



Healthy Smile Happy Child

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The Manitoba Collaborative Project for the
Prevention of Early Childhood Tooth Decay

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Community Feedback

Follow-up by Community Facilitators after Capacity Building Workshops have noted the following ways Healthy Smile Happy Child (HSHC) message is being spread:

Public Health

North Eastman (NEHA) & South Eastman (SEHA) regions:

- Healthy Baby in NEHA doing their own presentations on oral health in their region (NEHA).
- Public Health nurse working in a high risk community in SEHA provides handouts and oral health counseling at her Child Health clinics (SEHA).
- Families First in Pine Falls included toothbrushes and handouts in their family bags (NEHA).
- Prenatal nurse in NEHA using HSHC resources during her prenatal classes (NEHA).
- Growing Minds Coordinator included HSHC resources and toothbrushes in health information bags that were given to families. The information on oral health was appreciated by many of the moms in the area (SEHA).

Central (CRHA), Brandon & Assiniboine (ARHA) regions:

- ARHA Public Health using the 0-6 yr handout at the 2 month clinic visit (ARHA).
- Toothbrushes are being given out by Public Health nurses and Healthy Baby staff in the south area of CRHA and the northern area is looking at purchasing toothbrushes for Public Health to give out (CRHA).

NOR-MAN & Parkland regions:

- Primary Health Care (PHC) nurses in NOR-MAN share pamphlets on home visits. Specifically, they use the Tooth Brushing Tips sheet when talking about introducing solids. They also find that parents like the Lift the Lip Pamphlet. They use all the pamphlets when asked questions about oral health at their Weights & Measures or Child Health Clinics. One PHC nurse brings Newborn Pamphlet to post-partum visits. The nurses find that parents are unaware of how to care for their children's teeth before they come in. When they tell them the various messages, they are surprised (NOR-MAN).
- A challenge faced by PHC nurses in NOR-MAN is that of trying to change parental habits (eg. Using bottle to comfort/put to sleep; children walking around with bottle/sippy cup, etc). They believe a good time to teach oral health is in prenatal classes, before those habits have a chance to form (NOR-MAN).
- PHC nurses in NOR-MAN plan to play the Circles of Smiles DVD in the waiting room at their Weights & Measures clinics. They also plan to make oral health part of their Child Health Clinic tick sheet (NOR-MAN).

- Families First Home Visitors in NOR-MAN distributed oral health information at their Preschool Wellness fair. They also talk about oral health when teaching about teething, weaning, introducing the sippy cup, and find that teaching about oral health leads into bigger topics such as healthy eating. Families First Home Visitors enjoy having toothbrushes available, as giving them provides an opportunity to speak about dental health in a way that doesn't sound as if they are nagging (NOR-MAN).
- Healthy Baby Program Coordinator in Parkland has had many presentations on the material and feels quite comfortable with delivering oral health messages (Parkland).
- Healthy Baby Program in Parkland has one session in April focused on oral health, which is when it uses many of the items in the oral health kit. Items are also used to answer parents' questions when incorporating oral health into existing topics such as breastfeeding & nutrition. Healthy Baby uses the Lift the Lip DVD a lot and tries to serve only milk and water at the sessions (Parkland).
- Healthy Baby Program in Parkland spoke of one young mom who, after having the presentation, came to the sessions with a wet washcloth in a Ziploc bag to wipe her baby's gums after feeding (Parkland).
- Best Beginnings Outreach workers in NOR-MAN find HSHC resources to be really well laid out which makes it easy to facilitate an oral health session. One Outreach worker uses HSHC resources at prenatal classes she gives for teens (speaks specifically about dental health at one session) (NOR-MAN).
- Best Beginnings Program Coordinator in NOR-MAN stated that HSHC is a nice fit with their program. She is able to see the importance of oral health and enjoys the partnership made between her program, HSHC and other community organizations. She feels HSHC gave them the tools to promote oral health to the people they have contact with (somewhat "hard to reach" populations) (NOR-MAN).

Winnipeg (WRHA) and Interlake (IRHA) regions:

- Families First aware of Interlake's oral health display board and anticipating to continuously use display at community events. Many families in Selkirk at National Child Day were aware of Early Childhood Tooth Decay (ECTD) as they have been exposed to HSHC resources through Families First and Public Health (IRHA).
- St. Laurent Community Health Office posting resources in their centre (IRHA).
- River Heights Public Health team using resources on home visits, in parenting classes, and in the Healthy Baby program (WRHA).
- St. Vital Families First using all handouts and games/visuals on home visits (WRHA).
- Downtown Public Health nurses want to see oral health media campaign. PHNs stressed that public health education through the media would reach a lot of the families that they deal with. Sometimes information is more accepted among these high risk families if they hear the messages from the media as well as hear it through multiple modes of contact (WRHA).
- Interlake Families First have reported continued use of resources and expansion of their oral health promotion into community events (IRHA).

