Every child is worthy of the opportunity to benefit from contemporary knowledge and treatments that will enhance their dental health and overall well-being. Dignity Health is committed to improving oral awareness and bringing oral health care to the children in our community.

# Dignity Health Early Childhood Oral Health Program is community based:



#### **Convenient Locations**

Services are provided in the cities of Mesa, Gilbert, and Queen Creek.



## **Community Oriented**

Service locations include childcare centers, preschools, Head Start, WIC clinics, pediatric medical offices, community resource centers, pregnancy agencies, and health fairs.



#### Free Services

All services for babies, toddlers, preschool children, and expectant mothers are provided free of charge. Participation is open to children with or without a dentist.

### Did you know?

From birth to age 5, your child's brain grows and develops more than at any other time in life. That's why their early years are so important!

There is a link between maternal gum infections and poor birth outcomes. Approximately one third of all pregnant women have gum (periodontal) disease, and preterm birth rates have been reported to jump from 11.2% in women

without periodontal disease, to 28.6% in women with moderate to severe periodontal disease.\*



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#### Dignity Health Early Childhood Oral Health

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First Things First is Arizona's early childhood agency, committed to the healthy development and learning of young children from birth to age 5.

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# Early Childhood Oral Health Program

Humankindness brings a community together.



# Early Childhood Oral Health Program Services for Expectant Mothers

- Dental screening & oral health kit
- Free diapers
- Oral health education
- Navigation to a dentist for a dental home

To set up an in-person appointment, expectant mothers may call (480) 728-5709 or email DignityHealthECOH@dignityhealth.org





Oral Health Education Training for Early Childhood Education Professionals

- Free training offered for early childhood professionals
- Training offered at your facility
- Satisfies requirements for the Arizona Early Childhood Workforce Registry

To schedule a training session, call (480) 728-5709 or email DignityHealthECOH@dignityhealth.org

ECE providers are required to attend oral health education sessions to increase their understanding of the importance of oral health in children, per The Arizona Early Childhood Workforce Registry. The Registry is a component of the Arizona Early Childhood Career and Professional Network: a comprehensive system designed to meet the professional development needs of Arizona's early childhood professionals working with or on behalf of children birth to 5 years of age.

# Early Childhood Oral Health Program Services for Babies, Toddlers, and Preschool children

Participation is open to children with or without a dentist.

Free services for children 5 and under include:

- Dental screening & oral health kit
- Fluoride varnish treatment
- Oral health education
- Navigation to a dentist for a dental home

To set up an in person appointment for your baby, toddler, or preschool child, call **(480) 728-5709** or email **DignityHealthECOH@dignityhealth.org** 

