



ORAL SYLLABUS: TEACHERS' VIEWS & VOICES

Taking Dental Health To A Different Level



A classroom lesson in good oral health care will help children in developing good oral health habits that can last a lifetime! Promoting Dental Health Curriculum will present to future cost savings & happy citizens with improved oral health literacy.

OBJECTIVES

- Healthy teeth are important part of body.
- Keeping the tooth clean would keep us healthy.
- Visiting the dentist is an important part of having healthy teeth.

OUTCOMES

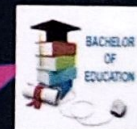
- Helps students in understanding the importance of teeth.
- Provides basic information, about keeping teeth clean & healthy that is appropriate to their age & experience.
- Introduces the dentist as a friendly doctor who helps them to take care of their teeth.

THE VIEWS & VOICES

94% teachers agreed that oral health affects general health & academics. Children who suffer from poor oral health are 12 times more likely to have restricted activity days including missing school than those who do not.



82% teachers agreed that the inclusion of oral health promotion within the curriculum of future school teachers should be encouraged as the teachers are more committed to teaching rather than to community health promotion in general or oral health.



98% said that teachers can play role in child's oral health. They can mold attitudes & practices among children that facilitate the promotion of oral health & prevention of oral diseases.



89% said that Preventive dental treatment should be provided in school. This preventive strategy not only saves young children from agony of undergoing fearful dental treatment but also saves their precious academic time.

59% teachers said that students do give dental reasons for leave. Annually, more than 50 million hours are lost worldwide from schools due to oral diseases.

ABSENT

82% teachers felt that Oral health education should be made mandatory in school. Schools can function like a bridge between the seekers & the providers of oral health information.



84% said that teachers should be trained for dental emergency. They are the one that are expected to provide emergency management for any medical or dental emergency that may arise during school hours.



43% of teachers were ready to perform an additional duty of oral health programmer without being paid.

PREVENTION THAT EMPOWERS!