

Maine's Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Monthly Learning Series



Mission: Improve the health and quality of life for children with special health care needs and their families.

Oral Health

January 7, 2024, 3:30-4:30pm

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Join us for an insightful webinar on Maine CDC's Oral Health Program, Maine CDC's School Oral Health Program. This webinar provides common oral health challenges for children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN), tips for good oral hygiene, tools to help promote good oral hygiene for CYSHCN, dental care barriers, and resources for reduced dental care.

At the end of this presentation, participants will:

1. Be able to list at least three tips for good oral hygiene.
2. Be familiar with the tools necessary to help promote good oral hygiene for CYSHCN.



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Ryan Denbow is the Public Health Educator for Maine CDC’s Oral Health Program. Ryan has experience working for non-profit organizations throughout the state of Maine. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Studies with minors in both Biology and Natural Science from Husson University.

The Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs, Health Care Coordinator provides a unique resource for families, providers, and communities. The goal is to assist families and providers in finding services that will help the child or youth acquire optimal health, development, well-being, and the best quality of life.

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