

How Good Is Our Aim?

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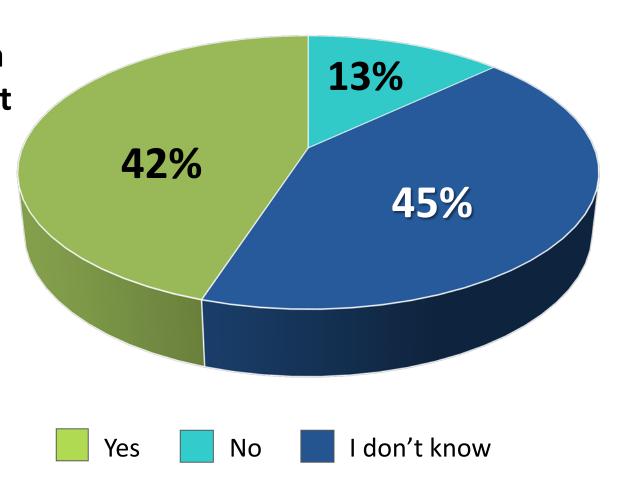
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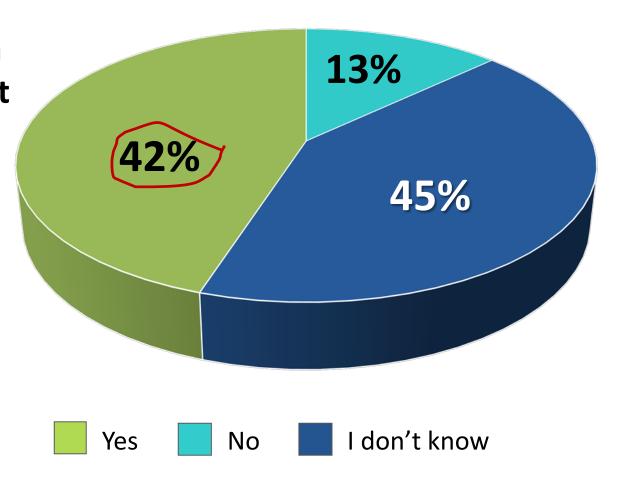
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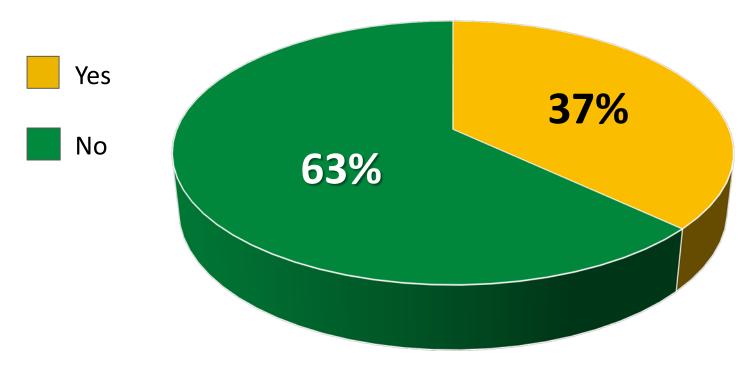


Early Childhood Caries (ECC)





Have you or a member of your family delayed seeing a dentist because of the out-of-pocket costs you would have to pay?



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Very satisfied	39%	49%	43%	
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Somewhat dissatisfied	10%	6%	7%	
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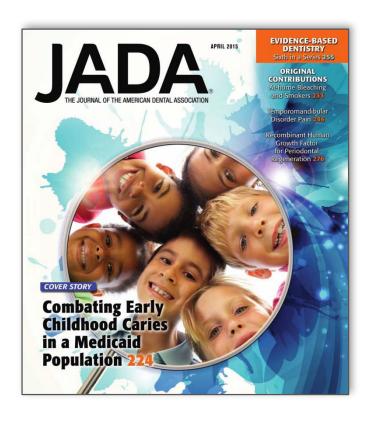
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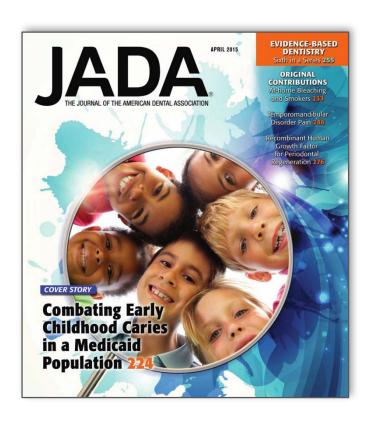
Improving health, saving money



- Considered 9
 prevention strategies
 for reducing ECC among
 Medicaid-enrolled
 children
- Projected **both** the decay reduction and cost (or cost savings)



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"Among fluoride-based interventions, the lowest unit cost and most passive intervention, CWF, holds the greatest promise for both disease reduction and cost savings while equitably reaching all young children receiving Medicaid regardless of their caries risk."







Waiting for "the right time"





http://bit.ly/1FOjwnw









"In America, most people
— including employers —
make instant judgments
based on appearance,
including someone's
smile and teeth."

(**Source:** "Bad Teeth, Broken Dreams," CNBC story published online, June 13, 2013.)











The positive impact of story-telling



"...the stories of individuals (patients, physicians, and scientists) whose experiences relate to the science should be shared when the expert community anticipates confusion or negative reactions to their evidence-based conclusions.

"Stories help the public make sense of population-based evidence."

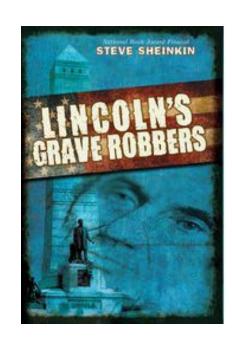


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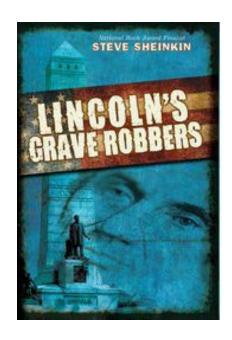


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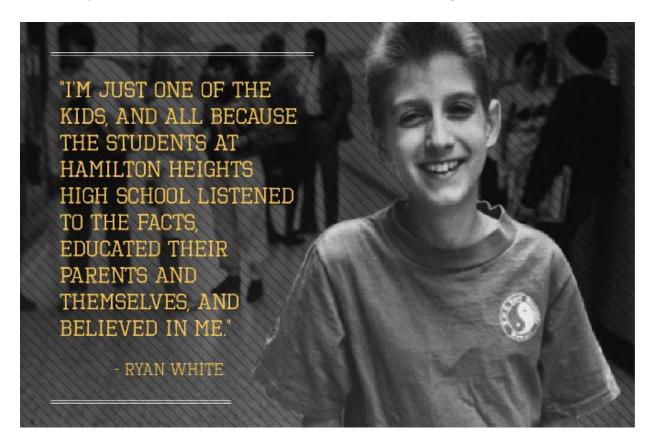


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Confessions of a state health official:

Our son is 23 years old, and several months ago it dawned on me that I had never discussed water fluoridation with him, so I said: "Dylan, what do you know about water fluoridation"? He said: "Well, since you are asking me about it, I would have to say that it probably has something to do with teeth and something to do with water."

I thought to myself: "Wow." Here I am — a Department of Health employee whose job it is to talk to the public about community water fluoridation, and my own kid can't even describe water fluoridation.

(**Source:** Email sent to CDHP by a state oral health official. The staff person's name and state are being withheld to preserve their confidentiality.)



Questions or Comments?

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