



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 Involvement/Partnerships

Project Activity:

- 1) Phase II Evaluation

Grant funding from the Manitoba Institute of Child Health, supplemented with additional funds from Manitoba Health, were used to complete a follow-up evaluation of preschool oral health in partnership with the original 4 pilot communities during 2005 and 2006. Children < 6 years of age and their parent/main caregiver were invited to participate. 319 children were examined. The objectives of this study were to:

1) assess changes regarding knowledge, attitudes and behaviours towards early childhood oral health, 2) assess awareness of the project's activities and resources, and 3) assess whether the community engagement methods used in these 4 communities had any effect on preschool oral health.

Preliminary Results of the Follow-up Study

Preliminary results indicate statistically significant improvements in parental and caregiver knowledge and attitudes towards early childhood oral health. Parents and caregivers taking part in the follow-up study were significantly more likely to report that:

- Baby teeth were important
 - Problems with baby teeth will affect adult teeth
 - Bottle feeding after 1 year of age is bad for a child's teeth
 - Breastfeeding is important for a child's teeth
 - Diet during pregnancy can affect a baby's teeth
 - It is not a good idea to give a baby a bottle to comfort them while teething
 - Children should see the dentist by their first birthday
- than those who participated in the baseline study.

In addition, significantly more parents in the follow-up study reported that their preschool child had visited a dentist than findings from the baseline study ($p=.0005$). Similarly, significantly more children in the follow-up study were having their teeth cleaned at home compared with the baseline study findings ($p<.0001$).

While we originally hypothesized that we would likely not see any significant improvements in oral health status among preschool children in these 4 communities following 5 years of community development activity, early results are very encouraging. We have found a statistically significant reduction in the number of primary teeth with untreated dental decay (2.1 ± 3.4 (baseline study) vs. 1.6 ± 2.7 (follow-up study), $p=.017$). Full statistical analyses of the data are ongoing.

Profiles for each of the original 4 pilot communities are currently being prepared to share our findings from this follow-up study with these sites. We will arrange visits to each of these communities to report these findings after 5 years of ongoing community development to prevent early childhood tooth decay (ECTD).

Significance

The community-development approach to addressing the problem of ECC in Manitoba appears to be working. However, more time is needed to reach all communities in Manitoba, particularly at-risk groups, including First Nations, urban Aboriginals, immigrant and refugee populations, and those in rural regions of the province where there is little access to dental care.

Other Forms of Project Evaluation

Healthy Smile Happy Child (HSHC) is also undertaking some other evaluation activities to measure the impact the project is having at the community level. A pre and post capacity building workshop assessment of knowledge and attitudes of participants is underway. The project team is also seeking regular feedback from capacity building workshop participants. Our current evaluation plans centre on focus groups with parents and service providers to gain their perspectives on early childhood dental health and HSHC activities.

2) Community and Professional Contacts

Burntwood/Churchill Regions:

- Professional Groups trained – Community Health Representative, Head Start, Canadian Prenatal Nutrition Program (CPNP), Health Supervisor, Community/Home Care Nurse, and BRHA Dietitians.
- Further resources provided to local dental clinics, community programs, BRHA programs (pre-op nurse for pediatric dental surgery, community health clinic, child health clinic, resource room). Resources also sent to Nelson House First Nation Maternal Child Health Program.
- BRHA donated 300 toothbrushes for the welcome packages to the players of Thompson's annual Munn Cup hockey tournament.
- Presented information over local radio station and CPNP worker translated into Dene in LacBrochet First Nation.
- Connected with Eli Beardy, Health Advisor for the Keewatin Tribal Council (KTC) and obtained a listing of Brighter Futures and Building Healthy Communities staff located in KTC communities.
- Attended Hello Parents meeting in May. Also attended Burntwood Parent Child Centered Coalition and met the Triple P Provincial Coordinator and Northern Coordinator.
- Oriented two new Families First workers and provided resources.
- Attended the Thompson Aboriginal Head Start graduation and received an award for Outstanding Volunteer Service. Provided dental goody bags for graduating children.
- "So Sweet Bottles" resource prepared for BRHA Public Health Department and outlying areas of region.
- Attended FRP Families Matters Conference in Ottawa on May 22-25, 2007.
- National Oral Health month activities – developed a two-sided leaflet to be included at check out stands in grocery stores in Thompson, mall display in Thompson, dental displays prepared for BRHA and Churchill Public Health nurses as well as school aged children, sent oral health activities sheets to Day Cares and Kindergarten/Grade 1 teachers, and newsletter submissions.