Early Childhood Programs

- Daycare director in Parkland trains new staff by photocopying the Toolkit and other resources and going through them together (Parkland).
- Daycare in Parkland mentioned that parents enjoyed the fact that their children brushed their teeth while at daycare (brushing program was started at two daycares after having the training) (Parkland).
- Daycare in Parkland faces barriers in changing parental habits as parents still bring children in using sippy cup at 2 years. Also, parents pack lunches, which do not always contain healthy foods. The daycare does not allow older children to use sippy cups and are trying to give parents information so as to change their habits (Parkland).
- Moms and Tots group in NOR-MAN has the flipchart and pamphlets available for parents to read. They also go through the flipchart with the parents (NOR-MAN).

- Child Family Resource Centre in NOR-MAN held a colouring contest for Early Years students and children at the daycare using the Amik colouring sheet (NOR-MAN).
- Division Scolaire Francomanitobaine planning to print large French posters for all preschool sites in the division as well as make resource kits for all teachers/program leaders. Teachers/program leaders also plan to share resources with other programs in their communities such as health clinics, kindergarten and grade one teachers, and dental clinics.
- Lord Roberts Children's Centre using children's bingo with school-aged children (WRHA).
- Kids Korner daycare in Inkster area using preschool bingo with children, posting resources on bulletin board in centre, and engaging in one-to-one education with parents that come into the centre (WRHA).
- Other daycares in Inkster area engaging in oral health promotion by talking about oral health with children at circle time, playing preschool and children's bingo, helping parents wean children off bottles and sippy cups, sending information home to parents, and including resources in daycare registration packages (WRHA).
- St. Laurent daycare lending videos to parents to watch at home with their families (IRHA).

Aboriginal Communities/Programs

- Community Health nurses in West Region Tribal Council Health Department incorporate oral health message into immunization visits (Parkland).
- Head Community Health nurse in West Region Tribal Council Health Department plans to develop tri-fold displays for each nurse to have in their community (Parkland).
- Community Health Representatives in West Region Tribal Council give a tooth brushing demonstration in schools (Parkland).
- Head Start program in Parkland asks on their registration form if child has ever visited the dentist (Parkland).
- Head Start program in Parkland stated it would be beneficial if a dentist were to do check ups at a low cost right in the centre. Staff may recommend that a child see the dentist but there are many factors that may inhibit the parents from taking the child to the dentist (Parkland).
- Selkirk Aboriginal Head Start promoting early dental visits. Staff have also identified cases of ECTD and made referrals to dental professionals (IRHA).
- Aboriginal Head Start in NOR-MAN has a tooth brushing program after kids have a healthy snack. They also have cut down on serving juice after having the training session. The staff find it challenging to teach parents about oral health without offending them. They are very careful with their approach and enjoy having posters that will teach on their own (NOR-MAN).
- Camperville Community Health Worker has incorporated HSHC into her daily work. She has done presentations for parents and in the school, made up packages for the parents with HSHC resources, speaks about the amount of sugar in drinks with the students by making her own visual in the classroom, and at Child Health Clinics talks about Lifting the Lip & wiping the gums (Parkland).
- Duck Bay Head Start has dental health messages in big, colourful pictures on the walls, have a tooth brushing program in the morning, have pamphlets available for parents in a resource section of the room, and also talk about oral health with the kids. Duck Bay Head Start parents mentioned that their kids brush their teeth more since they've been brushing at Head Start (Parkland).
- Community Health nurses in Benito share HSHC information with parents at Child Health Clinics and at Prenatal Classes. They state that the HSHC resources were "excellent" and they are "doing more with dental health than ever before" (Parkland).
- Dauphin Head Start worker mentioned that when staff brush their teeth with the children, the children mimic them by brushing longer and more thoroughly. Head

Start staff spoke of getting older children to “smile wide” to check along their gums for decay (as an alternative to Lifting the Lip) (Parkland).

