

Executive Leadership 2008-2009

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Public Health Dental Program (PHDP)

- Staffed Florida's Health Practitioner Oral Healthcare Workforce Ad Hoc Committee; Report released February 2009.
- PHDP awarded HRSA Grants to States to Support Oral Health Workforce activities.
- Oral Health Care Workforce Workgroup convened and in the process of developing a strategic plan and an oral health workforce needs assessment.
- Early Childhood Caries prevention program continues to offer free training to physician, ARPNs and PAs. AHCA agrees to reimburse these services.
- Legislature establishes Health Access License as an option for out of state licensed dentists.
- Nassau teledentistry pilot program completes study of teledental exam. Program wins Davis Productivity Award.
- Continued development of the State Oral Health Improvement Plan, originally completed in 2005, which has significantly enhanced collaborative efforts across the state in improving oral health.
- Increased Infrastructure of Safety Net Dental Providers to include County Health Department dental clinics in 49 of Florida's 67 counties, with 92 clinic sites including 12 mobile units and 108.2 FTE dentists and 28.9 FTE hygienists.
- FY 2007-2008 Services (2008-2009 data not yet available)
 - Provided services on 149,455 unduplicated patients
 - Provided 319,869 patient visits (avg of 2.1 visits per patient)
 - Provided 1,222,979 dental procedures (avg of 3.8 procedures per visit)
 - Procedures provided having 1,362,168 Relative Value Units (RVUs)
 - 55% of RVUs with diagnostic and preventive services
 - 45% of RVUs with definitive services
 - Fiscal year services provided by 93.4 FTE dentists
 - Avg of 1,600 unduplicated patients per FTE dentist
 - Medicaid services:
 - Provided services on 98,241 Medicaid eligibles
 - 66% of total CHD patients were Medicaid
 - 90% of the CHD's Medicaid patients were children
 - 75% of CHD's children dental patients were Medicaid
 - Approximately 30,000 children received sealants.
- Yearly increases of 5-10% in number of persons receiving care and number of children receiving sealants through CHD programs with a nine-year increase of 70-80%.
- Yearly increases of 3-5% in the productivity of CHD dental treatment program with a nine-year increase of 30% based on the number of relative value units per dentist.
- In FY 07-08, over 150,000 persons received treatment services through CHD treatment programs. Percent of Statewide Target Population (below 200% of Federal Poverty Level) reached increased from 13.82% in 2004 to 18.19% in 2008.

- Communities designated as a naturally fluoridated community:
 - Cape Coral (Lee Co.)
- Communities decided/voted to either initiate or reinstate fluoridation in:
 - Port Orange (Volusia Co.)
 - Deland (Volusia Co.)
 - Ormond Beach (Volusia Co.)
 - Oviedo (Seminole Co.)
 - Fellsmere (Indian River Co.)
 - Brooksville (Hernando Co.)
 - Seminole County

GOALS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

- “Direct Access” for dental hygienists - dental hygienists to be able to provide preventive services in health access settings without a dentist providing a prior exam or authorization.
- Develop a school-based sealant program based upon the concept of “direct access” noted above.
- Award of new HRSA workforce grant that will allow the PHDP to build infrastructure and develop workforce strategies and initiatives.
- Increase access to community water fluoridation
- Develop a statewide school-based sealant program
- Develop an outcome-based statewide oral health surveillance system
- Expand capacity and improve efficiency of CHD safety net programs
- Develop and expand early childhood caries prevention programs
- Expand teledentistry pilot program as feasible
- Promote integration of oral health into DOH general health programs
- Enhance State Oral Health Improvement Plan activities through increased collaborative efforts
- Assist in recruitment and retention of qualified licensed oral health professionals for CHDs, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and other safety net providers.
- Initiate fluoridation in the following communities:
 - Punta Gorda (Charlotte Co.)
 - North Port (Sarasota Co.)
 - Bonita Springs (Lee Co.)
 - Apopka (Orange Co.)
 - Jupiter (Palm Beach Co.)
 - Deltona (Volusia Co.)

Major Initiatives or Conferences for Coming Year (2009-2010)

- Oral Health Florida 1st Annual Conference - August 3-4, 2009: This is a deliverable for HRSA grant.
- August 7, 2009 final Workforce Workgroup face to face meeting in Gainesville.
- April 25-28, 2010 National Oral Health Conference in St. Louis.
- Participation in the Florida Rural Water Association and the Florida League of Cities Conference
- Provide a Water Operator Training on Fluoridation

Focus and Highlights for Next 12 Months (2009-2010)

- Improve data collection regarding oral health workforce – data is key to future planning
 - Voluntary survey included with biennial licensure renewal in March, 2010.
 - Propose legislation for a mandatory survey.
 - Investigate statewide surveillance system to determine oral health burdens and needs in the state.
- Promote Education and Prevention Programs and Oral health Awareness Campaigns – education and prevention can reduce demand on workforce.
 - Community Water Fluoridation
 - Statewide school-based sealant and topical fluoride programs
 - Statewide community-based education programs
 - Investigate non-traditional media for oral awareness and oral health marketing – e.g. Twitter, YouTube, etc.
- Promote legislation to allow “direct access” for dental auxiliaries in health access settings.
- Recruitment
 - Improve minority recruitment efforts into the dental field
 - Market Health Access License and Limited License opportunities
- Increase opportunities for volunteerism
- Promote technology that can make the dental workforce more efficient and effective
 - Telehealth/Teledentistry
 - Electronic Medical Records
 - Digital equipment and other new technology related to dental clinical equipment.
- Continue to promote training and utilization of non-dental health providers
 - Integrate oral health into DOH general health programs
 - Integrate oral health into school and school nurse programs
- Development of an enhanced Oral Health Florida website with an Oral Health Messaging Toolbox.
- Migration of the Oral Health Florida Coalition to Florida Public Health Institute.
- Incorporation of Oral Health Florida coalition evaluation results into coalition operations.
- New focus on Water Operator educational campaign
- New focus on fluoridation equipment assessment
- New and improved collaborative partnerships with Florida Dental Association/Florida Dental Hygiene Association