THE STATE OF LITTLE TEETH INAMERICA



TOOTH DECAY IS THE

NUMBER ONE

chronic infectious disease affecting children in the United States and is on the rise, but is largely preventable.

THE RATE OF TOOTH DECAY IN BABY TEETH

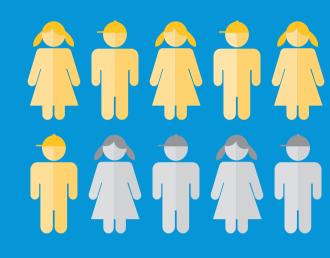
of children aged 2 to 5 **170** from 1988-1994 years increased nearly **170** to 1999-2004.²



BY AGE 5,

ABOUT 60%

of children will be affected by tooth decay.3





CHILDREN WITH ORAL **HEALTH PROBLEMS ARE**

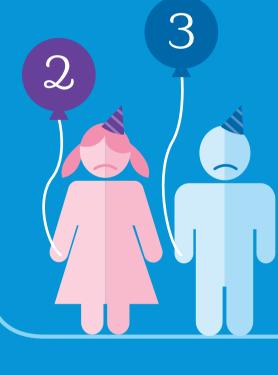
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more likely to miss school due to dental pain than children with no oral health problems.4

AAPD RECOMMENDS TAKING A CHILD FOR THEIR FIRST DENTAL VISIT

BY THE AGE OF 1.





DELAYING DENTAL CARE TO AGE 2 OR 3 CAN HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON A CHILD'S ORAL HEALTH

40% of parents and caregivers surveyed are delaying their child's first

dental visit until after age 2.6

(53%) surveyed are not aware that pediatric dentists have two to three years of specialized training beyond dental school.° UPON LEARNING ABOUT ADDITIONAL TRAINING,

More than half of parents and caregivers



are likely to seek out a pediatric NEARLY 1000

LESS THAN 1 IN 10

dentist for their child.°



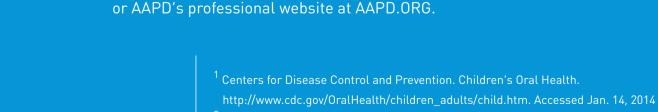
PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS SURVEYED ARE AWARE OF THE DENTAL HOME CONCEPT:

an ongoing relationship with a primary dental

care provider and patient in which oral health

care is delivered in a comprehensive, continuouslyaccessible and family-centered manner.° After learning about the concept, nearly 9 IN 10 parents

indicate they are likely to take their child to a pediatric dentist. For more information, visit AAPD's consumer website at MYCHILDRENSTEETH.ORG



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