February is National Children’s Dental Health Month. This year’s slogan is “Fluoride in water prevents cavities! Get it from the tap!” It is important to develop good oral hygiene and visit the dentist regularly, starting at an early age, to keep a healthy smile. You can read more about National Children’s Dental Month [here](https://www.nationalchildrensdentalhealthmonth.org/).

We also want to highlight the work that MCH professionals are doing to support oral health across the nation. **Check out the Innovation Station Practices below to learn more:**

- **Healthy Teeth, Happy Babies**, Colorado (Emerging, 2011) “Healthy Teeth, Happy Babies” is a campaign to educate new and expecting parents about the connection between parent/baby dental health and motivate preventive behavior change, especially in high-risk populations.
- **Home by One Program**, Connecticut (Emerging, 2011) The Home by One Program seeks to establish a dental home for Connecticut’s children by age one by targeting those at high risk, through an integrated partnership connecting parents, WIC nutritionists, pediatricians, dentists, and state and local agencies.
- **Virtual Dental Home**, Hawaii (Promising, 2018) The Virtual Dental Home System of Care (VDH) is a community-based oral health delivery system for low-income and underserved children under five years old.

**Do you see a practice that you would like to replicate in your area?** Get in touch with the project contact to learn about their challenges, successes, and how you can adapt the practice to fit your needs. If you decide to replicate all or part of the practice, visit our website to find out about opportunities to fund this work.
Are you also working to improve oral health, or to address other MCH issues? Share your practice with Innovation Station to receive recognition, help others learn from your great work, and make a difference in MCH. Learn more about AMCHP’s practice categories and submission process here.

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