; and 2001-2004. While percentages of untreated cavities have declined from 1971-1974



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(25.0% in children ages 2-5 and 54.7% in children ages 6-19), data for the most recent time period still show high levels of untreated cavities: 19.5% in children ages 2-5 and 22.9% in children ages 6-19. [See Release.](#)

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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