

Branch-Hillsdale- St. Joseph Community Health Agency

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“Dental Public Health & Private Practice: Linking Together for Better Oral Health”

The Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency and the Michigan Department of Community Health’s Oral Health Program are offering a free two-hour training seminar to local dentists and dental professionals titled “*Dental Public Health & Private Practice: Linking Together for Better Oral Health.*” The seminar will take place at the Coldwater office on **April 12, 2012 from 6-8pm**. Two continuing education credits will be offered to those who attend.

According to Chris Farrell, Director of the Oral Health Section, “A recently released report card for the Pew Center gives Michigan a ‘C’ grade for children’s dental health. The report released reveals that Michigan met only four out of eight benchmarks for sound oral health policies. Michigan can do better!” This free seminar will focus on Healthy People 2020 oral health objectives, as communicated through the Michigan State Oral Health Plan. It will spotlight how private practice dentists can help Michigan achieve its goals.

Speakers for the session include: Christine Farrell, RDH, BSDH, MPA, Oral Health Program Director, MDCH, Susan Demming, RDH, RDA, BS, Education and Fluoridation Coordinator, MDCH, and Jill Moore, RHD, BSDH, MHA, Dental Sealant Coordinator, MDCH.

Dental health professionals that are interested in attending can register by contacting the Health Department’s Health Education Section at:

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Registrations are due by April 9, 2012.

For more information about this free training, check out our website at **www.bhsj.org**.

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