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TO: ALL CHILD HEALTH AND DISABILITY PREVENTION (CHDP)
PROGRAM PROVIDERS

SUBJECT: AVAILABILITY OF CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION ON
PREVENTIVE ORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

The purpose of this notice is to inform CHDP providers of a new statewide Early Childhood Oral Health Education and Training Project entitled "First Smiles: Dental Health Begins at Birth" supported by First 5 California. The First 5 California Early Childhood Oral Health Initiative has the goal of significantly reducing the incidence of dental decay in children from birth to five years of age, including children with special needs.

CHDP Provider Information Notice No.: 04-13 (June 18, 2004) informed providers of the new CHDP recommendation to begin referring children to a dentist at one year of age. This project complements the dental referral at one year of age recommendation by providing a substantive opportunity to learn about the vital role of CHDP providers in promoting the oral health of young children.

The Education and Training Project has two major emphases:

- Provider Education and Training Program targeted to reach 50 percent of the primary care provider community and 75 percent of the general dental provider community
- Consumer Oral Health Education Program targeted to parents, caregivers, early childhood educators and other health and human service providers working with young children.

The project is being conducted by a unique joint venture partnership of the California Dental Association (CDA) Foundation and the Dental Health Foundation. The project is intended to serve primary care physicians, mid-level practitioners, pediatric nurse practitioners, medical residents, general dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants and dental students.

The project is working with county level California First 5 Commissions and the following partners:

Schools of Dentistry in California
California Dental Hygienists' Association
California Dental Assistants Association
Anderson Center for Dental Care
California Childcare Health Programs
Kaiser Permanente
CDA and its 32 Component Dental Societies
Alameda County Public Health Department
UCSF School of Nursing
California Primary Care Association
California Head Start Association
California WIC Association
Children's Hospital San Diego
Contra Costa County, Maternal and Child Health Program
Health Trust of Santa Clara
Molina Healthcare
University of the Pacific Center for Special Care

The education and training programs and services of this project are being offered in local, regional and statewide settings as well as on-line. Education will take the form of presentations at meetings, articles in newsletters and journal articles. Training on the promotion of early childhood oral health and the prevention and treatment of Early Childhood Caries in young children will be offered in a variety of formats, including:

- Full day in-person training
- On-line modules for distance learning
- Physician in-office training
- 2 hour web-cast training sessions
- Medical/Dental Society Meetings
- Workshops
- Grand rounds

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Continuing Medical Education and Continuing Education Units will be provided. Additional information about the project and about scheduled trainings may be obtained by checking the project website: www.First5OralHealth.org. To find scheduled trainings, click on "Training Calendar" located under "Medical Team" on the home page. Click on the scheduled training event in your area for time and location. Or contact either:

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