NOR-MAN/Parkland Regions: Community Facilitator left position end of April. To date, no replacement has been hired to fill this position.

- Project presentations delivered to Healthy Flin Flon meeting (both radio and newspaper personal present), Kelsey Community Schools' "Coffee and Chat", and Parent Child Coalition.
- Further resources provided to dental clinics in both regions, all nursing stations, health centre's, and day cares as requested.

- Circle of Smiles DVD delivered to different programs.
- Attended Community-Campus Partnerships for Health 10th Anniversary conference in Toronto in April.
- National Oral Health month activities – Smile Fair in St. Rose, Lift the Lip event at Cree Nation Tribal Dental Clinic, prepared 100 oral health “goody bags” per region for health centre’s to distribute, display at The Pas Public Library and raffled off kids dental books, display at the Primary Health Centre at The Pas and Flin Flon, recorded public service announcements (PSA) for 2 radio stations, interview on CJ1240 radio station as well as station in Flin Flon, submitted various newspaper articles, and interviewed by local newspaper.

North Eastman/South Eastman Regions:

- Professional groups trained – Teachers and Principals from Hutterite Colonies in NEHA, Health Workers from Berens River First Nation (CPNP, Building Healthy Communities, National Alcohol & Drug Abuse Prevention Program, Home Care), and Health Workers from Little Black River First Nation (Health Manager, Community Health Representative (CHR), CPNP).
- Project introductions were delivered
- Further resources provided to Public Health nurse in Lac du Bonnet and Popular River First Nation, Families First home visitors, Public Health Administrator for Baby Bags, flip charts for SEHA Health Workers as requested.
- Met with outreach worker for Network for Change to provide teaching ideas and resources for her group.
- Met with Healthy Baby Facilitator for NEHA regarding oral health message sustainability.
- Attended Parent Child Coalition meeting in Oakbank.
- Parent presentation for community members of Ridgeland Hutterite Colony and set up a “dental prevention task force.” Reviewed HSHC Workbook and Tool-kit with task force. Sent letter to other Hutterite Colonies to offer HSHC workshop and encourage the creation of task force.
- MB Telehealth meeting with Pine Falls coordinator.
- Met with Brighter Futures Initiative in Little Black River First Nation.
- Wellness Facilitators resource meeting in Oakbank.
- Met with COHI worker in Little Black River First Nation to discuss ways to partner in community.
- Provided statistics and comments for RHA Supervisor as requested for potential for future oral health funding.
- Provided access to an Internet Health link through the Southeast Resource Development Council Corp (SERDC) to add oral health resources and ECTD prevention information to the site.
- Met with Whitemouth Dentist and talked about how to provide services to Hutterite communities in the area.
- Partnered with the Oakbank Public Health Nurse to talk about oral health in the Elementary school.
- Met with Wellness Facilitator in St. Agathe to review French HSHC resources. The community plans to identify an individual to help develop a French community based HSHC program.
- National Oral Health month activities – provided oral health activity packages for all elementary and middle schools in Hanover and Sunrise school divisions as well as some First Nations schools on reserve, various newspaper submissions, set up displays, radio interviews on Mix 96 and 1250 AM as well as public service announcements (PSA’s) recorded for multiple stations.

Central/Assiniboine/Brandon Regions:

- Professional groups trained – Red River Early Child Care students, Boundary Trails Health Centre-RHA staff, and Central East RHA staff (Public Health nurses, Families First home visitors, Child & Family Service In Home support workers, Family Services Special Needs worker, Family Resource Center staff).

