

Pertinent Dental Information

Advocates should have facts at their command. The following are selected articles which will help you in this regard. It is by no means an exhaustive list. More articles are available on this website <http://www.saiddent.org/literature-review.php> and can also be researched through Pub-Med at www.pubmed.gov.

1. **Dental neglect: definition and prevention in the Louisiana Developmental Centers for patients with MRDD**

By Charlotte M. Connick RDH, MS, Robert E. Barsley, DDS, JD
Special Care in Dentistry, VOLUME 19 NO 3 1999

This paper defines dental neglect and examines the consequences to persons with developmental disabilities when appropriate supports and preventive dental home care are not used. When dental services and appropriate use of stabilizing devices are used for persons who have developmental disabilities, oral health is enhanced and dental neglect is controlled or even reduced.

2. **Dental Care Considerations for Adults with Disabilities**

By Doris J. Stiefel, DDS,
MS Special Care Dentistry VOLUME 22, NO 3 2002

In this article, the author looks at adults with disabilities as a part of the population with extensive oral health needs but limited access to dental services. She discusses the principal barriers to care; inadequacy of public and private dental insurance, a lack of dental professionals qualified and available to meet the need, and a general lack of awareness of the importance of oral health to total health. To address the urgent oral health problems of this growing segment of the community requires a collaborative effort by the various health disciplines, social service agencies, makers of public policy, and the private sector. This is an excellent overview of the basic issues involved in dental care for persons with disabilities.

3. **Access to Oral Health Care for Florida's Citizens with Developmental Disabilities**

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A Publication of the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council 2002 A well written & thorough treatment of the issues involved in providing dental care to patients with disabilities in the state of Florida. Except for the specific demographics, the issues discussed herein could apply to any state in the United States. The authors discuss the need for dental care in the population with disabilities, the various barriers to care, as well as potential solutions and recommendations.