



Head Start Dental Home Initiative in Maine

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Goal:

- To get children in Head Start into “dental homes”

Strategy:

- To recruit dentists and introduce them to Head Start programs so they can care for Head Start children

Key things to know about:

- Head Start and Early Head Start
- Dental Homes
- How this work is going to happen and how you fit in



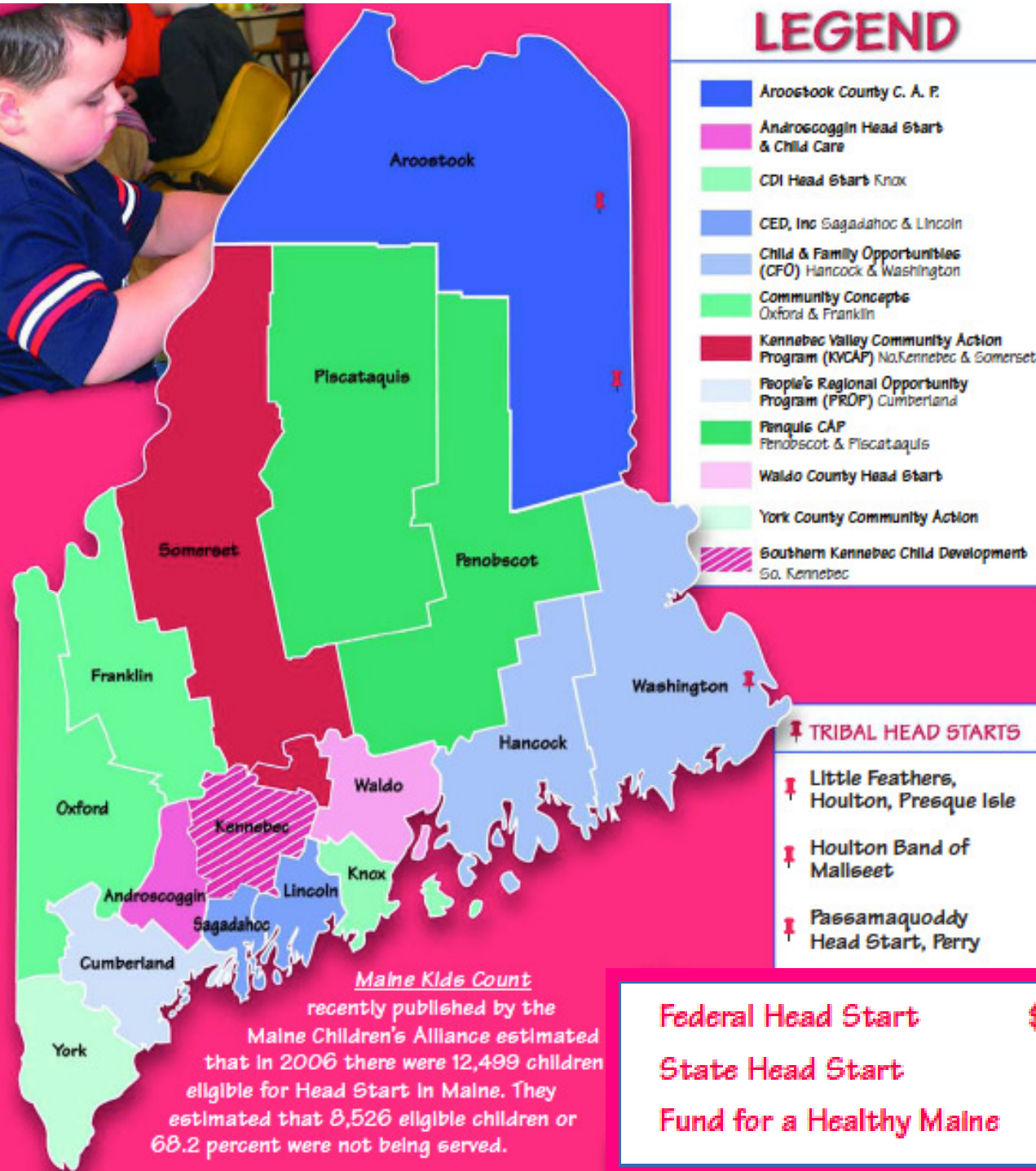
Quick Facts about Head Start

- Program for low-income families with young children
- Overall goal: promote school readiness
 - Early education
 - Comprehensive child development & health services including dental
 - Health promotion emphasizes prevention, early identification & intervention services
 - Family support services



LEGEND

- Aroostook County C. A. P.
- Androscoggin Head Start & Child Care
- CDI Head Start Knox
- CED, Inc Sagadahoc & Lincoln
- Child & Family Opportunities (CFO) Hancock & Washington
- Community Concepts Oxford & Franklin
- Kennebec Valley Community Action Program (KVCAP) No. Kennebec & Somerset
- People's Regional Opportunity Program (PROP) Cumberland
- Penquis CAP Penobscot & Piscataquis
- Waldo County Head Start
- York County Community Action
- Southern Kennebec Child Development Co. Kennebec



TRIBAL HEAD STARTS

- 📌 Little Feathers, Houlton, Presque Isle
- 📌 Houlton Band of Maliseet
- 📌 Passamaquoddy Head Start, Perry

