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Program Overview

Calling All Smile Crusaders! Education Program

DCDEE-approved for 1 Contact Hour Credit (1 CHC)

Goal: To prevent early childhood tooth decay in North Carolina by educating and informing audiences about early childhood oral health issues and best practices.

Rationale: Baby teeth are important! Hear the latest on early childhood oral health – everything from national statistics to policies of the American Academy of Pediatrics and American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. If you work with young children or their parents, you'll want to know this valuable information and how you can help prevent tooth decay.

Target audience: Adults influencing the oral health of young children and their parents: child care providers, WIC staff, other community partners.

Objectives: At the end of session, the learner will be able to:

- Describe the most common chronic childhood disease.
- Explain why baby (primary) teeth are important.
- Describe the best way to prevent tooth decay.
- Explain why the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends pacifiers.
- Identify resources for early childhood oral health information.

Topic areas for on-going training include: Planning a safe and health learning environment, children's physical and intellectual development, children's social and emotional development, and child growth and development.

To discuss and schedule this important in-person or distance educational opportunity, please contact:

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