Purpose: Oral health is an important—but often neglected—component of overall health for children. Investments in children’s oral health have impacts that stretch across the lifespan. Decisions on children’s oral health can lead to long term costs or savings for state legislatures. Speakers will examine the integration of oral health services and how it feeds into larger discussions about public financing and innovative service delivery models. This session highlights state options for addressing access to oral health care in community settings like school-based health centers and through integrating oral health care in other settings.

Agenda

7:15-7:45 a.m. Breakfast and Registration

7:45-7:50 a.m. Welcome, Introductions and Session Overview
Erik Skinner, Policy Associate, Health Program, National Conference of State Legislatures

7:50-9:40 a.m. Presentations on Access to Oral Healthcare Strategies
Dr. Jane Grover, Director, Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention, The American Dental Association

Dr. Bob Russell, Dental Director and Bureau Chief, Oral and Health Delivery Systems Bureau, Division of Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention, Iowa Department of Public Health

9:40-10:10 a.m. Ride Bus from JW Marriot to Jefferson High School Wellness Center
Erik will give directions from the room to the bus and lead the group to the wellness center at Jefferson High School.

10:10-11:10 a.m. Tour Jefferson High School Wellness Center
Genevieve Filmardirossian, Chief Operating Officer, South Central Family Health Center – Welcoming remarks
Ron Tanimura, Ed.D, Director, Student Medical Services, Student Health and Human Services: Representative from the district will address the group outside of the wellness center.

Legislators will tour the facility in three groups. Legislators and other participants will have the opportunity to network or ask questions of facility staff.

11:10-11:30 a.m. Ride back to JW Marriot
The bus will take legislators back to the hotel.