- Further resources provided to Public Health nurses in CRHA, dental therapist and midwives and RHA staff in all 3 regions as requested.
- Partnering with dental therapists in Central and ARHA who are giving presentations in schools and at health fairs.
- Provided oral health activity for Central region career display used at career symposiums.
- Received request to meet with parents at a Hutterite colony in Central region likely as a result of ITV presentation.
- Sent emails to Health Promotion staff in RHA's asking for feedback about resources.
- Received contact information for a mom from a Morris area colony who is interested in oral health promotion.
- Re-contacted ARHA First Nations communities and Brandon staff regarding possible workshops.
- National Oral Health month activities – various newspaper submissions, sent PSA's to radio stations, interview for CKLO radio and Brandon TV station, printed 3000 oral health bookmarks and made up packages for 48 libraries with various activities, resource packages sent to 86 Hutterite Colony schools, all RHA Public Health Managers, Families First, Healthy Baby, Healthy Child Coalitions and Family Resource Programs.

Winnipeg/Interlake Regions:

- Professional Groups trained – Transcona and St. Boniface Public Health teams, Four Feathers (Gilbert Park), Manitoba Child Care Association Provincial conference delegates, Interlake Daycare Directors, Peguis First Nation Health Centre and Head Start staff, Jackhead First Nation Health Centre staff, CPNP Managers and FNIHB Dental Unit, Adolescent Parent Centre education assistants, WRHA midwives, FNIHB CPNP Advisory Committee, Wabung, WRHA Community Nutritionists, and Villa Rosa staff.
- Created 350 inserts for Welcome Wagon baby shower in May.
- Connecting with Winnipeg Francophone organizations who wish to accommodate a HSHC workshop once all resources translated and printed in French. (This is well underway) Met with Francophone volunteer to discuss PowerPoint presentation translation and upcoming French workshops.
- Sent French resources available to Centre de Santé to include in a display for St. Boniface health fair.
- Attended Seven Oaks Early Years Coalition meeting.
- Partnered with Seven Oaks Early Years Coalition to develop Healthy Teeth Healthy Speech bookmark which is included in their newborn language project. Coalition to house the PDF bookmark file and lend to others in Seven Oaks area who want to print for their programs. Coalition considering expanding bookmark resource to entire Seven Oaks community and possibly all of Winnipeg.
- Met with New Haven Colony school staff to generate strategies to prevent ECTD. Possibility of parent information night and further integration of oral health education into school curriculum.
- Attended Community-Campus Partnerships for Health 10th Anniversary conference in Toronto in April.
- National Oral Health activities – sent out email reminders regarding oral health month in both regions, provided PSA's to radio stations, oral health displays at Gimli, Selkirk, Stonewall and Ashern.
- Resources provided as requested to: Transcona Dental Centre (Cree posters), Federation provinciale des comites de parents du Manitoba (French resources) for parent child resource centre, Ashern Dental Clinic dental hygienist, Aboriginal Health and Wellness Centre and Carrington Dental Center in Stonewall.
- Provided 15 copies of the following DVD's: Circle of Smiles, Lift the Lip, Brushing Baby Teeth Daily and Baby Oral Health: Pregnancy through Childhood to Interlake region Public Health Manager to be distributed to all Community Health Centre's.
- Attended St. James-Assiniboia Community breakfast meeting. Also met with St. James-Assiniboia Parent-Child Coalition Chair and St. James - Assiniboia WRHA

Community Facilitator regarding sustainability of ECTD prevention within St. James-Assiniboia community.

- Contacted school divisions in WRHA and IRHA regarding professional development workshop for kindergarten teachers.
- Contacted Public Health teams that have received a HSHC workshop and are ready for resource kits. Will deliver kits at next available team meeting.
- Connected with the Winnipeg Supervisor for CFS Family Support Worker Program. Family Support Worker Coordinators interested in workshop for support workers.
- Reconnected with WRHA Community Facilitators and contacted new WRHA Community Facilitators regarding new connections to community and summer activities.
- Contacted Downtown Outreach Worker re: Spence and Broadway neighbourhoods, Klinik, and Communities 4 Families: Downtown Parent-Child Coalition.
- Contacted Labour and Immigration regarding professional development workshop for EAL teachers.
- Followed up with chair of the South Winnipeg Directors of Child Care Committee. Will re-visit the topic of ECTD at next meeting. Chair to schedule workshop with staff at her centre in July/August.
- Scheduled meeting with Aboriginal Liaison Coordinator – WRHA regarding new opportunities for Healthy Smile Happy Child among Aboriginal programs/services.
- Contacted Child Care Coordinators in St. James – Assiniboia, Inkster, River East, and Transcona community areas.
- Contacted Gilbert Park Resource Centre, Blake Gardens Resource Centre, and Lord Selkirk Park Resource Centre regarding opportunities for ECTD prevention.
- Follow up with workshop attendees.
- Connected with Doreen Fey (Interlake RHA) regarding further opportunities for HSHC to identify high risk populations in Interlake for ECTD.
- Mailed out intro letter and German poster to German Hutterite Teachers in Interlake.