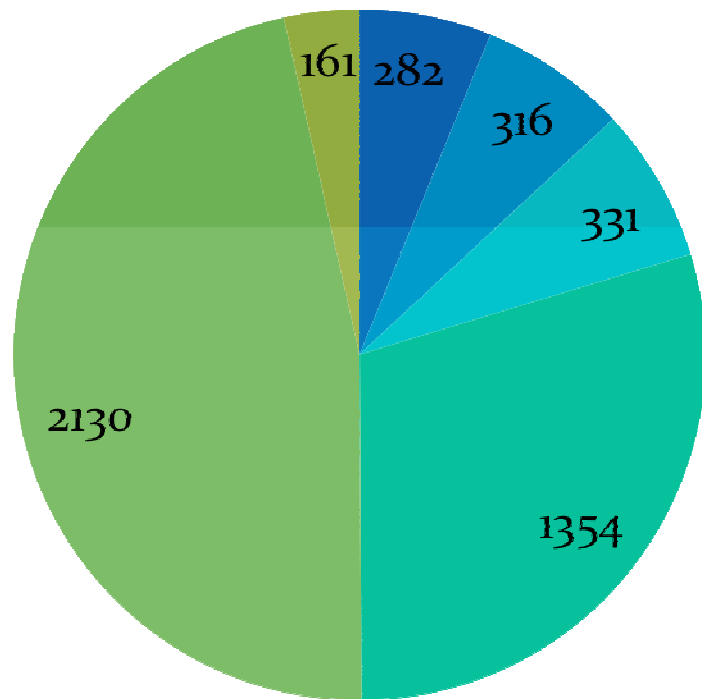
Maine Kids Count recently published by the Maine Children's Alliance estimated that in 2006 there were 12,499 children eligible for Head Start in Maine. They estimated that 8,526 eligible children or 68.2 percent were not being served.

Maine's Children

- 18% of kids <5yrs are Head Start eligible
- 5% of kids <5 yrs are currently served by Head Start

Federal Head Start	\$27,537,146.00
State Head Start	\$2,417,784.00
Fund for a Healthy Maine	\$1,383,498.00

ME Head Start Children (n=4,640)



- <1-yr-old
- 1-yr-olds
- 2-yr-olds
- 3-yr-olds
- 4-yr-olds
- 5-yr-olds

Options:

- Center 82%
- Home 13%
- Combo 4%
- Family 1%

Head Start Staff and Advisory Committee

- Health Services
 - Health Manager
- Education Services
 - Teachers
 - Home Visitors
- Social Services
 - Family Service Workers
- Health Advisory Committee





Head Start Oral Health Performance Standards and Data Sources



Head Start's Commitment to Oral Health

- Toothbrushing in the classroom
- Link children to a dental home
- Assist parents in making necessary arrangements
- Track the provision of health care services:
 - Examination
 - Prevention
 - Treatment
- Create follow-up plan for treatment if needed
- Complete the above by 90 days (except FU)



Oral Health Care Documentation in Head Start

- Must be in writing with dentist signature
- No standard form
- Head Starts develop system in conjunction with their providers
- Documentation and data sets Head Start apart from may other programs

Head Start Dental Report	
To be completed and returned to the parent/guardian or Head Start for every dental visit	
Child's Name: _____	DOB: _____
Date of Visit Being Documented: _____	
Dental home: _____	
Will this dental office or clinic be able to act as this child's dental home?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Definition: <i>A dental home is a source of oral health care that is comprehensive and continuously accessible that includes treatment, referral and co-ordination with dental specialists when appropriate.</i>	
Purpose of today's dental visit (check all that apply):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Examination: <input type="checkbox"/> Dental cavities or problems present that need treatment OR	
<input type="checkbox"/> No dental problems noted	
<input type="checkbox"/> Preventive services (cleaning or fluoride)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dental treatment (fillings or extractions)	
Future care needed:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional treatment appointments needed:	
Approximate number: _____	
Date and time of next appt: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Treatment complete/no problems noted, 6 month recall visits required	
Additional problems/concerns for the attention of Head Start staff:	

Provider's Signature and Contact Information:	
_____	_____
Print Provider's Name	Phone
_____	_____
Provider's Signature	Date

PIR Data

The system and data that is used to track Head Start Programs' activities

	Exam (%)	Obtained needed Tx (%)	Did not receive Exam (n)	Did not receive needed Tx (n)
Maine 2010	69-96%	21-98%	794	459
Region 1 2010	86%	77%	-	-



Key Points

- Head Start has clear and specific program standards around oral health
- Documentation of services is required from dentists
- Head Start provides support services to get children into care
- Ongoing funding of programs is dependant on meeting program standards

So What is a Dental Home?!



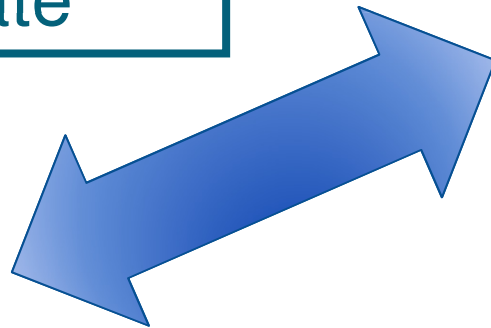


Definition and Why it Matters

- Ongoing relationship between the dentist and the patient to provide oral health care that is:
 - Comprehensive
 - Continuously accessible
 - Coordinated
 - Family-Centered
- Established **no later than age 1**
- Includes referral to dental specialists when appropriate

Getting from Here to There!

Activities to
Date



Head
Start

Next Steps



Next Steps

- Opportunity for discussion this afternoon
 - Biggest challenges
 - Specific needs
- Regional meetings in the fall
 - Breakfast/lunch meetings
 - Dentists and local Head Start programs
 - Opportunity to develop referral and communication mechanisms

Conclusion

- Maine has unique and challenging oral health access issues
- The problem is not too big!
- Opportunity to affect real change