- Little Red Spirit Head Start making arrangements for the Smile Plus program to screen the children in their program (WRHA).
- Daycare worker in Cross Lake uses resources during their “health and hygiene” theme, has a toothbrushing program, fluoride varnish applications, and also has kids make toothbrushing calendars (BRHA).
- Four Feathers Head Start program uses resources, gives out toothbrushes and toothpaste, show the Circle of Smiles video, and has integrated oral health information during their nutrition sessions with parents. They also talk about oral health during home visits and will provide transportation to dental appointments (WRHA).
- Nurse in Lake Manitoba Band Health Centre teaches about oral health during prenatal classes as well as during baby immunizations. Also does sessions for local Head Start and Daycare (IRHA).

Schools and Community Organizations

- School Counselor in NOR-MAN plans to do presentations with classes at least once a year around holidays. She also plans to put oral health information in the school newsletter (NOR-MAN).
- Healthy Child Coalition – Central has a listing of all HSHC resources in various languages listing on website for members use (CRHA).
- West Central Women’s Resource Centre engaging in one-to-one oral health education with parents that come into their centre, especially in the parenting program (WRHA).
- NEEDS Centre incorporating oral health into youth life skills workshops (WRHA).
- Child & Family Services Family Support Workers using resources on home visits (WRHA).
- La Prematernelle (Preschool) in St. Laurent using resources (IRHA).
- St. Laurent implementing new program in January that will focus on connecting the community and families to the school. Program will involve family information nights where an oral health component will be incorporated (IRHA).
- St. George School Parenting Centre using oral health information informally during drop-in when talking about snacks and nutrition (WRHA).
- Osborne House has incorporated a session on nutrition and oral health in their parenting sessions (WRHA).

Hutterite Colonies

- Springfield Colony started daily brushing program and healthy snacks at their school (NEHA).
- Glenway Colony started daily brushing program (in the morning and after lunch). The Colony boss reports that their cost for dental treatment has been reduced (NEHA).

Dental/Medical Offices

- Dental office in Dauphin will see children at one year based on the family's oral health. They also use fluoride varnish to protect teeth from further decay and dentist has agreed to be available as a community resource once HSHC is gone (those trained by HSHC can double check with him to know that the message they're spreading is correct).

Regional Health Authorities

- CRHA is including HSHC calling card in orientation package for new staff (CRHA).
- ARHA in conjunction with Brandon RHA are reviewing their guidelines for Well Baby Clinics and will look at including oral health (ARHA & Brandon RHA).
- CRHA nutrition working group will be including an item of oral health in April’s regional school nutrition newsletter (CRHA).

Challenges:

- Top 3 challenges as reported by HSHC Community Facilitators for communities to promote oral health are:
 - Access/cost of dental care
 - Food insecurity/Low socio-economic status
 - Resource sustainability/high turnover of staff
- Some Public Health programs have looked into printing HSHC handouts and follow-up reveals that they do not have the budget to print resources. Time is also often stated as a challenge for Public Health to promote oral health.
- Lack of dentists in remote areas is creating accessibility problems as it is a great distance to the nearest dentist.
- Some dental offices do not seem aware of/support the messages being relayed to the parents related to first dental visit, use of fluoride varnish, etc.

Community Involvement/Partnerships

Project Activity:

1) Phase II Evaluation

- Working group of the project steering committee met to review statistical reports. They will meet again in early 2008 to complete the review
- Community profiles of the follow-up study are nearly complete. Trips will be scheduled in early 2008 to keep the original 4 pilot communities informed of the outcomes of the activities.

2) Community and Professional Contacts

Burntwood/Churchill Regions:

- Professional Groups trained – God's Lake Narrows First Nation (Community Health Representatives, Nurses, Canadian Prenatal Nutrition Program (CPNP) facilitators).
- Coordinated the schedule of a visiting Pediatric Dentist to Thompson who held 2 school presentations on prevention as well as an evening session for parents/caregivers which was attended by 9 BRHA staff.
- Community Facilitator officially left this position at the end of September, 2007 but was able to hold workshops that were previously scheduled in October.
- New Community Facilitator started on December 3rd, 2007.
- Orientation to the position.
- Mailed out introduction letters to all previous contacts and provided updated information on HSHC activities.

NOR-MAN/Parkland Regions: Community Facilitator left position end of April, 2007. Position filled September 19th, 2007.

