



4th Annual Rural Oral Health Conference September 11, 2009 "Improving Rural Oral Health Through Innovative Programs"

Connecticut

Initiative: "Home by One"

Purpose: The purpose of the Home by One Program is to build integrated partnerships with dental and medical providers, social service providers, & parents and caregivers, at the state and local levels within the early childhood community, that focuses on oral health as essential to the overall health and well-being of children in the state of Connecticut. Primary message: early childhood caries interventions by medical and dental providers and age one dental visits

◆ **Key Features:**

Parent Advocacy + Integration + Increased Dental Workforce + Increasing number of Dental Homes = Reduce and prevent oral disease

◆ **Outcomes:**

- 85 parent advocates have been trained
- 210 Physicians Trained in Early Childhood risk assessments and FL2 varnish application
- 104 physicians credentialed to bill
- 19 out of 24 WIC sites trained
- 18 dental homes established
- online education for dental providers on age one dental visits
- media campaign on age one dental visits
- an extensive website on Home by One

◆ **Next Steps/Future Direction:** Continue to expand dental home networks, continue education & trainings, and continue to spread the message that dental caries can and should be prevented