3) Presentations:

April 2007

RHA	Train the Trainer Workshop		Parent/Caregiver Presentations		Contacts made	
	# Workshops	# Participants	# Presentations	# Participants	Direct	Indirect
Assiniboine	0	0	1	8	0	90
Brandon	0	0	0	0	0	0
Central	2	19	0	0	0	60
Burntwood	3	12	14	156	8	3200
Churchill	0	0	0	0	0	0
NOR-MAN	0	0	6	45	2	25
Parkland	0	0	2	50	1	30
Winnipeg	7	35	1	4	10	75
Interlake	0	0	0	0	7	200
NorthEastman	1	14	3	95	6	321
SouthEastman	0	0	0	0	3	17
Total	13	80	27	358	37	4018

Maternity Ward visits in Burntwood Region – 12

May 2007

RHA	Train the Trainer Workshop		Parent/Caregiver Presentations		Contacts made	
	# Workshops	# Participants	# Presentations	# Participants	Direct	Indirect
Assiniboine	0	0	0	0	8	0
Brandon	0	0	0	0	1	3
Central	1	6	2	35	4	5
Burntwood	0	0	5	65	4	420
Churchill	0	0	0	0	0	200
NOR-MAN	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parkland	0	0	0	0	0	0
Winnipeg	2	41	0	0	9	1550
Interlake	2	21	0	0	6	300
NorthEastman	1	1	2	102	9	273
SouthEastman	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total	6	69	9	202	41	2753

Maternity Ward visits in Burntwood Region – 24

June 2007

RHA	Train the Trainer Workshop		Parent/Caregiver Presentations		Contacts made	
	# Workshops	# Participants	# Presentations	# Participants	Direct	Indirect
Assiniboine	0	0	2	27	0	0
Brandon	0	0	0	0	0	0
Central	3	23	0	0	0	105
Burntwood	1	2	0	0	3	150
Churchill	0	0	0	0	0	0
NOR-MAN	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parkland	0	0	0	0	0	0
Winnipeg	1	11	1	20	36	100
Interlake	0	0	0	0	6	75
NorthEastman	2	7	1	11	5	10
SouthEastman	0	0	1	14	1	4
Total	7	43	5	72	51	444

Maternity ward visits in Burntwood region – 16

4) Community events:

April:

- Smile Fair in St. Rose
- Lift the Lip Event at Cree Nation Tribal Dental Clinic
- River Heights Health Fair
- Display at The Pas Public Library
- Display at Primary Health Centre in The Pas and Flin Flon
- Display at City Centre Mall in Thompson
- Smile Fair at Wayway First Nation
- Preschool Wellness Fairs – Killarney, Boissevain, Portage
- Display at Women's Conference in Altona

Starting Blocks Wellness Fair in Stonewall
 Display at Selkirk Medial Clinic (Pediatric), Ashern Community Health Office, Stonewall & District Health Centre, Gimli Community Health Centre
 Display at Pine Falls Readiness Clinic, Whitemouth Health Clinic, Oakbank Health Clinic, Beausejour Health Clinic, Hollow Water First Nation
 Bright Beginnings Forum in Lac du Bonnet

