

State Oral Health Improvement Plan for Disadvantaged Floridians Recommendations with Strategies, Objectives and Action Steps

Recommendation 1: IMPROVE ACCESS TO COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL-BASED PREVENTION PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES.
Champions: Florida Department of Health / Nova Southeastern School of Dental Medicine / University of Florida College of Dentistry

R1	Strategy/Objective/Action Step	Target Date	Responsible Entity	Comments
R1 S1	Strategy 1: Increase access to fluoridation.	On-going	Department of Health – Public Health Dental Program	
R1 S1 O1	Objective 1: Increase Community Water Fluoridation to 100% of Public Water Supplies.			
Action Steps				
R1 S1 O1 Aa	a) Focus on areas within Florida that are lacking Community Water Fluoridation – especially the 15 most populous communities without community water fluoridation, counties with 0% fluoridation, and counties without County Health Department dental programs.	On-going	Department of Health – Public Health Dental Program	
R1 S1 O1 Ab	b) Identify community organizations and stakeholder networks, within non-fluoridated communities, to encourage their coalition for planning and coordinating local fluoridation efforts	On-going	Department of Health Fluoridation Coordinator County Health Department Leadership	Facilitated by County Health Departments with local/community level connections. (e.g. Florida Dental Association, Dental Hygiene Association and Dental Assisting Association, Florida Dental Hygiene Association, American Association of Retired Persons - Florida, Parent Teacher Associations and Organizations, etc.
R1 S1 O1 Ac	c) Work with communities to develop strategies to promote the lifelong benefits of fluoride.	Long-Term	Department of Health – Public Health Dental Program - County Health Department Leadership.	Expand Website to include more information on Community water Fluoridation. (e.g. fluoridation packet and a one-page fact sheet.)
R1 S1 O1 Ad	d) Increase funding for public water systems to implement fluoridation.		State and Local Partners.	For research, engineering, equipment and chemical supplies.

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R1 S2	Strategy 2: Advocate for improved diet and nutrition in schools in at least one area of the state.	On-going		
R1 S2 O1	Objective 1: Advocate for healthy food and drink options in school vending machines.	On-going	Florida Dental Association/Florida Dental Hygiene Association.	The Florida Dental Association has issued a policy statement and is active in the School Health and Education Consortium.
	Action Steps			
R1 S2 O1 Aa	a) Team with the stakeholders in support of nutrition and obesity prevention programs.	On-going	Department of Education and Department of Health	Coordinated with Department of Health obesity, nutrition programs, school, child and adolescent health programs; Department of Education; State Obesity Taskforce; Florida Dental Association; Florida Dental Hygienists Association,
R1 S3	Strategy 3: Expand school-based dental sealant programs.			
R1 S3 O1	Objective 1: Increase the number of schools providing dental sealant programs.	On-going		
	Action Steps			
R1 S3 O1 Aa	a) Provide information through pamphlets and presentations to school administrators and boards.			i.e. Association of District School Superintendents; Florida School Boards, School Advisory Councils, Parent/Teacher Associations and Organizations, Department of Health-County Health Departments The Public Health Dental Program sealant section of the School-based Oral Health Education Packet would be a good starting point.
R1 S3 O1 Ab	b) Form a Department of Health and Department of Education workgroup to increase the number of sealant programs.			
R1 S3 O1 Ac	c) Have the Department of Health and Department of Education issue a joint endorsement advocating sealant programs in schools.			May be affected by Medicaid reform and Jessica Lunsford Act..

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R1 S3 O1 Ad	d) Establish a network of mobile vans to provide dental sealants in schools.			May be affected by Medicaid reform and Jessica Lunsford Act..
R1 S4	Strategy 4: Expand school-based and school-linked fluoride mouthrinse programs.		Department of Health - Public Health Dental Program	
R1 S4 O1	Objective 1: Increase the percentage of schools that participate in fluoride mouthrinse programs.	On-going	Public Health Dental Program	In conjunction with School Health Program.
	Action Steps			
R1 S4 O1 Aa	a) Research other states for successful fluoride mouthrinse model programs.	Ongoing		Public Health Dental Program Fluoride Mouthrinse Program section of the School-based Oral Health Education Packet
R1 S4 O1 Ab	b) Review, revise, and disseminate state protocols, guidelines, and recommendations for the use of fluoride mouthrinses.			
R1 S4 O1 Ac	c) Form a Department of Health and Department of Education workgroup to promote mouthrinse programs.			
R1 S4 O1 Ad	d) Research and seek out funding opportunities for implementing fluoride mouthrinse programs.			
R1 S4 O1 Ae	e) Request the Department of Health and Department of Education to issue a joint endorsement advocating fluoride mouthrinse programs in schools.			
R1 S5 O1	Strategy 5: Develop school-based fluoride varnish programs.		Department of Health	
R1 S5 O1	Objective 1: Establish school-based fluoride varnish programs.		Public Health Dental Program	In conjunction with School Health Program.

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R1 S5 O1 Aa	a) Research other states for successful fluoride varnish program models			
R1 S5 O1 Ab	b) Develop and disseminate protocols, guidelines, and recommendations for the use of fluoride varnish.			
R1 S5 O1 Ac	c) Gain a joint endorsement from the Department of Health and Department of Education advocating school-based fluoride varnish programs for children in pre-school and grades K-5.			
R1 S5 O1 Ad	d) Research and seek out funding opportunities for fluoride varnish programs.			