- Orientation to the position.
- Professional Groups trained – Snow Lake public health nurse, Aboriginal Head Start in Flin Flon and Dauphin, Primary Health Care nurse in Flin Flon, Child Development Centre Daycare staff and Child Family Resource Centre Executive Director in Cranberry Portage, NOR-MAN region Audiometrist, Camperville Families First home visitor and Community Health nurse/Breastfeeding Support.
- Project introductions to: Cranberry Portage Elementary School Principal, Dauphin Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) Program, Children's Special Services Program Manager, Chair of Parkland Healthy Child Coalition, Mountain View School Division Education Services Coordinator, The Pas Family Resource Centre, Moose Lake Building Healthy Communities & Families Initiative, Swan River Daycare, Benito Daycare, Philomene Chartrand School Principal in Camperville, and Duck Bay School Principal.
- Met and completed follow-up with: Child Family Resource Centre and J.H. Kerr School in Snow Lake, as well as 2 Daycares, West Region Tribal Health, Head Start program in Dauphin, Wellness Centre Primary Health Care nurses (Flin Flon and Cranberry Portage), Best Beginnings outreach worker in Cranberry Portage and

Program Director in Flin Flon, Families First home visitors in Flin Flon, Aboriginal Head Start Director in The Pas and Duck Bay, dental office in Dauphin, Benito Community Health nurses, Camperville Community Health Worker, The Pas Best Beginnings and Baby & Me staff.

- Met with Director of Public Health, Clinical Services Manager for Public Health, dietetic intern, and Community Nutritionist/Healthy Baby Coordinator in Parkland region.
- Attended a motivational speaker organized by NOR-MAN region.
- Completed a Telehealth training session with the training coordinator.
- Participated in The Pas Infant/Child Team meeting and joined the Injury Committee and will organize monthly HSHC messages for primary health care workers to give out each month.
- Put together material for 9 displays for West Region Tribal Health Department as requested. These displays will be provided to the nurses in each community.

North Eastman/South Eastman Regions:

- Professional groups trained – Network for Change.
- Presentation at Glenway Hutterite Colony. Set up Dental Task force of 3 moms to provide knowledge and support for the parents on the Colony. Presentation also given at Springfield Hutterite Colony.
- Attended a Wellness Coalition meeting for Springfield.
- Prepared a paper linking Chronic Disease and Oral Health for Wellness Facilitator.
- Provided prizes and resource support for Healthy Baby Coordinator for presentation in Oakbank for Healthy Baby group.
- Community Facilitator left this position at the end of October, 2007

Central/Assiniboine/Brandon Regions:

- Professional groups trained – Daycare providers, Brandon Public Health nurses and Families First home visitors.
- Completed 3 regional oral health resource kits.
- MB Telehealth oral health session planned for Central region in January. A local dentist will be focusing on dental emergencies.
- Attending meetings with Portage Community Network to work on a community development plan related to early childhood oral health. Plan to submit proposal for Healthy Living Together grant that will look at chronic disease risk factor reduction and integrating services in Portage for high risk populations. Met with Portage Aboriginal Head Start, Food Bank, and Soup Kitchen regarding possible involvement with grant process.
- Attended the Chronic Disease Conference.
- Working at distributing French Circle of Smiles DVD's to Public Health nurses, Daycares and Nursery Schools in the Francophone communities.
- Arranged resources for CRHA Public Health nurse to do school presentation.
- Oral health resources on diabetes and adults sent to Wayayseeccappo First Nation as requested.
- Connected with Health Inspector regarding toothbrush program protocol in Daycares and passed information along to Daycare in Central region.
- Sent out "Eye Tooth Story" to all First Nations in Central and Assiniboine regions.
- Checking in to a possible source for low cost toothbrushes.
- Brainstormed with Child & Adolescent team on possibilities for National Oral health month.
- Holiday tips article sent to 41 newspapers throughout all 3 regions.
- Oral health article submission to all 3 RHA newsletters.

Winnipeg/Interlake Regions:

- Professional Groups trained – River East, Point Douglas, Downtown East, Downtown West, and Fort Garry Public Health teams, Inkster Daycare Directors, Child & Family Services Family Support workers, Selkirk Aboriginal Head Start, St. Laurent French Network, University of Manitoba Nutrition Practicum students, Aboriginal Health &

Wellness Head Start, St. Boniface pediatric/postpartum nurses, Lord Roberts Children's Program staff, Ft. Garry/St. Norbert Parent Child Coalition, St. Vital Parent Child Coalition, Assiniboine South Early Years Community Connectors, Division Scolaire Francomanitobaine Preschool Teachers, and WRHA Dietetic Interns.

