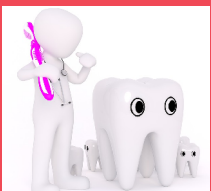


# Transition from Pediatric to Adult Dentistry

Pediatric dentists specialize in treating children ages 1-18 years, and most family dentists will step in to continue providing dental care into their adulthood. Transitioning your child from a pediatric to a family dentist is a vital step to ensure your child's good oral health and continuity of care.



Talk to your current pediatric dentist about when is the best time to transition your child to a family dental office. Ask for recommendations since they are familiar with your child's unique needs.

1

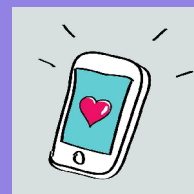
ASK

2

CALL

Talk to the office staff and doctor to see if they are the right fit for your child's needs and if they accept your insurance. To find dentists online, visit:

- [HawaiiDentalAssociation.net](http://HawaiiDentalAssociation.net)
- [FindADentist.ADA.org](http://FindADentist.ADA.org)



3

PREPARE

Create a transition plan with your dentist and ask if any work needs to be done before changing doctors. Include your youth in the transition process by doing pre-visits or reading social stories.



4

CHECK

Make sure the new dentist office is ready for you. Confirm your insurance coverage and know what your co-pay will be. Request a transfer of dental records from the pediatric dentist to the new office.



5

LEAD

Be a good example to your child for healthy oral care: brush and floss every day and visit the dentist office regularly. Create good habits that will follow them from childhood into adulthood.

