



Klamath County

Early Childhood Caries Prevention Program

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**Baby Bottle Tooth Decay
(Nursing Caries)**



Severe



DENTAL MYTHS TO DISPEL

- 1. Pregnant women can receive dental treatment for emergency needs only.**
- 2. Children should not be seen by the dentist until they get all their primary teeth.**

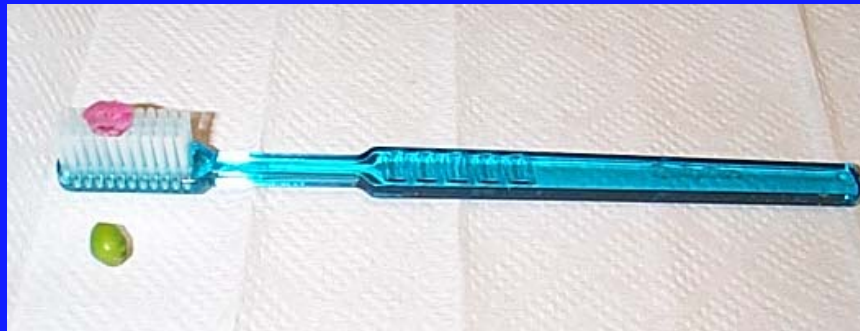
Factors in Reducing Dental Caries in At-Risk Children

- **Every pregnant woman and subsequent child having a dental home**
- **Fluoride toothpaste used just before bedtime (spit, don't rinse)**
- **Home visits to follow up with the above**

PATIENT CARE GOALS

- **Healthy moms to reduce disease transmission**
- **Knowledgeable moms to increase utilization of preventive services**
- **Healthy children**

TOOTHPASTE



A small pea-sized amount of toothpaste weighs 0.4 gm = 0.6 mg Fluoride

SPECIFIC PROTOCOL for ECCP

(Protocol to Use When Seeing Pregnant Mothers)

The GOAL . . .

is NOT to give the pregnant moms a perfect mouth or to give them what they want.

IS to get the infection under control in the mom so she can deliver an infection-free baby who stays infection-free to age 2 years and throughout childhood.

Protocol for Seeing At-Risk Children on the OHP

- **Xylitol gum**
- **Daily use of fluoride toothpaste**
- **Take child to dentist by 1st birthday.**
- **Take child to dentist every 6 months thereafter.**

