

American Academy of Pediatrics
Section on Oral Health
Protect Tiny Teeth Implementation Project
Request for Applications

Background

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), through a cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), developed the [Protect Tiny Teeth Toolkit](#) to assist prenatal providers address the topic of oral health and pregnancy. The purpose of the Protect Tiny Teeth Implementation Project (PTTIP) is to foster uptake of best practice models by inviting prenatal providers to create a plan for implementing selected tools in practice, identify a measurable goal, track, and report use of the tools.

Following a research review, key informant interviews, message drafting and testing, focus groups, and input from an advisory committee, two salient messages emerged: *Protect Tiny Teeth* and *Brushing for Two*. The toolkit contains oral health screening and conversation guides for prenatal providers, an oral health risk assessment form, medical-to-dental referral forms (for both pregnant women and children), patient education information in multiple languages, a suggested practice workflow diagram, and a Social Media Toolkit. (MOC Part 4 continuing education credit approval is currently pending.)

Applicant Requirements

1. Site provides routine prenatal/perinatal care. (Practice sites with co-located dental services preferred.)
2. Site can identify a prenatal provider champion for PTTIP.
3. Patient mix includes women at high-risk for dental disease.
4. Site has ability to complete the program and submit de-identified chart review data for evaluation to the AAP within the timeframe requested. *Review Project Schedule located below.*
5. Ability to have all practice personnel complete the [Oral Health and the Pregnant Patient](#) module of the Smiles for Life National Oral Health training. (This online training typically takes about 1 hour to complete and offers CME.)
6. Site can safely store a limited number of starter kits.

Site Materials

Some combination of the following materials will be provided by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

- Waiting room posters
- Patient education materials in multiple languages
- Toothbrushes (adult & baby), floss, soft cloth for infant, xylitol gum or mints
- Prenatal Oral Health Information forms
- Prenatal Oral Health Conversation Guides
- Workflow Chart
- Prenatal Oral Health Screening Guide
- Medical-to-dental referral forms, adult and pediatric
- AAP Oral Health Risk Assessment Tool
- Oral Health Self-Management Goals for Parents/Caregivers

Program Details

Practices that are chosen to participate in the PTTIP will be asked to do the following and report to the AAP regarding progress in the following ways.

Step 1: Participate in a 1-2-hour introductory Webinar to learn about prenatal oral health and understand this quality improvement project and expectations.

Step 2: Report pre-project, baseline de-identified chart review data on number of pregnant women currently receiving oral health screening, assessment, education and referral to dental care. (Could be zero.) The AAP will provide a reporting portal. **No Personal Health Information (PHI) will be collected.**

Step 3: Participate in up to three learning collaborative webinars conducted by the AAP.

Step 4: With support from the learning collaborative, establish a system to incorporate PTTIP into your practice.

Step 5: Ensure that all staff who participate in the PTTIP program are prepared for their roles in the workflow.

Step 6: Implement the PTT toolkit: screen, assess, counsel, educate, refer, track, and report.

Step 7: Participate in a recorded exit interview.

Target Date	Activity
July 1, 2020	RFA released.
July 15, 2020	Applications due.
July 31, 2020	Accepted applicants notified.
August/September 2020	Webinar to explain the program and allow practices to ask questions of experts.
August 2020	Practices receive materials from AAP and determine how to work program in to practice flow.
September/October 2020	Practices begin to implement program.
Cycle #1 – late 2020 Cycle #2 – early 2021 Cycle #3 – mid-2021	Participate in Learning Collaborative conference calls. Record and submit de-identified chart review data to AAP.
July 2021	Exit interview to discuss experience with the program.

Recipient Expectations

Sites will receive up to \$5,000 to defray the costs of implementing PTTIP. Successful completion of the steps outlined above includes monthly submission of de-identified chart review data; participation in introductory Webinar and three learning collaboratives, including evaluations; participation in exit interview; contribution to development of implementation guide.

An application should be completed and submitted [HERE](#) by Friday, July 17, 2020 at 5:00 pm Central Time. A selection committee will review all applications and select practices to participate in PTTIP. Others who apply but are not selected may receive other support from AAP and educational materials.

Inquiries and Technical Assistance

Please contact Hollis Russinof with any questions, concerns or technical assistance questions by email at hrussinof@aap.org or phone at 630-626-6483.