May: Display at BRHA Annual Health Circus (immunization fair)
 Churchill Health Fair
 Family Resource Programs Parents Matter conference in Ottawa
 Preschool Wellness Fairs – Carman, Austin, Manitou, Milestone
 Roseau River First Nation Health Fair
 Infant Wellness Screening in Brandon
 Adult Health and Wellness Day
 Safe Kids Day in Oakbank
 Display at Mrs. Lucci's Readiness Clinic in Lac du Bonnet
 Little Black River First Nation Health Fair
 Fort Garry Festival
 Welcome Wagon Baby Shower in Winnipeg
 Manitoba Child Care Association Provincial conference
 Lake Manitoba First Nation Wellness Fair
 Display at St. Andrews Community Centre for annual kids bike-a-thon
 Teddy Bear's Picnic in Winnipeg – display in the Manitoba Institute of Child Health tent and partnered with students and a dentist from the Faculty of Dentistry

June: Display at Portage Place in Winnipeg
 Display at Fairford First Nation Treaty Days
 Falcon Lake Health Picnic
 Preschool Wellness Fairs – Elie, Somerset, St. Claude, Morris
 Manitoba Dental Association's Tooth Fairy Saturday at the Winnipeg Children's Festival
 Thompson Safe Kids Week Celebration
 Thompson Nickel Days Parade – toothbrushes thrown from BRHA float

5) Media:

- "Healthy Smiles, Happy Child" – Article in *Healthy Child Coalition of Central Region: Coalition Notes & News* (June 2006, volume 6, issue 3)
- "Healthy Smile Happy Child" – Article in *Play + Parenting* (Winter 2007)
- "Give Your Valentine a BIG SMILE!" – Feature in *As a Matter of Fact: Communicating with Healthcare Providers of Central Region* (February 2007, volume 10, issue 2)
- "Did You Know?: April is Oral Health Month!" – Article in *Synergy* (March 2007)
- "Did You Know?" – Feature in *Grassroots News* (April 3, 2007)
- "April is Oral Health Month" – Feature in *Healthy Child Coalition of Central Region: Coalition Notes & News* (April 2007, volume 7, issue 2)
- "Early Childhood Tooth Decay: A Preventable Disease" – Article in *Aspire!* (April 2007)
- "April is Oral Health Month" – Feature in *As a Matter of Fact: Communicating with Healthcare Providers of Central Region* (April 2007, volume 10, issue 4)
- "Preschool Wellness Day" – Article in *The Western Canadian* (May 8, 2007, volume 107, issue 18)
- "Did You Know?" – Article in *Family Focus* (May/June 2007, volume 1, issue 1)
- "April is dental oral health month" – Article in *The Clipper Weekly* (April 16, 2007, volume 16, no. 15)

6) Publications:

Schroth RJ, Brothwell DJ, Moffatt ME. Caregiver knowledge and attitudes of preschool oral health and early childhood caries (ECC). *Int J Circumpolar Health*. 2007 Apr; 66(2): 153-67. http://ijch.fi/issues/662/662_Schroth.pdf

Schroth RJ, Morey B. Providing timely dental treatment for young children under general anesthesia is a government priority. *J Can Dent Assoc*. 2007 Apr; 73(3): 241-3. <http://www.cda-adc.ca/jcda/vol-73/issue-3/241.pdf>

Collaborative Activity

- 1) Dr. Malcolm Ogborn, Director of Research at the Manitoba Institute of Child Health was invited to present at the Healthy Children and Youth: Federal Government Consultation with the National Child and Youth Health Coalition (NCYHC). He made particular mention of the HSHC project and even selected Dr. Schroth and HSHC to be one of two areas of child health research at MICH to complete a survey to assist with this consultation with Dr. Leitch on behalf of the Federal Minister of Health Clement.
- 2) HSHC Project Coordinator presented at Families First Provincial meeting in May to discuss ways to ensure capacity with Coordinators from each region. WRHA Community Facilitator presented at Healthy Baby Provincial Conference in May in lieu of Project Coordinator.
- 3) Dr. Schroth was the local host of "Oral Health and the Aboriginal Child: a forum for community members, researchers and policy-makers" June 7-8, 2007. Two members of the HSHC steering committee along with the Project Coordinator attended this event. The overall goal of this workshop was to develop and improve national collaborations, partnerships, and relationships between and among child oral health researchers and Aboriginal communities; researchers and other researchers; and researchers, Aboriginal communities, and oral health policy decision makers. The ultimate vision for this Forum was to establish a network of Canadian early childhood oral health researchers from the Academic Community and the Aboriginal Community that is committed to investigating and improving the oral health of young Aboriginal children. Collectively, the research network will hope to achieve consensus on research priorities that will improve child oral health. A strategy will be determined for involving Aboriginal communities and persons in the planning and execution of research activities. In addition, this event helped to bridge early childhood oral health research to health policy.
- 4) Abstracts submitted to the following conferences: 10th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society of Telehealth – accepted for poster presentation with 10 minute oral presentation, and Canadian Association of Paediatric Health Centres Annual Meeting – accepted for poster presentation.
- 5) Project Coordinator presented concurrent session at the Aboriginal Education Research Forum along with Karen Roberts (Roseau River Head Start Director) on May 2nd, 2007 entitled "Healthy Smile Happy Child: A Community Development Approach to Research."
- 6) Website continues to expand and now includes the Healthy Smile Happy Child Cree resources. Website hits from this quarter:

