



LOCAL ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM

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OVERVIEW



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- The California Department of Public Health, Office of Oral Health provides strategic advice and leadership to improve the oral health for all Californians.
- The County has received Proposition 56 funding since 2017 and, the new proposed funding term will support activities for the next five years.
- The goal of LOHP is to continue to create and expand capacity through:
 - Education
 - Disease prevention
 - Community-clinical linkages
 - Surveillance



FUNDING OVERVIEW



Award: \$4,206,950 (\$841,390 annually)

Project Period: July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2027

Project Goal: To create and expand capacity at the local level through education, disease prevention, community-clinical linkages, and surveillance.

Project Activities:

- Implement education and prevention to school age children.
- Establish an electronic dental referral system for pediatric medical and dental offices.
- Build and sustain community partnerships including home visiting programs, refugee organizations, schools, preschools, pediatricians, and dental providers





- Cavities continue to be the most common chronic childhood disease.
- An estimated 80,000 (16%) children ages three to 11 in San Diego County have never been to the dentist. (*California Health Interview Survey 2019-2020*)
- San Diego County Medi-Cal recipients who had an annual dental visit in 2019:
 - 38% of children ages one to two
 - 60% of children ages three to five
 - 63% of children ages six to nine





- In addition, 17% of children ages six to nine and 11% of those ages 10 to 14 had sealants in 2019. (*California Department of Health Care Services*)



- Over 30,000 children under age 10 live in census tracts within Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas. (*San Diego Association of Governments/SANDAG 2020*)

ACCOMPLISHMENTS



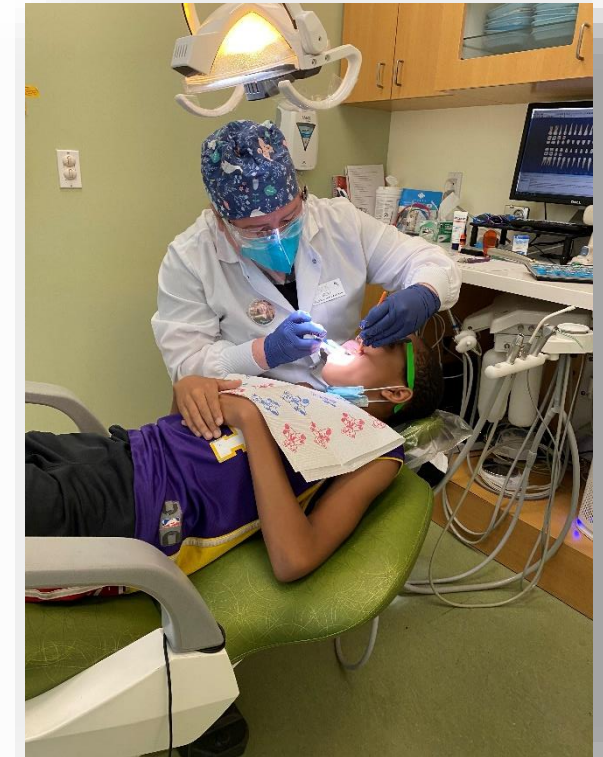
- Partnered with Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) program to train 23 pediatric providers on oral health and fluoride varnish application.
- Trained more than 190 pediatric providers to integrate oral health messaging.
 - Since July 2020, 59% of the providers applied fluoride varnish to over 1,100 children.
- Trained more than 80 dental providers to integrate oral health messaging nutrition and oral hygiene routine.
 - Since July 2020, over 780 children were reported to have received these oral health messages.



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- Provided annual trainings to new school nurses and health staff regarding the importance of oral health education, prevention, and reporting the Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment (KOHA) data.
- Provided preventive oral health services to 1,294 children during fiscal years 2018 – 2022 valued at \$234,200.00.
- Educated 887 school age children from December 2019 through March 2020.
- Disseminated 3,555 toothbrush kits through school meal programs during school closures due to COVID-19.



FUTURE STRATEGIES



BUILDING AND SUSTAINING INFRASTRUCTURES & PARTNERSHIPS	IMPLEMENTING EDUCATIONAL & PREVENTIVE STRATEGIES	IMPROVING MEDICAL AND DENTAL INTEGRATION	IMPROVING COMMUNITY CLINICAL LINKAGES	IMPROVING DISEASE SURVEILLANCE
Strengthen the San Diego County Oral Health Coalition (SDCOHC)	Collaborate with schools (K-6) to provide education and school based or school linked services	Implement oral health and fluoride varnish trainings to providers including regional public health nurses and pediatricians	Integrate medical and dental efforts with a focus on prevention, including fluoride varnish and dental sealants	Update of the countywide oral health needs assessment
Create small workgroups to advance efforts in priority areas	Focus on prevention including fluoride varnish and dental sealants	Encourage oral health messaging including Re-Think Your Drink, tobacco cessation, and the Brush, Book, Bed Campaign	Develop a successful electronic referral system for pediatric providers, school nurses, and other community-based organizations	Reassess gaps and assets with an emphasis on vulnerable and underserved populations

RECOMMENDATIONS



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- Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts – Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery, which requires prior approval of revenue agreement applications and full cost recovery of grants.
- Authorize the acceptance of \$4,206,950 in grant funds from the California Department of Public Health, Office of Oral Health, for the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2027, to provide oral health education and prevention activities, and authorize the Clerk of the Board, to execute all required documents, upon receipt, including any annual extensions, amendments, and/or revisions thereto that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.
- Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to apply for additional funding opportunity announcements, if available, to fund efforts for oral health through education, disease prevention, community-clinical linkages, and surveillance.