More About the Pacific West Distance Learning Network

The Pacific West MCH Distance Learning Network has an advisory board of health professionals from 13 states in the Pacific West:

- Alaska
- Arizona
- California
- Colorado
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Montana
- New Mexico
- Nevada
- Oregon
- Utah
- Washington
- Wyoming

The interests of each state are represented by Advisory Board Members with the goal of strengthening nutrition services for children with special health care needs and their families.

In addition, experts in the fields of oral health and children with special needs provide the Network with guidance on curriculum content.

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Curricula materials are available on the project website for quick reference or continuing education units for dietitians and other health professionals.

Professionals and educators are encouraged to share the materials with their colleagues, students and families they serve provided the Pacific West MCH Distance Learning Network is cited as the source.

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Three Nutrition-Based Curricula available Online at:
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Nutrition for Children with Special Health Care Needs
Self-Study Curriculum

Nutrition for Children with Special Health Care Needs
Group Study Curriculum

Nutrition and Oral Health
Self-Study Curriculum

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Nutrition and Oral Health Online Curriculum

Promotion of oral health and prevention of oral health problems have been identified as important activities that can be performed by many health care providers. Proper nutrition plays a major role in preventive care.

Each of the modules in this self-study curriculum provides one hour of continuing education for nutritionists and other health professionals. The materials, including handouts, are also suitable for quick reference:

- Typical Dental Development in Children
- Nutrition-Related Risk Factors for Dental Caries
- Influence of Special Health Care Needs on Oral Health
- Prevention of Oral Health Problems
- Screening and Referral for Nutrition-Related Oral-Health Problems

Access all three curricula at no cost on the web at: www.pacificwestmch.org