

A collaborative approach to personal and community health through education, prevention, and healthcare services



#### NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Each year throughout National Children's Dental Health Month in February, the American Dental Association promotes a different campaign targeting a new dental health goal.

National Children's Dental Health Month brings together dental health professionals, caregivers, parents, and teachers to give children the best start on oral health. From brushing and flossing to healthy snacks and routine dental visits, the month also includes Give Kids A Smile Day on February 6th.

## **Tips for Brushing**

- Don't skip Making it a habit requires sticking to the schedule. Even when there is a special occasion or if our child is tired, we need to reinforce the importance of brushing.
- Make it fun Songs that last 2 minutes will help. Reading to your child while they brush
  may help, too. Even a puppet brushing his teeth can be motivating.
- Learn by example Children emulate their parents. Brush with your children and they will want to be just like you.
- Trial and error Try different kinds of toothpaste until you find the one junior likes. Try
  using the smallest amount he will allow and working your way up to the recommended
  amount. Even a tiny amount is better than no toothpaste.
- Don't give up The pain of cavities and lifelong dental issues is more costly and damaging than dealing with these few moments of nagging battles twice a day.

## **HOW TO OBSERVE #ChildrensDentalHealthMonth**

Celebrate the month with healthy dental habits and healthy teeth!

To find out more about their annual program, visit www.ada.org for campaign resources. Use #ChildrensDentalHealthMonth to share on social media.

#### NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH HISTORY

The ADA promotes National Children's Dental Health Month.

Sincerely,

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Sources:

https://www.nationaldaycalendar.com/health-awareness/national-childrens-dental-health-month-february

https://www.ada.org/resources/community-initiatives

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