

Dental Issues in Internationally Adopted and Foster Children

See our post <http://www.reformtalk.net/2013/01/10/dental-issues-in-internationally-adopted-and-foster-children/> with information pasted below:

Warnings by international adoption doctors that children have a likelihood of lifetime dental issues can be found as far back as 1997. Yet, this is not something that is emphasized enough (or ever) in homestudies nor in the recent race to adopt special needs children. Children in Foster Care often have similar issues.

Here are some easy-to-read resources:

For Sedation dentistry that may be a necessity in dealing with severe dental issues caused by malnutrition and/or lack of early dental care: [Sedation Dentistry 4 U](#)

For Financing: [Affordable Dental Payments](#) discusses how to ask your dental office to spread out payment and third party financing options.

This [website](#) has tips on how to locate assistance programs for those that do not have dental insurance as well as a list of links to state dental associations that also can help an adoptive parent locate resources.

Medicaid dental information and SCHIP dental coverage information can be found [here](#).

Sometimes dental schools will even assist. A list of names and addresses of all dental schools in the US and Canada can be found in this 3-page [pdf](#).