

Recommendation 4: IMPROVE STATE AND COUNTY-BASED ORAL HEALTH DATA COLLECTION AND RESEARCH.
Champions: Florida Department of Health / University of Florida College of Dentistry / Nova Southeastern School of Dental Medicine

R4	Strategy/Objective/Action Step	Target Date	Responsible Entity	Comments
R4 S1	Strategy 1: Develop an outcome/disease-based data collection system and develop and maintain state and county-specific profiles.			The term “data collection” has replaced the word surveillance.
R4 S1 O1	Objective 1: Develop and implement an on-going state and county oral health data collection system to establish baseline values and measure the prevalence of oral diseases.			
	Action Steps			
R4 S1 O1 Aa	a) Research other states systems.			
R4 S1 O1 Ab	b) Investigate what currently exists in Florida along with the strengths and weaknesses of existing data.			Currently the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. The Behavioral Risk Factor Data collection System only for adults. Check the status of the most recent data. The survey is conducted by University of Florida, oral health questions under the purview of University of Florida, College of Dentistry. New survey has additional oral health questions than in previous surveys and is in the field in Florida with results expected in 2005. 2002 county-specific Behavioral Risk Factor Data Surveillance System data exists for all Florida counties.
R4 S1 O1 Ac	c) Establish parameters for data collection – age groups, dental diseases, demographics, etc.			
R4 S1 O1 Ad	d) Establish a data warehouse.			
R4 S1 O1 Ae	e) Seek funding			e.g. Centers for Disease Control
R4 S1 O1 Af	f) Incorporate National Governors Association action steps that have already been developed.			

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R4 S1 O1 Ag	g) Consult with information technology software specialists regarding developing software to track dental disease and services.			
R4 S1 O1 Ah	h) Form a coalition between dental or public health schools in Florida universities and colleges.			University of Florida, Nova Southeastern, and University of South Florida, Florida State University, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
R4 S1 O1 Ai	i) Utilize County Health Department-Department of Health School Health programs and County Health Department dental units as resources.			
R4 S1 O1 Aj	j) Provide simplified survey forms to record services provided and patients who refused services.			
R4 S1 O1 Ak	k) Disseminate information			
R4 S1 O2	Objective 2: Develop a system to measure utilization and effectiveness of oral health programs.			
Action Steps				
R4 S1 O2 Aa	a) Research other states systems.			
R4 S1 O2 Ab	b) Consult with Information Technology software specialists regarding developing software to track dental disease and services.			
R4 S1 O2 Ac	c) Consider pursuing program evaluation/research projects that assess the specific programs or geographies – seek funding sources such as National Institutes of Health and AHRQ.			
R4 S3	Strategy 2: Develop a systematic, annual analysis of the Medicaid and KidCare Dental programs.			
R4 S3 O1	Objective 1: Develop a system to obtain oral health-specific data from each KidCare program.			
Action Steps				

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R4 S3 01 Aa	a) Research other states systems.			
R4 S3 01 Ab	b) Establish parameters for data collection.			
R4 S3 01 Ac	c) Determine what data is available through current KidCare evaluations.			
R4 S3 01 Ad	d) Seek legislative mandate to require that programs provide data.			
R4 S3 01 Ae	e) Contact and work with Agency for Health Care Administration.			
R4 S3 01 Af	f) Consult with Information Technology software specialists regarding developing software to track dental disease and services – electronic data collection.			
R4 S3 01 Ag	g) Collaborate with the KidCare Advisory Council to ensure that oral health is considered in regular evaluations of the Florida KidCare programs.			
R4 S3 01 Ah	h) Through the Freedom of Information Act, request EPSDT Florida data to determine dental health services provided to Medicaid children.			
R4 S3 02	Objective 2: Develop a methodology to gather data on discounted-fee patients served through college and university dental professional training program facilities/clinics.			Colleges of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene.
Action Steps				
R4 S3 02 Aa	a) Obtain current descriptive data.			
R4 S3 02 Ab	b) Identify gaps in data.			

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R4 S3 O2 Ac	c) Establish a minimum data set that needs to be reported and collected.			
R4 S3 O3	Objective 3: Obtain and analyze service utilization and provider network data that indicates effectiveness in Medicaid dental programs			e.g. Dade county managed care pilot program.
Action Steps				
R4 S3 O3 Aa	a) Obtain current descriptive data.			
R4 S3 O3 Ab	b) Identify gaps in data.			
R4 S3 O3 Ac	c) Establish a minimum data set that needs to be reported and collected.			
R4 S3	Strategy 3: Advocate for a statewide oral health research agenda.			
R4 S3 O1	Objective 1: Convene a statewide panel to examine and develop an oral health research agenda.			
Action Steps				
R4 S3 O1 Aa	a) Identify appropriate participants for Oral Health Research Panel.			e.g. dental schools, RN schools, health educators, dental hygiene schools, medical schools, schools of public health, Florida Dental Hygiene Association, Florida Dental Hygiene Association, Department of Health, Department of Education, Agency for Health Care Administration, etc.
R4 S3 O1 Ab	b) Identify research opportunities most significant to Florida.			