



**DentaQuest Foundation Introduces  
New Toolkit for Oral Health Coalitions  
at 2010 National Oral Health Conference**

**St. Louis, MO**—The DentaQuest Foundation is introducing a new electronic document of resources to serve professionals building community-based coalitions dedicated to oral health at the *2010 National Oral Health Conference* in St. Louis, Missouri. The **Electronic Compendium of Resources for Building Oral Health Coalitions** is available, free of charge, at [www.dentaquestfoundation.org/compendium](http://www.dentaquestfoundation.org/compendium).

This document is one response to the United States Surgeon General's *National Call to Action to Promote Oral Health*. The *Call to Action*, issued in 2003, came three years after the United States' Surgeon General's landmark report, *Oral Health in America*, which described oral disease as a "silent epidemic" afflicting the most vulnerable people in our nation.

"The Surgeon General emphasized that a key to meeting the goals identified in his *Call to Action* are strategies that enhance *partnering*," said Ralph Fuccillo, President of the DentaQuest Foundation. "The interaction of the DentaQuest Foundation with coalitions across the United States shows us that communities have within them the insight and the power to bring about enduring improvements. We assembled this Electronic Compendium to support their efforts to keep their work active, vital and effective."

The citations in the DentaQuest Foundation's encyclopedic *Electronic Compendium* link to free, full-text publications spanning the fields of communication, management practice, oral health, prevention, psychology, public health education, and public policy. Prominent among these resources are virtual public libraries covering all aspects of community-based coalition development.

Each hyperlink in the *Compendium*, both within the text and endnotes, links to free, full-text articles. In addition, the *Compendium* includes an extensive bibliography which links to abstracts and materials offered for purchase only.

**About the DentaQuest Foundation**

The DentaQuest Foundation is committed to optimal oral health for all Americans through its support of prevention and access to affordable oral health care, and through its partnerships with funders, policy makers and community leaders. For more information please visit [dentaquestfoundation.org](http://dentaquestfoundation.org).

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