California Oral Health Program

Collaboration to Implement the State Oral Health Plan

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State Oral Health Program: Core Functions and Essential Public Health Services

- Aligning programs with established evidence-based practices
- Setting achievable population health goals and outcome measures
- Developing a surveillance system to track progress
- Leveraging strategic value of partnerships and collaboration
- Advancing policy, systems and organizational changes to achieve improvements

Source: CDC
Tooth Decay in Children
The California Smile Survey, 2006

Percent of Children with a History of Tooth Decay and Untreated Tooth Decay

- Kindergarten: 53.6%
  - History of Tooth Decay: 27.9%
  - Untreated Tooth Decay: 25.7%
- 3rd Grade: 70.9%
  - History of Tooth Decay: 28.7%
  - Untreated Tooth Decay: 42.2%
- Both Grades: 62.6%
  - History of Tooth Decay: 28.3%
  - Untreated Tooth Decay: 34.3%

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State Oral Health Plan Approach

Promote Healthy Habits
- Brushing - Reducing Sugar

Increase Dental Visits - Support Community Clinical Linkages
- Dental Care Delivery System - Inter-professional Collaboration

Address Determinants of Oral Health
- Health Literacy – Insurance Coverage
- Water Fluoridation
DHCS-CDPH Collaboration

- Consultation and Expertise
- Dental Transformation Initiative
- State Oral Health Plan
- Health Resources Services Administration Grants
- Training
- Oral health literacy
State Oral Health Plan Process

**CDPH**
- Disease Burden Document
- Environmental Scan

**AC**
- Framework
- Define the problems

**Workgroups**
- Goals, Objectives, Strategies
- Work Plan
Federal Initiative

- Integrate Oral Health and Primary Health Care
- Prevent Disease and Promote Oral Health
- Increase Access to Oral Health Care and Eliminate Disparities
- Increase the Dissemination of Oral Health Information and Improve Health Literacy
- Advance Oral Health in Public Policy and Research
Opportunities

- Provide evidence-based and demonstrable models of prevention and treatment interventions
- Address the needs of Californians with poor oral health
- Develop infrastructure and capacity
- Create visible, consistent and effective messaging
- Conduct ongoing surveillance and evaluation
Proposed Goals
SMART Objectives
Strategies
Goals

• Goal 1: Address determinants of oral health, and promote healthy habits and population-based interventions
• Goal 2: Align systems and programs to support community-clinical linkages
• Goal 3: Collaborate to expand infrastructure, capacity and payment systems
• Goal 4: Develop and implement communication strategies
• Goal 5: Develop and implement a surveillance system
Proposed Strategies

- Develop infrastructure and capacity
- Support proven prevention and early detection programs
- Strengthen knowledge and skills to engage in healthy behavior
- Link people to sources of care
- Improve health systems
- Provide training and technical assistance to enhance capacity to care for vulnerable population groups
- Develop partnerships, coalitions and collaboration
- Support ongoing surveillance, planning and evaluation
Moving from Planning to Action
Use of Tobacco Tax Funds

- State Oral Health Program
- Local Oral Health Program
- Communication & Health Literacy
- Surveillance & Evaluation
- Training & Technical Assistance

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Collective Impact

- Common agenda
- Shared measurement systems and approaches to evaluating progress
- Mutually reinforcing activities
- Continuous, consistent, and open communication
- “Backbone” support organization(s) to convene and coordinate, including dedicated staff

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