You and your fellow staff members are in many ways the catalysts for the successful practice of Happy Teeth in your facility. Happy Teeth is your resource to modify, build on and personalise for your facility. The flexibility of the program encourages you to consult with other staff members, parents/carers and children to make healthy teeth practices part of your day-to-day program. A Happy Teeth facility is one that works together to put positive oral hygiene development guidelines into practice on a day-to-day basis – in staff procedures, in interactions with parents/carers and in the children’s activities and play.

As a staff member, you provide vital links between the facility, the children and their parents/carers. By providing information and skills development for both children and their families, you will act as educators, role models and support to both.

WANTED

A Happy Teeth coordinator in your facility

The coordinator of Happy Teeth in your facility will be required to inform other staff members about the program and resources and lead its way into your facility’s practices.

In facilities that have already implemented Happy Teeth, the coordinators have been staff members, directors, and in some cases, a motivated parent/carer.

The coordinator’s role is one of the most exciting of all roles in the program. The coordinator is a leader, a motivator and an inspiration! They are responsible for familiarising themselves and staff members with nutrition and oral health activities and policies. Everything they need to know is included in the manual.

They then coordinate and support the program’s implementation as your facility gets Happy Teeth off the ground, works through the resources and ideas and comes up with ideas and practices to keep Happy Teeth going.

The coordinator harnesses your facility’s initiative, creativity and energy!