

Oral Health Action Plan

Broad Strategy: Establish State Dental Leadership to Manage Public Oral Health Resources and Programs in California					
Objective	Activities	Anticipated Outcome	Timeline	Lead and Resources	Evaluation Method
Create an Office of Oral Health and secure the appointment of a Dental Director	Pass legislation or secure Executive Order	Statewide oral health leadership and support for the goals of OSHPD's HWDD related to oral health	9 months	Department of Public Health	Office is authorized; dental director hired
Secure non-State General Fund resources	Pursue federal and private funding opportunities	Funding for Office and public oral health programs	First quarter 2012; Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Public Health • CDA 	
Develop community-based oral health programs that provide high-quality oral health care in currently un- or under-served areas	Develop service programs and supporting funding to provide services in local, underserved communities in sites such as early childhood education and WIC centers, schools, and other similar community settings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased number of oral health programs throughout California • Better utilization of the dental workforce to provide oral health education and prevention services in community sites 	24 months	Department of Public Health	

Broad Strategy: Increase number of RDAEF2 working in community clinics throughout California, particularly in underserved areas					
Objective	Activities	Anticipated Outcome	Timeline	Lead and Resources	Evaluation Method
Address fiscal and programmatic barriers for primary care clinics to hire RDAEF2 staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify best practices in current clinics effectively utilizing RDAEF2s Work with OSHPD to identify and access available training and grant funds Develop alternative modalities for training that are adaptable to rural populations 	Increased number of culturally competent, locally connected RDAEF2s supporting the provision of dental care in community clinics	12-24 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CDA CPCA OSHPD 	Measure increased numbers of RDAEFs in clinics and increases in the provision of care in these sites
Support primary care clinics to identify current community-based staff to be trained as RDAEF2	Outreach to clinics and practitioners	Primary care clinics will recruit, train, and retain current staff into the RDAEF2 workforce pipeline	6-18 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CDA CPCA 	

Broad Strategy: Optimize use of the dental workforce in underserved communities					
Objective	Activities	Anticipated Outcomes	Timeline	Lead and Resources	Evaluation Method
Expand partnerships between local community clinics and private practitioners in underserved areas and to underserved populations	Facilitate contracting arrangements between Federally Qualified Health Centers and private, community-based dental practices	Increased utilization of the dental workforce and increased access to care in underserved areas / to underserved populations	6-18 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPCA • CDA 	
Provide incentives for dentists to practice in the public health sector	Work with OSHPD's Health Profession's Education Fund to develop opportunities for scholarship and dental loan repayment	Increased numbers of dentists working in the public health field and in underserved communities	Initial efforts 3-5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDA • OSHPD 	
Broad Strategy: Optimize the RDHAP workforce to provide care to underserved populations					
Objective	Activities	Anticipated Outcome	Timeline	Lead and Resources	Evaluation Method
Increase the capacity of RDHAPs to provide preventive and periodontal care to underserved populations	Identify barriers for RDHAPs to provide care to institutionalized, homebound and other underserved populations with restricted mobility	Increased number of RDHAP's connected to underserved, institutionalized or homebound patients	6-18 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDA • CAHF • UOP Pacific Center for Special Care 	

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