

# Off to a Good Start

## Draft Policy Recommendations

### Example

**GOAL: Increase the number of children with a dental home.**

#### 2009 POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Maintain funding for I-Smile to improve local public health infrastructure through use of dental hygienists within Title V to create systems for treatment referrals, preventive dental services, health care provider trainings, and education for underserved children and their families.
2. Promote state health care reform policy to include a stand-alone *hawk-i* dental plan and changes to federal SCHIP legislation regarding policy that prevents children with medical insurance from becoming eligible for SCHIP dental benefits.
3. Seek a legislative commission to review national examples of alternative dental workforce models with potential to expand oral health services within Iowa rural communities, and increase use of dental hygiene workforce, including development of minimum standards to work as public health professionals with less restrictive supervision requirements.