

# Age 0 to 5 Dental Care— The Most Important Years

As a Delta Dental Healthy Kids Dental provider, you can make an immediate and lasting difference in your patients' lives!



## Your team can make a big difference in many ways by:

- Providing a dental home to ensure continuity of care
- Developing patient trust and comfort to combat dental anxiety, now and in the future
- Providing education on the correlation between oral and overall health and well-being
- Providing regular risk assessment and coordinating with other health care providers
- Understanding the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) Periodicity Schedule and your contractual rights and responsibilities

## How can you do this?

- Be proactive! Early diagnosis and prevention is essential to long-term health.
- Educate parents starting at pregnancy. It's never too early for such an important message!
- Emphasize the nature of transmissible infections.
- Invite babies into the office on mom's lap as soon as possible.
- Demonstrate and reinforce sound oral hygiene and dietary practices at every appointment.
- Stress the importance of age-appropriate preventive services and the positive effects these have on the overall quality of life.

## Resources for success

- AAPD Periodicity Schedule  
[www.aapd.org/assets/1/7/Periodicity-AAPDSchedule.pdf](http://www.aapd.org/assets/1/7/Periodicity-AAPDSchedule.pdf)
- AAPD Policy on the Dental Home  
[www.aapd.org/assets/1/7/P\\_DentalHome1.PDF](http://www.aapd.org/assets/1/7/P_DentalHome1.PDF)
- The Age 1 Dental Visit online CE Course will be available soon.
- For proper CDT Coding for your Delta Dental Healthy Kids Dental patients, please refer to your Delta Dental Healthy Kids Dental provider manual.