- Project introductions to: Children's Hospital Nursing Practice Council, Bookmates, and Variety Children's Heart Centre.
- Resource kits delivered to Public Health teams across Winnipeg.
- Met with WRHA Community Facilitator for Transcona and Fort Garry to discuss further opportunities for HSHC and to identify gaps in the community.
- Delivered resource packages to Child and Family Services (CFS) Family Support Worker Supervisors to create an oral health lending library for the CFS Family Support Workers.
- French resource packages and invitations for workshops and collaborative opportunities mailed to various Francophone organizations.
- Delivered resource kits to Seven Oaks Early Years Coalition to be housed by the coalition and lent to the community to educate on oral health. Resource kits created to aid with sustainability among early childhood community programs.
- Arranged to have 400 'Healthy Teeth Healthy Speech' bookmarks printed for National Child Day Forum. Bookmarks inserted into delegate packages.
- Created health and dental basket for Manitoba Physical Education Teachers Conference/SAG.
- Presented resource kits to Ft. Garry/St. Norbert and St. Vital Parent Child Coalition for members to use within their programs and for coalition to lend resources to other programs in their community.
- Met with Bookmates Coordinator to introduce HSHC and supply with resource kit to incorporate into their province wide resource lending library.
- Attended Seven Oaks Early Years Coalition meeting.
- Provided CD with preschool and children's BINGO games to Lord Roberts Children's Centre as requested.
- Completed workshop follow-up with various organizations in WRHA and IRHA.

3) Presentations:

October 2007

RHA	Train the Trainer Workshop		Parent/Caregiver Presentations		Contacts made	
	# Workshops	# Participants	# Presentations	# Participants	Direct	Indirect
Assiniboine	0	0	0	0	0	20
Brandon	0	0	0	0	0	0
Central	1	3	1	22	4	280
Burntwood	1	9	4	91	1	0
Churchill	0	0	0	0	0	0
NOR-MAN	1	1	0	0	0	65
Parkland	0	0	0	0	0	70
Winnipeg	6	92	0	0	5	420
Interlake	2	12	0	0	4	100
NorthEastman	1	3	3	43	13	0
SouthEastman	0	0	1	11	1	0
Total	12	120	9	167	28	955

Maternity Ward visits in Burntwood Region – 0

November 2007

RHA	Train the Trainer Workshop		Parent/Caregiver Presentations		Contacts made	
	# Workshops	# Participants	# Presentations	# Participants	Direct	Indirect
Assiniboine	0	0	1	8	10	100
Brandon	1	7	0	0	13	0
Central	0	0	2	67	115	290
Burntwood	0	0	0	0	0	0
Churchill	0	0	0	0	0	0
NOR-MAN	4	12	1	4	1	0
Parkland	0	0	0	0	4	25
Winnipeg	7	70	0	0	17	1200
Interlake	1	7	0	0	1	500
NorthEastman	0	0	0	0	0	0
SouthEastman	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	13	96	4	79	161	2115

Maternity Ward visits in Burntwood Region – 0

December 2007

RHA	Train the Trainer Workshop		Parent/Caregiver Presentations		Contacts made	
	# Workshops	# Participants	# Presentations	# Participants	Direct	Indirect
Assiniboine	0	0	0	0	1	4
Brandon	0	0	0	0	0	3
Central	0	0	0	0	5	6
Burntwood	0	0	1	10	4	0
Churchill	0	0	0	0	0	0
NOR-MAN	1	1	0	0	6	0
Parkland	2	8	1	1	4	0
Winnipeg	3	53	0	0	11	0
Interlake	0	0	0	0	0	0
NorthEastman	0	0	0	0	0	0
SouthEastman	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	6	62	2	11	31	13

Maternity ward visits in Burntwood region – 26

4) Community events:

October:

Welcome Wagon baby shower
 Interlake Regional Health Authority AGM
 Preschool Wellness Fairs in Portage, Gladstone, Winkler and
 Treherne
 Long Plains First Nation health fair
 Flin Flon District Health Council Community health fair
 Roblin Fun/Health fair
 MB Home Economics Association Conference

- November: Canupwakpa First Nation health fair (worked together with Children's Oral Health Initiative (COHI) aide on the display)
 Resources sent to Swan Lake First Nation and Portage Collegiate Institute High School health fairs
 National Child Day Forum with Seven Oaks Early Years Coalition
 St. Boniface Flu Clinic
 MB Physical Education Teachers Conference/SAG
 Wayoata School Healthy and Wellness Fair
 National Child Day in Selkirk
- December: Families First Family Bash in Thompson

