

Early Childhood Oral Health (ECOHO) eLearning training



Dental decay (caries) is preventable, yet 2 in 5 of children (42%) have experienced tooth decay in their baby teeth by age 5-10 years (AIHW 2014), which can lead to pain, difficulty with eating and speech issues. *Early detection and intervention is the key.* As primary health providers you play an essential role in engaging with new parents and guiding them to make healthy choices in caring for their children's teeth. The Centre for Oral Health Strategy, NSW Ministry of Health, has developed 'free online training' to support you in preventing dental caries.

The training aims to support primary health care providers in identifying, preventing and managing early childhood caries for children 0-5 years of age. It provides practical support for caregivers in improving the oral health of young children.

This training is suitable for medical and dental practitioners, nurses, midwives, Aboriginal health workers, allied health professionals and those working with children services.

Four online learning modules have been developed to increase confidence, knowledge and skills to help deliver better oral health outcomes for young children.

The training takes approximately 45 minutes to complete, attracts 1 CPD point and addresses the following topics:

Module 1- Prevalence of early childhood caries

Module 2-Dental decay process

Module 3-The role of child health professionals

Module 4-Preventive advice

To register: <https://oralhealthlearning.health.nsw.gov.au/>

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