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CONGREGATIONAL HEALTH MINISTRY

KEEP OUR CHILDREN SMILING

National Children's Dental Health Month

Toolkit

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Please consider using the attached materials for education and information for members of your faith community. February is National Children's Dental Health Month. Developing good habits at an early age and scheduling regular dental visits helps children get a good start on a lifetime of healthy teeth and gums. Tooth decay is one of the most common chronic infectious diseases among U.S. children. This preventable health problem begins early. This may result in pain, dysfunction, underweight, and poor appearance—problems that can greatly reduce a child's capacity to succeed in the educational environment

The materials are intended to be used in a newsletter, bulletin, and/or handout format. Information may be obtained from the following web sites:

<http://www.ada.org/prof/events/featured/ncdhm.asp>

<http://www.nidcr.nih.gov/HealthInformation/DiseasesAndConditions/ChildrensOralHealth/>

<http://www.cdc.gov/OralHealth/topics/child.htm>

Each of the above sites has links to handouts for kids and parents.

If you would like materials to create a display for a bulletin board, you may access a power point on the Congregational Health web site at:

<http://clergy.centrahealth.com/WebPages/conghlth.aspx>

The power point may be printed out, and pieces cut and pasted to suit a display on a bulletin board or other area.

Let your creativity flow! You can really have fun with this!

This is an important health issue for children. While this issue may not be at the top of the list of health concerns, we know it is important, and one where we can make a difference.