

Dental Referral Resource List

This list will help you create a handout to inform faculty about community resources that are available to patients in need of a dental referral. When compiling your list, be sure to include up-to-date contact information, and where applicable, notes about the types of resources each entity provides.

National Resources

- American Academy of Pediatric Dentists <<http://www.aapd.org>>
The site contains a search engine for locating pediatric dentists by zip code, parent resources, and Mouth Monster infographics and guides.
- Healthychildren.org <<https://www.healthychildren.org/english/healthy-living/oral-health/pages/default.aspx>> oral health page
The site, created by the American Academy of Pediatrics, contains easy-to-read articles for parents in English and Spanish.
- Insure Kids Now – <http://www.insurekidsnow.gov>
The site contains articles on insurance coverage, ready-made educational media that can be used to inform patients, and a search engine for locating pediatric dentists by zip code and insurer.
- Early Head Start <<http://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov>>.
The site contains oral health resources and tips for families in English and Spanish as well as a search engine to locate local programs by zip code.

State Resources

- Medicaid.gov
The site includes information about Medicaid and CHIP benefits, how to apply for coverage, and profiles of state programs <<http://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid-chip-program-information/medicaid-and-chip-program-information.html>>.
- State health department. A list of providers who accept Medicaid patients may be posted on the department website.
- State dental societies. The American Dental Association <<http://ebusiness.ada.org/mystate.aspx>> provides links to state and local dental societies.
- State oral health coalition. The American Network of Oral Health Coalitions <http://www.anohc.org/State_Contact_Info.html#AL> provides contact information for member state coalitions.

Local Resources

- City and county health departments. These departments can guide you to free and low-cost clinics in your area.
- State dental societies. The American Dental Association < <http://ebusiness.ada.org/mystate.aspx> > provides links to and contact information for state and local dental societies.
- Dental schools and dental hygiene programs. These entities typically run dental clinics where students and faculty provide services at below-market prices. Contact them for clinic hours and locations.
- Community health centers. The federal Health Resources and Services Administration hosts a search engine < <http://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/> > for locating federally qualified health centers and other community-based clinics by zip code. Check with individual centers to find out if they provide oral health services.
- Your personal dentist. He or she may be able to provide additional guidance.