April:	343
May:	250
June:	311
- 7) Dr. Robert Schroth and HSHC Project Coordinator attended the 2nd International Meeting on Indigenous Child Health: solutions, not problems. Dr. Schroth presented oral abstract entitled "Community-development as a means to prevent Early Childhood Caries:

Lessons from the Manitoba Collaborative Project for the Prevention of Early Childhood Tooth Decay.”

- 8) In collaboration with Health Canada’s First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB), the Circle of Smiles CD-ROM will be translated and available in French. HSHC has made a bulk purchase to provide to communities to use for early childhood tooth decay prevention initiatives.
- 9) Dr. Schroth presented Health Research Needs in Indian Country – early childhood caries research in Manitoba at the 5th Annual American Indian Research Forum, University of North Dakota. April 20, 2007. Grand Forks, North Dakota, USA.
http://www.med.und.nodak.edu/depts/rural/presentations/pdf/AIRF2007_Schroth.pdf
- 10) Dr. Schroth and Project Coordinator hosted Christine Morris, Director of Health Promotion from Australia. Christine was in Manitoba to inquire about current oral health initiatives.
- 11) Inquiries continue to be received from numerous jurisdictions outside of Manitoba.
- 12) Link to HSHC website has been included on Saskatoon health region website.

Feedback/Evaluation

- Qualitative study
 - An evaluation project entitled “A qualitative look at early childhood oral health and Healthy Smile Happy Child project activities in Manitoba” was submitted to HREB for review on June 11th, 2007. Project proposal received ethics approval.
 - 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.
 - The plan is to complete 6 focus groups (3 with service providers and 3 with caregivers) across Manitoba (at least 1 group in each of the 5 host Regional Health Authorities). Currently in conversation with individuals interested in moderating the 6 proposed focus groups.
- Phone follow up data feedback and results (January – May 2007)
 - 14 out of 24 surveys completed (58%), 8 contacts never reached and 2 opted out.
 - Average Workshop rating = 8.9 (out of 10)
Overall usefulness of resources = 8.5

<i>Resources</i>	<i># of People Who Used</i>	<i>Average Rating</i>
True/False Game	5	8.2
Bingo Game	2	9.5
Handouts	11	8.9
“So Sweet” Bottles	6	9.7
Goody Bags	2	8.5
Presentation Outline	5	9.0
Appendix of Additional resources	1	9

- True/False game is great for families and parents; good, basic, easy to understand information;
- Handouts: great information, however some are too wordy, especially if individuals have trouble with literacy

- “So Sweet Bottles”: a great way about teaching parents about tooth decay; have a great impact; “A picture is worth 1000 words!”
 - Bingo game: not good for one-on-one work
 - Appendix of Additional resources: seems helpful and plans to use them
 - Workshop: Great workshop; very useful; lots of information; good videos & slides; very informative with great knowledge; copies of PowerPoint would be nice; didn’t feel quite prepared enough to talk to parents after workshop
 - Poster: very effective
 - Some reported that the information should go out to all families when a child is born, or shortly after.
 - Even though all the resources were not used by all individuals at the time of the survey, many said they believe the information is very useful and people hope to use it.
- Pre/Post Test Questionnaire
 - 102 participants have completed the pre questionnaire to date. Will provide more detailed observations in next quarterly report.

