

Pediatric Dental Workforce in 2016 and Beyond



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Why Did We Do The Study?

- * The number of pediatric dentists has grown, yet disparities continue
- * Evidence suggests that more treatment is being provided to young children, and those from underrepresented groups
- * Previous studies show that pediatric dentists fill a niche in the oral care system that no other group addresses
- * Frankly, no one else was addressing these pediatric workforce issues



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What's At Stake?

- * Children's oral health needs to continue to improve
- * A healthy pediatric dental workforce means healthy children
- * Health care reform seems imminent and we want to be prepared with data
- * The federal program responsible for our growth merits review
- * The worn and simplistic view of dental workforce shortage no longer applies



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What' Next?

- * A thorough review of findings and discussion of policy and other issues
- * A common sense, well-thought out plan for the future
- * Periodic looks at program and surveillance of system, disease and utilization into the future
- * Adjustments in advocacy, legislative, and treatment as needed to continue excellent care for U.S. children



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