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Dear parent/guardian or caregiver,

Did you know that, as a whole, individuals with developmental disabilities (DD) have poorer oral hygiene and are at a higher risk for a variety of oral diseases compared to the general U.S. population?

We are currently conducting research on oral health care in individuals with developmental disabilities. We are looking for caregivers of individuals with developmental disabilities to share their experiences in oral health care both at home and/or in the dental office. The information collected from this survey will provide insight into the specific needs of individuals with developmental disabilities, the barriers they face in obtaining oral healthcare, and solutions they have found to improve their oral health. Once completed, we plan to share our findings with caregivers and oral health professionals to improve the delivery of oral health care in individuals with developmental disabilities.

The survey we are asking you to complete will take approximately 10-20 minutes and can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/oralhealthsurvey2017>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Tona at (716) 829-6741 or tona@buffalo.edu.

Thank you in advance for your time and participation!

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