

## **Dental Team Awareness: Signs and Symptoms of Abuse in Children and Adolescents**

**Wednesday, February 13, 2013**

**10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

**Parklawn Building, Room 12A-55**

### **DESCRIPTION**

In recognition of Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month and National Children's Dental Health Month, the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Office of Women's Health in collaboration with HRSA's Bureau of Primary Health Care and the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center will host a webinar to raise awareness of differences in unintentional dental trauma and dental trauma as a result of abuse in children and adolescents. The session will also identify the signs and symptoms of abuse that dental providers can detect during exams and routine dental appointments, and steps providers can take to report the abuse or intervene on behalf of the patient.

Today over 1 million children will become victims of child abuse or neglect and 65% of physical abuse cases involve head, neck, or facial injuries. Dentists are used to seeing injuries of the head, neck, and face and should learn how to identify differences in unintentional trauma and those injuries consistent with abuse, which in many cases can look the same and exhibit similar signs.

### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

Participants will learn:

- The various signs of child abuse including physical, behavioral, emotional, and sexual
- The dentists' role in detection, documentation, and notification of authorities
- Why it's important to know the differences in unintentional dental trauma and those injuries as a result of abuse
- Why action is often avoided
- The procedures used by dentists to detect a positive case of abuse
- The use of slides and pictures to help identify contusions, burns, lacerations of the tongue and lips, fractured or displaced teeth, fractured facial bone and jaw, if gags were applied to the mouth and neck, and how to determine the age of bruises.

**Who should attend:** HRSA Headquarters and Regional Office Staff, HRSA grantees and stakeholders.

**SPEAKERS:**

**LCDR Charles Brucklier, RDH, Project Officer**, HRSA Bureau of Primary Health Care, Southwest Division, North Pacific Branch

**Jolene M. Bertness, M.Ed., Health Education Specialist**, National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center

**MODERATOR:**

**LCDR Tarsha M. Cavanaugh, Ph.D., MSW, LGSW**, Senior Public Health Analyst, HRSA Office of Women's Health

**TO JOIN THE WEBINAR:**

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**RESOURCES:****National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center**

- Resource Highlights: Focus on Domestic Violence  
<http://www.mchoralhealth.org/highlights/dv.html>

- Resource Highlights: Focus on Injury  
<http://www.mchoralhealth.org/highlights/injury.html>

**Maternal Child Health Library**

- Domestic Violence: Knowledge Path  
[http://www.mchlibrary.org/KnowledgePaths/kp\\_domviolence.html](http://www.mchlibrary.org/KnowledgePaths/kp_domviolence.html)
- Dating Violence Among Adolescents  
[http://www.mchlibrary.org/KnowledgePaths/kp\\_domviolence.html#Dating](http://www.mchlibrary.org/KnowledgePaths/kp_domviolence.html#Dating)

**Children's Safety Network**

- Teen Dating Violence as a Public Health Issue (fact sheet)

<http://www.childreissafetynetwork.org/sites/childreissafetynetwork.org/files/TeenDatingViolenceasaPublicHealthIssue.pdf>

- Teen Dating Violence Prevention (a special issue of the *CSN Newsletter*, February 2012)  
[http://www.childreissafetynetwork.org/sites/childreissafetynetwork.org/files/TeenDatingViolencePrevention\\_newsletter.pdf](http://www.childreissafetynetwork.org/sites/childreissafetynetwork.org/files/TeenDatingViolencePrevention_newsletter.pdf)

### **Other**

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