

California Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Program
CHDP Statewide Oral Health Subcommittee



The CHDP Dental Training: Focus on PM160 Screening is adapted from the ***CHDP Dental Training: Oral Health Assessment and Referral***.

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Dear CHDP Directors and Deputy Directors:

To improve the overall health of CHDP children, the CHDP Oral Health Subcommittee developed the ***CHDP Dental Training: Oral Health Assessment and Referral*** which was placed on the CHDP website May 17, 2012. This web-based oral health training, designed to be used by CHDP county staff to train CHDP providers and their staff, has received positive reviews. However, due to a lack of time for some providers, the Subcommittee developed a shortened PowerPoint (PPT) training which emphasizes the most critical elements of the CHDP dental assessment. Topics of the new condensed version, ***CHDP Dental Training: Focus on PM160 Screening***, include the dental assessment, documentation, and referral.

Why is the *CHDP Dental Training: PM160 Focus on Screening* useful to CHDP programs and providers?

- Historically, dental caries is the most frequently cited referral during a CHDP health assessment.
- A 2008 *PM160 Desk Audit* by 7 counties revealed that 75% of dental assessments were considered “unacceptable” resulting in children not being referred to a dentist.
- Over 63.1% of Medi-Cal eligible children, ages 0-20, did not visit a dentist in 2011 (*Dental Action Plan for Children with Medi-Cal.*)
- Provider time may be limited. This shortened training focuses on the key points necessary for providers to make and document an accurate dental assessment and referral.

How can this training be used?

All CHDP local personnel who are responsible for provider education should familiarize and educate themselves with the main ***CHDP Dental Training: Oral Health Assessment and Referral*** in order to be prepared to answer questions from providers regarding this shortened version. The ***CHDP Dental Training: Focus on PM160 Screening*** is best used when CHDP program personnel train CHDP providers, and their staff, in-person. As an alternative, counties with limited personnel should encourage and direct CHDP providers and their staff to self-train online with the main training.

Referenced educational materials and guides can be accessed and printed from the PPT itself or from the ***CHDP Dental Training: Focus on PM160 Screening*** homepage.

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Sincerely,

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