Collaborative Activity

- 1) Applied for the Children's Health Advisory Committee grant to help fund the design and production of a series of health promotion posters that promote early childhood oral health as requested by some communities.
- 2) Dr. Schroth and Project Coordinator met with Manitoba Dental Association (MDA) to further discuss partnering to promote good early childhood oral health and prevent caries.
- 3) Website continues to expand and now includes the French Action Plan Workbook and Tool-kit. Website hits from last quarter:

July:	284
August:	244
September:	232
- 4) Dr. Schroth and Project Coordinator attended Canadian Association of Paediatric Health Centres Annual Conference in Montreal in October 2007. Project Coordinator presented a 10 minute abstract on HSHC community development research and had a poster presented. Dr. Schroth was invited to present the following:

Schroth RJ. Partnering to improve early childhood oral health in Manitoba. Aboriginal Health Care Symposium. Canadian Association of Paediatric Health Centres (CAPHC) 2007 Annual Meeting. October 16, 2007, Montreal, Quebec.
- 5) Dr. Schroth spoke at the Canadian Child Health Clinician Scientist National Symposium in Montreal on early childhood oral health and talked about HSHC:

Schroth RJ. Improving early childhood oral health. Canadian Child Health Clinician Scientist Program (CCHCSP) National Symposium. October 13, 2007, Montreal Quebec.
- 6) Project Coordinator presented a poster at the Prevention Matters conference in Saskatoon in October 2007. Poster presentation as well as a 5 minute oral presentation on HSHC telehealth initiatives at the Canadian Society for Telehealth Conference "Telehealth: Empowering Primary Health Care" in November 2007.
- 7) Publications by HSHC members relating to ECC or Aboriginal child health in Manitoba:

Schroth RJ, Cheba V. Determining the prevalence and risk factors for early childhood caries in a community dental health clinic. *Pediatr Dent* 2007; 29: 387-96.

Schroth RJ, Harrison RL, Lawrence HP, Peressini S. Oral health and the Aboriginal child: a forum for community members, researchers, and policy-makers. *Forum Proceedings*. December 2007. http://www.mich.ca/pdf/OH_ConferenceProceedings_2007.pdf

9) Inquiries continue to be received from numerous jurisdictions outside of Manitoba.

Feedback/Evaluation

- Qualitative study
 - HSHC undertook an evaluation project entitled "A qualitative look at early childhood oral health and Healthy Smile Happy Child project activities in Manitoba."
 - The purpose of this study is to assess the perceptions about early childhood oral health and early childhood caries by service providers and caregivers who have been exposed to Healthy Smile Happy Child project activities in Manitoba.
 - 6 focus groups were held as follows:
 - Winnipeg service providers on August 22nd
 - NOR-MAN caregivers in The Pas on August 29th
 - Burntwood service providers in Thompson on September 7th
 - Central service providers in Carman on September 12th
 - Winnipeg caregivers on September 19th
 - NEHA caregivers in Pine Falls on September 25th
 - The final report will be available shortly.
- Pre/Post Test Workshop Questionnaire update
 - Total of 108 participants completed a pre-questionnaire assessment of knowledge and attitudes towards early childhood oral health and ECC. 66.6% completed the post-workshop questionnaire one month following the workshop.
 - Preliminary results show a statistically significant improvement in the number of correct answers from pre to post (in over ½ the questions).
 - Number of participants who reports a positive change in the information given to clients regarding toothbrushing, eating less sugar, and dentist visits was very high.
 - Currently working on completing a report of this work and preparing a manuscript for publication.

Staff Development

- Manitoba Health has continued to support 2 STEP students during fall 2007.
- Support and management of STEP student activities have included: preparation and compilation of data from Pre/Post Questionnaires, phone follow up, qualitative study, literature reviews, database entry, development of displays/community poster, and other administrative tasks.

Administrative/Research Activity

- All database entry is up to date.

Planning for next Quarter

- Complete analysis of project evaluation research study and dissemination plans with communities.
- Use of MB Telehealth for training in remote/isolated communities.
- Displays at conferences and community events.
- Continued communication with dental services throughout Manitoba and the development of a listing of dentists willing to see young children in conjunction with the Manitoba Dental Association.
- Development of a publication describing the positive experience of the intersectoral partnership and community development approach in addressing ECTD.