

Process Name	Decision Date	Organization Name	Organization City	Project Name	Project Impact and Description
Mini Grants	4/15/2022	Archild Inc	Little Rock	Dental Aware to Improve Dental Care!	<p>We currently include dental care inquiry and current general oral-health status during our initial family assessment, although formal projects focusing on dental health have been somewhat limited. We do include the dentist in our community helper education activities, previously had a dentist visit our program annually and inquired about a mobile dentistry service to visit our center. We now have specific plans to include improved oral health and dental hygiene knowledge on entry into our program, and integrate dental health into our daily routine and activities. We will include daily tooth brushing as part of the daily routine, and will teach self-help skills within this activity. We will include knowledge of oral hygiene practices and access to dental care as part of our initial family needs assessment interview for every child entering our program. We will include a family "dental goodie bag" which will include toothbrushes and family information with general oral health information, specific to dental practices they can easily incorporate into their existing family routines and new important routines with their young children, and how to replace sugary snacks with healthy snacks. Currently enrolled families will receive this, to be given at parent conferences. We will also integrate multiple and varied dental role playing props in learning centers so children will gain knowledge and be able to become familiar (and hopefully less fearful of) dental care items and large dolls to pretend brush. Book areas will have a multitude of books and posters with pictures reflecting diversity while brushing their teeth, visiting the dentist and beautiful big healthy smiles.</p> <p>We anticipate positive outcomes with an increase in regular dental care for our children and the establishment of our children as patients with a local dentist for a long-term relationship.</p>

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