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VA Dental Home Initiative CE Course January 6, 2012

The Coalition will host a [Virginia Dental Home Initiative](#) (VDHI) training on **Friday, January 6, 2012**, in Richmond, VA. The day-long training will cover the importance of providing a secure, consistent dental home for very young children in the state. Dentists, hygienists, early childhood educators and anyone interested in learning about providing oral health services for children are invited to attend.

Pre-registration is required by Wednesday, December 28, 2012.

4 CERP credits provided by [Virginia Dental Association](#)

[Download the registration brochure](#)

The next VDHI training will be February 17th in Virginia Beach. Registration information will be available January 4th.

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Governor's Budget Eliminates State Dental Clinics, Cuts Safety Net Funding

Governor McDonnell released his two year budget on Monday. If enacted, Virginia will face dire oral health access issues. Among his proposed cuts:

- **Elimination of all State-supported Dental Programs:** Virginia Health Department dental clinics had over 37,000 patient visits last year, almost all of which were for children.
- **Decreased Support of the Safety Net:** Funding for the Virginia Association of Free Clinics, Virginia Community Healthcare Association and the Virginia Health Care Foundation is cut by 50% in 2014. Community-based safety net clinics had well over 100,000 dental visits last year.
- **Decreased Support of MOM Projects:** Funding is decreased by 2% in 2013 and 50% in 2014.

Talking points and more information will be available on the Coalition's [website](#).

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Tell Policy Makers the Dental Safety Net is Vital for the health of Virginians

VaOHC Legislative Day is Tuesday, January 31

Let your voice be heard - Join the Coalition on **Tuesday, January 31, 2012** for the Virginia Oral Health Coalition Legislative Day. Attendees will meet with state representatives throughout the morning to discuss the Governor's proposed elimination of state-supported dental clinics and decreased funding for the safety net and the need for Virginia-specific data demonstrating the impact of oral health access on Virginia's economy. The Coalition will set appointments, and talking points will be provided. [Click here to register](#). Please note attendees will be asked to provide a home address to determine legislative districts.

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