

FLORIDA'S ORAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR DISADVANTAGED PERSONS

Section One - State of Oral Health Draft Outline

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Gum Diseases

Tooth Loss

Birth Defects and Developmental Disorders

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Cleft Lip and Palate

Oral and Pharyngeal Cancers

Oral – Facial Injuries

Unintentional Injuries (sports, falls, motor accidents)

Intentional Injuries (domestic violence)

Oral and Facial Pain

Oral Infections and Lesions

Relationships of Oral Disease to Systemic Health **Strategies: 1, 9,11,16, 65, 71-74**

Oral Diseases and Conditions that May Cause Systemic Health Problems

Systemic Diseases and Conditions that Have Oral Complications

Health Care Treatments that have Oral Complications

Immunocompromised Conditions and Oral Health

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Lack of Access to Fluoride **Strategies: 65, 81, 82, 84**

Lack of Access to Professional Care

Strategies: 9, 10, 16, 20-30, 32-39, 43, 44, 49, 50, 53-55, 65, 66, 69-71, 73-79, 87, 90, 92

Personal/Behavioral Factors **Strategies: 1-6, 12, 15, 16, 86, 88**

Poor Diet, Nutrition, and Home Care

Tobacco Use

Alcohol Use

Drug Use

Low Income

Lack of Insurance – Dental and Medical

Poor Knowledge of the Importance of Dental Health – Lack of Perceived Need

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General

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General

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General

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Anxiety and Fear of Treating Disadvantaged Populations

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Continuation of Care/Follow-up Issues/Transitional Issues

School Health Referrals

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Lack of Knowledge that Oral Health is Important

Advocacy

Data

Funding/Budgetary Constraints

Restrictive Existing Policy

Workforce Issues

Strategies: 9, 14, 16, 20-30, 34-39, 49,50, 53-55, 58, 59, 65, 66, 69-79, 92

Shortage of General Oral Health Providers

Shortage of Oral Health Specialists

Shortage of Safety Net Providers

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The Integration of Oral Health in General Health
Strategies: 1, 9, 10, 14, 16, 19, 40, 45, 48, 62, 68, 91
Primary Care/Medical Programs
Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Programs
Chronic Disease Programs
Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
Child Nutrition Programs (Day Care Centers)
Women's Health Programs
Tobacco Programs

Oral Health Surveillance Systems (Oral Health Statistics and Data Collection)
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Medicaid
Florida Medicaid
SCHIP (Title XXI)
Florida SCHIP
Head Start
Florida Head Start
Federally Qualified Health Centers

State Safety Net Programs **Strategies: 9-11, 14, 16, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38, 39, 40, 44, 49, 50, 66, 69, 70, 76, 90-92**

- Florida KidCare Family of Programs
 - Children’s KidCare Medicaid
 - MediKids
 - Florida Healthy Kids
 - Children’s Medical Services Network
- Florida Department of Health
 - Public Health Dental Program
 - County Health Department Services
 - Other Department of Health Programs
 - Regulation of Health Care Professionals
- Academic Dental Programs and Community Partnerships with Dental Programs
 - Dental Schools
 - University of Florida college of Dentistry
 - Nova Southeastern College of Dental Medicine
 - Dental Hygiene and Dental Assisting Programs
 - Medical School Oral Health Training
- Private Sector
 - Community Health Centers
 - Volunteer Programs
 - Baptist Dental Van
 - Project Dentist Care
 - School-Based/Linked Programs
 - Private Advocacy Programs

VIII. HISTORY OF STATE INITIATIVES

- Statewide Dental Coordinating Council
- National Governors Association Oral Health Policy Academy
- Developmental Disabilities White Paper
- Medicaid Fee Increases
- Healthy Kids Program
- UF Community Indigent Dental Program
- Nova Minority Dental Student Scholarship Program
- DOH/CHD Initiatives