
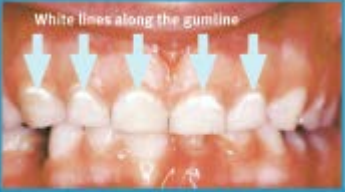




## NTHSSA Oral Health Program – Screening Assessment for Children

### LIFT THE LIP – Referral Guide for health professionals



 <p>Healthy teeth and gums</p> <p>Healthy teeth</p>	 <p>White lines along the gumline</p> <p>Early signs of decay: White lines along the gumline. May be reversible if treated early.</p>	 <p>Advancing decay</p> <p>More advanced decay: Can look like brown spots on the teeth that do not wipe off. Cavitation is obvious.</p>	 <p>Dental abscess</p> <p>Advanced decay: If swelling or infection is present consider a medical referral first.</p>
<p>Referral is optional</p>	<p>Referral is needed</p>	<p>Referral is needed</p>	<p>Immediate Referral</p>
<p>Advise parent/guardian to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lift their child's lip regularly to check for early signs of tooth decay</li> <li>Brush twice daily with fluoride toothpaste – <b>spit out the paste, but do not rinse</b></li> <li>Encourage healthy food and drink choices, that are low in sugar</li> <li>Choose tap water as the preferred drink</li> </ul> <p>Arrange a dental appointment for your child before age two years.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The health professional will inform the parent/guardian that their child would benefit from a dental appointment</li> <li>If the parent/guardian consents, a referral is to be made to a dental therapist (if available)</li> <li>Contact will be made with the parent/guardian to make an appointment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The health professional will inform the parent/guardian that their child would benefit from a dental appointment</li> <li>If the parent/guardian consents, a referral is to be made to a dentist</li> <li>Contact will be made with the parent/guardian to make an appointment</li> </ul>	