

Oral/Dental Health Check

The following procedures are required for the dental check.

Position yourself directly in front of the child. This can be accomplished with the parent/guardian holding the child or the child may be sitting. Have a pen light available.

- Look inside the child's mouth.
- Observe the child's face for sores or abnormalities.
- Look at the child's teeth and count them. Document how many teeth have erupted on the health record.
- Inspect gums, tongue and teeth briefly; look for swelling, bleeding, sores, spots on the teeth, or anything else abnormal.
- NOTE--Spots may be white, gray, or brown; there could be tiny holes; or teeth growing in unusual places. If you observe any possible abnormalities, document on the health record.

Additional information can be found on the Missouri Dental Association website: www.modental.org