



Most every child will put a tooth under their bed pillow, and hope the Tooth Fairy exchanges it for a dollar bill (or a five, since the days of the Tooth Fairy using pocket change are long gone). But just because they're baby teeth doesn't mean they should be neglected. Pediatricians can help out dentists by instructing children on proper oral health. These links, too, will help the Tooth Fairy collect nothing but firm, white cavity-free teeth.

1-800-DENTIST:

www.1800dentist.com

A site that matches patients with appropriate dentists in their local area.

AAP's Oral Health Section:

www.aap.org/healthtopics/oralhealth.cfm

From the American Academy of Pediatrics.

The American Academy Of Pediatric Dentistry:

www.aapd.org

With over 7,000 members, the AAPD represents both exclusively pediatric dentists and general dentists with pediatric patients.

American Dental Association:

www.ada.org

The premiere clinical association of dentistry.

CDC's Children's Oral Health:

www.cdc.gov/OralHealth/topics/child.htm

From the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Children And Gum Disease:

www.perio.org/consumer/children.htm

From the American Academy of Periodontology.

Children's Dental Health Project:

www.cdhp.org

A lobbying group that acts to advance policies that improve children's access to oral health.

Children's Teeth:

www.dentalhealth.org.uk/faqs/leafletdetail.php?LeafletID=3

From the British Dental Health Foundation/International Dental Health Foundation.

Christina's Smile:

www.csmile.com

A charity working with the Professional Golfers Association, which brings three dental treatment stations with the PGA Tour to over a dozen different in-need communities a year.

Colgate's Kids World:

www.colgate.com/app/Kids-World/US/HomePage.cvsp

A kids page with games and activities to make brushing fun.

Crest's Children's Teeth Page:

www.dentalcare.com/soap/patient/english/children.htm

From toothpaste maker Crest, who has a vested interest in keeping teeth clean.

DDS 4 Kids:

www.dds4kids.org

A federal and state non-profit group bringing dental care to children and adults in the developing world.

Dental Health: Your Child's Teeth:

www.webmd.com/oral-health/dental-health-your-childs-teeth

From WebMD's Oral Health Center page.

Give Kids A Smile:

www.ada.org/prof/events/featured/gkas/index.asp

A one-day awareness-raising event that's the centerpiece of the ADA's National Children's Dental Health Month.

Life Stages:

www.ada.org/public/manage/stages/index.asp

An ADA program that explains the different stages of a child's teeth, for children and parents.

National Children's Dental Health Month:

www.ada.org/prof/events/featured/ncdhm.asp

Run by the ADA, NCDHM has been going since February of 1941, when it was just Children's Dental Health Week.

The National Children's Oral Health Foundation:

www.ncohf.org

NCOHF works to provide dental care and education for underserved children.

National Maternal And Child Oral Health Resource Center:

www.mchoralhealth.org

One of the most effective ways for a child to learn oral health is to pick it up from his mother.

NGA's Children's Oral Health Page:

www.nga.org/portal/site/nga/menuitem.1f41d49be2d3d33eacdcbeeb501010a0/?vgnnextoid=8e8d00bf10ef1010VgnVCM1000001a01010aRCRD

From the National Governors' Association.

NIDCR's Children's Oral Health:

www.nidcr.nih.gov/HealthInformation/DiseasesAndConditions/ChildrensOralHealth/

From the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, one of the National Institutes of Health.

Save Your Smile's Parents' Dental Care Center:

www.saveyoursmile.com/parents

An information page from the online retailer.

Operation Smile:

www.operationsmile.org

A global charity that repairs hair lips and cleft palates of young children.

"Oral Health of Children: A Portrait of States and the Nation 2005":

<http://mchb.hrsa.gov/oralhealth>

The National Survey of Children's Health report from the Health Resources and Services Administration's Maternal and Child Health Bureau.

US Pediatric Dentist:

www.uspediatricdentist.com

A site to rate dentists. Would be better if most of the dentists' offices weren't currently unrated.