

PROMISING STRATEGIES
 for
 EARLY CHILDHOOD INITIATIVE PROJECTS

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Local Goal Addressed: Oral Health Education...This is part of the West Central Initiative's Early Childhood Initiative Regional Project-Dental Access for Young Children
Project Overview: <i>(Briefly describe the activity and the stakeholders involved.)</i> This project involved providing home visits to licensed childcare providers. At this visit, the provider received educational materials describing the importance and benefits of dental care. The provider also received toothbrushes, toothpaste, and dental floss for each child, parent education materials about oral health, a book about visiting the dentist, a timer, and a packet of activities to do with children. Parents were welcomed at the visits, and providers were encouraged to share the information with their families, as that is where the real change takes place.
Project Outcomes: <i>(Briefly describe the results or anticipated results of the project.)</i> The goal of the program is that some of the providers would implement tooth brushing into their routines so children could brush each day at childcare. Another goal was that children would learn the importance of daily brushing, that parents would recognize the importance of brushing and other dental care. Another goal is that through the story, the children would become more familiar with dental visits.
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