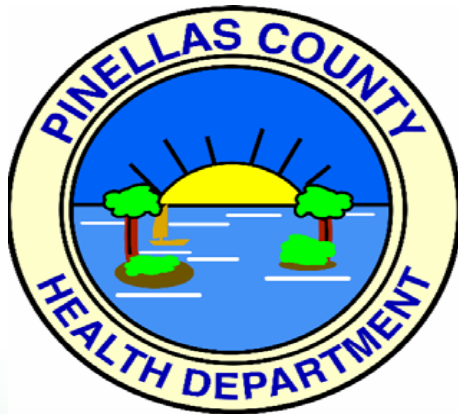
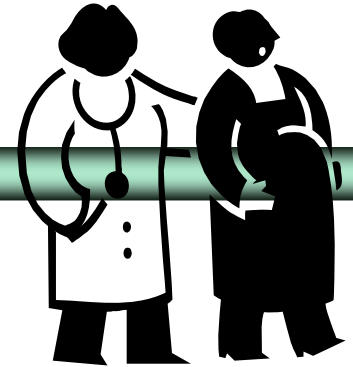


# Improved Pregnancy Outcome Program



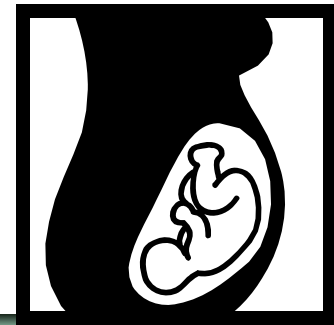
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# Pinellas County Health Department



Community Health  
(Healthy Start/ Healthy  
Families Programs), Family  
Health (Maternity Clinic),  
and Dental Divisions  
working together on behalf  
of all pregnant women.

# Effects in Birth Outcomes



- Studies have shown that women with severe gum disease are at risk of having pre-term delivery. Pre-term delivery normally increases the risk of having a low birth-weight baby. This is why we are trying to get the pregnant women to come into the dental clinic as soon as possible. We want the pregnant women to have a clean, healthy mouth throughout her pregnancy. This will help lower the chance of having a pre-term delivery which could result in a low birth-weight baby.

# Taking Children to the Dentist



- Your child should have their first dental appointment when they are 8 months old. Their primary teeth will begin to erupt at 6-33 months. When they come to their first appointment the doctor will do a visual exam to make sure their teeth are erupting and developing properly



# When to get Dental Care

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Having dental care during the first and second trimester will have the most impact on the pregnancy outcome. We will be prioritizing referrals with clients in their first and second trimesters. We want to help the client obtain a healthy mouth early and throughout her pregnancy.