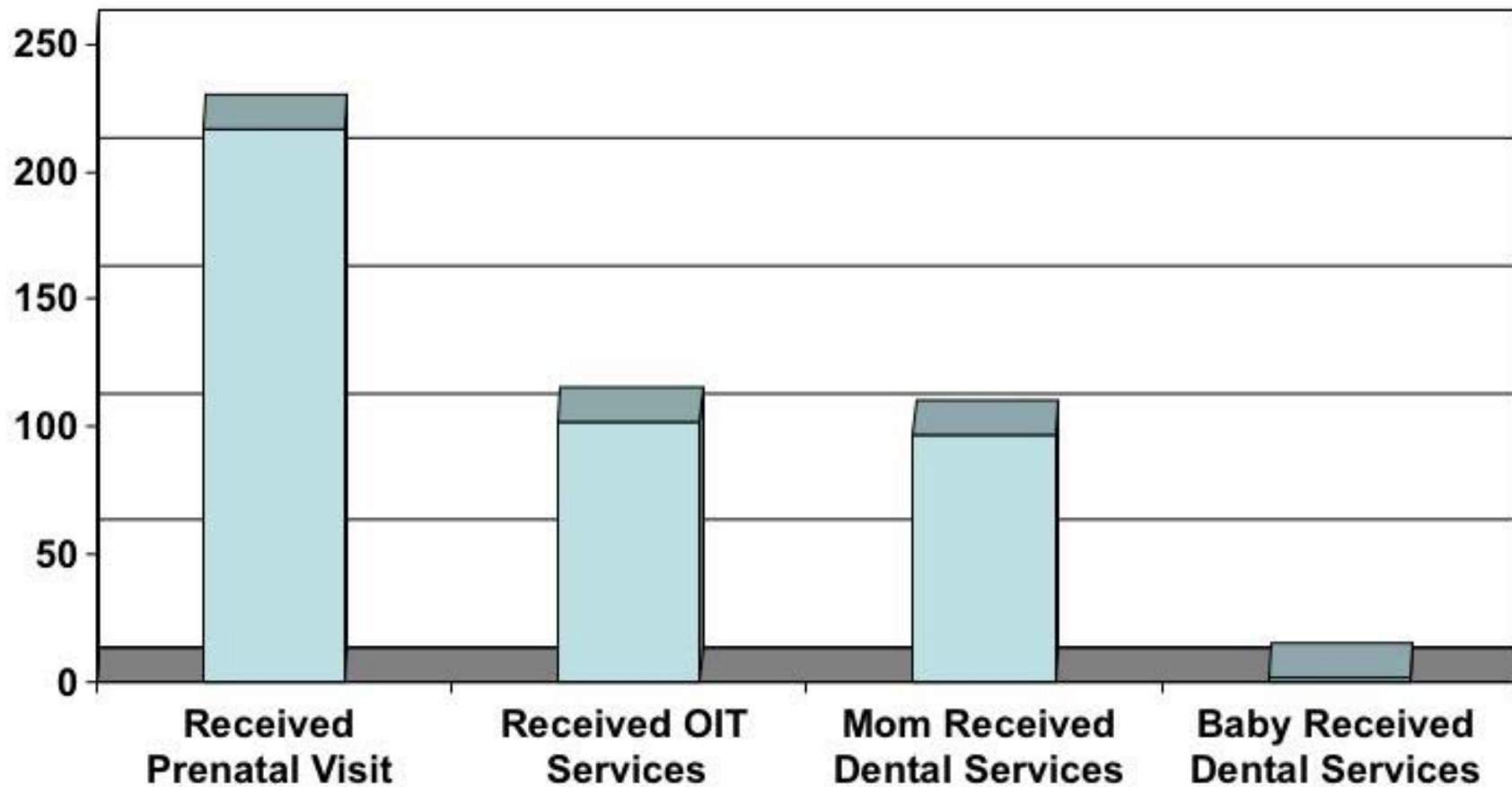
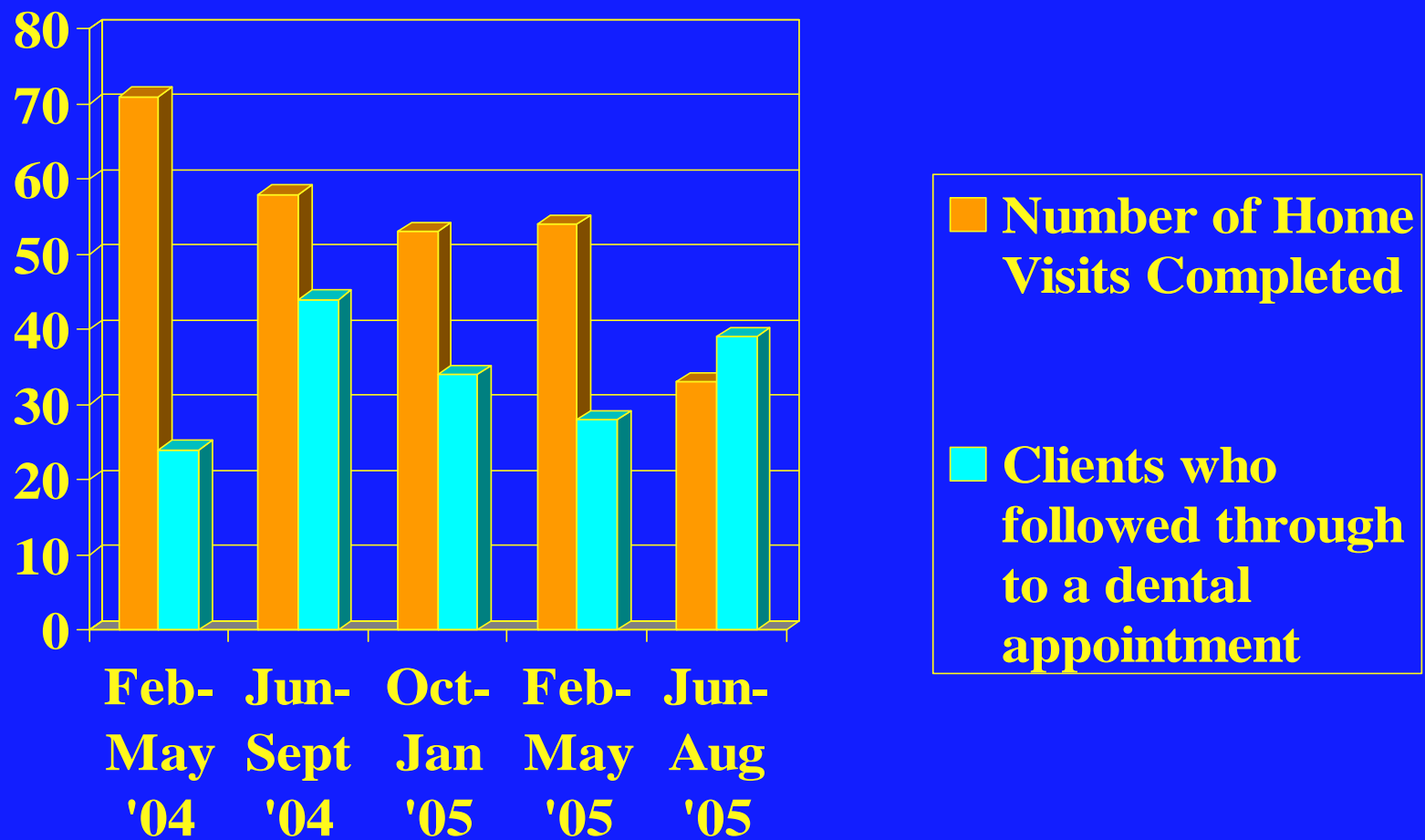


Table 1. Description of program activities and number of women and children who received services. (324 pregnant women on OHP in this year)

Clients Completed



CONCLUSION