Follow-up by Community Facilitators after Capacity Building Workshops have noted the following ways HSHC message is being spread:

Public Health

- Families First, Healthy Baby and Promise Years programs have requested Circle of Smiles DVD (ARHA).
- Promise Years contract worker will be including HSHC oral health information in her parenting programs (ARHA).
- Requests from Public Health, Families First and Healthy Baby for more resources and support (NEHA).
- River Heights Public Health displaying resources and posters at Stafford office (WRHA).
- Public Health nurses at Access Transcona using resources for prenatal classes and Health Baby program (WRHA).
- River Heights Public Health team utilizing resources and color copying handouts for programs (WRHA).
- Interlake Families First is incorporating oral health messages into curriculum. They have also caught cases of ECTD by lifting the lip with families who were then referred to a local dentist.
- Four Feathers incorporating oral health into Healthy Baby groups. Director has purchased toothbrushes and floss for the programs that operate out of their centre.

Early Childhood Programs

- Seven Oaks Early Years Coalition including Healthy Teeth Healthy Speech bookmarks in newborn language project (WRHA).
- After a workshop for Daycare staff in Central region, one participant gave positive feedback and that she had learned a lot of new information.
- Elmwood Home Learning Assistant planning to incorporate resources into parent/child programming for fall 2007 (WRHA).
- Growing Years Family Resource Centre in Selkirk incorporating oral health into Healthy Baby groups (IRHA).

Aboriginal Communities

- As a result of workshop, Jackhead First Nation will be contacting FNIHCB to request their own COHI worker (IRHA).
- Jackhead First Nation CPNP worker creating “So Sweet Bottle” display and parent presentation for prenatal classes (IRHA).
- Aboriginal Health and Wellness Centre has early childhood oral health on their Fall community development agenda to review possibility of implementing a permanent

program. They are also reviewing videos with staff to determine how they can be incorporated (WRHA).

Schools and Community Organizations

- Seven Oaks School Division Clinical Services printing Healthy Teeth Healthy Speech bookmarks for their programs as requested by Speech Language Pathologists (WRHA).
- Community Connector in River East Transcona School Division incorporated oral activity station into community event. In addition, resources were included in take home bags from event (WRHA).
- Community programs in St. Vital have accessed HSHC resources from Youville Centre (WRHA).
- Home Learning Assistant Coordinator in Winnipeg School Division #1 plans to incorporate oral health into fall programming.
- Nova House speaking to women in shelter 1-1 about oral health (WRHA).
- Most Interlake daycares incorporating ECTD prevention into their programs or plan to in fall. Activities to date include sharing messages with parents through parent presentations or 1-1 consultations, newsletters, bulletins, resources displayed in centres, lift the lip, talking about sugar content with children and parents, displaying 'So Sweet Bottles', making changes to food policies, and assisting parents with weaning children off bottles and sippy cups.

Hutterite Colonies

- Parents from a colony in the RHA Central region requested a meeting with Facilitator to talk about oral health.
- New Haven colony is implementing school toothbrushing program.

Regional Health Authorities

- ARHA has a Maternal/Child Committee that gives prenatal folder to expectant women and HSHC prenatal resource will be included.
- ARHA looking at costs to print color copies of HSHC resources for their programs.

Challenges:

- Difficulties have been encountered when trying to connect with organizations that service immigrant and refugee populations in Winnipeg.
- Selkirk Dentists will not accept children under 3 years of age. HSHC continues to work with the MDA regarding this concern.
- Frustration was reported in WRHA regarding one low cost Dental Clinics in Winnipeg who will not accept patients outside city limits.
- Translation and formatting of French Workbook and Toolkit has been slow which has resulted in some frustration within the Francophone community who would like Workshops.
- Challenges continue to exist connecting with some of the First Nations communities.

Staff Development

- 3 STEP students during summer 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.

Documentation Development

- Poster has been translated into various languages (German, Punjabi, Chinese, Tagalog, Arabic, and Spanish) to aid in connecting with immigrant and refugee populations. Formatting is in progress and poster will be available online.

Administrative/Research Activity

- All database entry up to date.

Planning for next Quarter

- Complete initial work on project evaluation research study.
- 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.
- Development of a publication describing the positive experience of the intersectoral partnership and community development approach in addressing ECTD.