



# Children's Health & Maintenance Program (CHAMP)

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## ORAL HEALTH

Oral health is an integral part of the overall health and well being of children.

“Health professionals can help ensure that infants and young children receive the care they need by referring infants to a dentist for an oral examination within 6 months of the eruption of the first primary tooth, and no later than age 12 months, and by establishing the child’s dental home.”

Source: <http://mchoralhealth.org/PediatricOH>

## DENTAL HOME

“The dental home is the ongoing relationship between the dentist and the patient, inclusive of all aspects of oral health care delivered in a comprehensive, continuously accessible, coordinated, and family centered way.”

Source:


[www.aapd.org/media/Policies\\_Guidelines/D\\_DentalHome.pdf](http://www.aapd.org/media/Policies_Guidelines/D_DentalHome.pdf)



## **FACTS**

- Dental caries (tooth decay) is a transmissible infection and largely preventable.
- It is the most common chronic childhood disease, five times more common than asthma.
- 22% of children ages 2 to 5 suffer from dental caries.
- Children as young as age 1 experience untreated tooth decay.
- 89% of infants and 1-year-olds see a physician annually but only 1.5% sees a dentist.
- National surveys indicate that dental caries is highly prevalent in underserved preschool children.
- Oral health of children in California is much worse than in other states.
- Poor oral health deeply affects children's health and their ability to learn and thrive.

## **CHAMP SERVICES**

- Dental screening and preventative services for children 0-5 years old at no cost to families
  - Oral health education of children, families, and pregnant women
  - Finding dental homes for children
  - Gift of toothbrush, toothpaste, and floss
  - Case management, support and resources for social needs, help with dental benefits
  - Professional education for providers
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## THE CHAMP TEAM



The CHAMP team consists of USC faculty dentists and dental hygienists, promotoras, dental assistants, social work interns, benefits enrollment specialists, pediatric dentistry residents, dental and dental hygiene students.



**The main goal of CHAMP is to serve oral health needs of children 0-5 years old in underserved communities of Los Angeles County.**



## **BECOME A CHAMP PARTNER**

If you are involved in providing care to families with children ages 0 to 5 and/or pregnant women, we invite you to partner with CHAMP to expand your services.

CHAMP partners with different community organizations in Los Angeles County such as clinics, WIC centers, schools and daycare facilities, to serve families with young children.

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