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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















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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 Practitioners/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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