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New Horizons:
School-Based Dentistry Can Be Done Well
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My Goal:
Improve the Health of Vulnerable Populations
LA Data
DHH

- Number of Treated Children
  - 250,000=/-
- Number of Untreated Children Increased
  - Over 505,000
- Dental Expenditures Doubled 04-08
- Number of Active Medicaid Dentists Decreased 2004-2011
My Vulnerable Children Model

- 12 Dentists
- 275 Schools
- Portable In-School Dental Services
- Comprehensive Dentistry
  - Exams, X-Rays, Fillings, Sealants, Baby Tooth Extractions, Stainless Steel Crowns, Sealants
- Since November of 2008 17000+ Children Seen
- 14,000 have had All Dental Needs Met (3000 Pending Follow-Up Care)
Components of A Comprehensive Program

- Emergency Referral System
- Referral System
  - Referral Follow-Up
  - Data
- Partnerships For Identification Of Children In Crisis and Referral Follow-Up
- Transport Emergency Patients To Working Clinics
Components of A Comprehensive Program

• Scheduling
  – Schools
  – Dental Personnel
• Consent Distribution and Collection
• Prior Dentist Search
Joint School-Based Health Center Initiatives

• Educational Programs
  – School-Based Nurses – Oral Neglect: What To Do – When To Act
  – Teacher Oral Health Education Presentations
  – Principal Education Programs

• Active Referral Follow-Up System

• Daily Operational Assistance
  – Treatment Room Location
  – Family Contact Intervention
Consent

• Specific Informed Consent
  – Written
  – Verbal
• General Informed Consent
  – Written
  – Verbal
• Parental Presence
• Parental Contact
Consent

- Parental Contact (40-50% No-Contact Rate)
- 1.6 Million Phone Calls – 40-45% Connection Rate
- 505,000 Untreated Children x 45% = 227,250 Children Denied Care
- Parental Presence Requirement = More Denial Of Care
Consent

• General Informed Consents Are Necessary To Treat Some Medicaid Populations
• Parental Presence/Phone Contact Requirements Stop Dental Access to Care/Utilization In Poor Medicaid Populations
• Bad Practioners/Delivery Models Should Be Reported To State Boards/Medicaid Depts. (Dentists Are Mandatory Reporters)
Throwing Out the Baby With the Bath Water Syndrome
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