

Nevada’s Oral Health Coalitions - Update Template

Coalition Name: Future Smiles		
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Successes <i>Brag about the success of a project, etc. Are there similar opportunities for success in other oral health coalitions?</i>		
<p>In the 2017-2018 school year, Future Smiles has provided services at five EPODs, 50 mobile and community locations, and 10 schools in Northern Nevada. This includes approximately: 6,600 students screened, 6,400 fluoride varnish applications, oral health education and smile bags to 44,000 students, and 4,700 children protected with 21,000 sealants.</p> <p>Recipient of the 2018 Nevada Women’s Philanthropy (NWP) award. This funding will allow us to open the first school-based restorative dental center in the state. Building design and renovations for the NWP Dental Wellness Center is underway at the school-based health center on the Wynn Elementary School campus. Completion and opening date TBA.</p>		
Barriers <i>What coalition role(s) (i.e., community outreach, leadership development, oral health education, fundraising, membership engagement, sustainability, etc.) are you most concerned about?</i>		
<p><i>If needed, ask AC4OH for input.</i></p> <p>Sustainability continues to be an element of concern. Currently, NV Medicaid is exploring decreasing the reimbursement fee for fluoride varnish (approx. \$20 per application). Other reimbursement rates are under review that may discourage dentist from being a Medicaid provider.</p> <p>Future Smiles’ service population is a payer-mix of 44% Medicaid and 56% uninsured. As the safety-net provider for Nevada’s low-income school age youth, our effectiveness is linked to Medicaid rates, enrollment, client utilization and dentist partnership – referral base to a dental home.</p> <p>Future Smiles would like to see more open dialogue with Nevada Medicaid and dental professionals who are engaged in serving the most vulnerable citizens in our state.</p>		
<u>Impactful Strategies Include:</u>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Nevada Medicaid Advisory Committee – A mix of all proverbs types, insurance representatives, community coalitions, Oral Health Program, and NV policy experts from throughout the state2) Increase at-risk population’s enrollment into the Medicaid system3) Minimum prevention care (screenings, exam, sealants and fluoride varnish) for <i>ALL of Nevada’s children</i>		

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<p>4) Increase in the rates for critical Medicaid dental services provided by dentist(s) to include: dental exams, extractions, restorative services and temporary restorative treatments – SDF and IRT</p> <p>5) Incentivize dentist to enroll in Medicaid</p> <p>6) Monitor Medicaid enrollee utilization</p>
<p>Partners</p> <p><i>Who are your leaders?</i></p> <p><i>Who are your active members?</i></p> <p>A team of 20 comprised of management, case management, dental hygienists, and dental assistants. <i>Highlight one each quarter. What are they doing in their communities, etc.?</i></p> <p>Liz Metz, Mobile Team Manager, has been able to schedule approximately 45 schools for screenings and sealant services during the 2018-2019 school year. The Mobile team includes three dental hygienists and two dental assistants.</p>
<p>Current Events</p> <p><i>Recent or upcoming coalition meeting information.</i></p> <p><i>Funding and/or partnership opportunities/changes?</i></p> <p>Recipient of Oral Health America (OHE) award to support campaign development and implementation of a Teen Wellness Project at Clark High School. Teen “Smile Ambassadors” will create an oral health wellness project in the 2018-2019 school year that focuses on raising awareness with teens. Progress will be tracked with measurable goals and outcomes along with monthly meetings with Future Smiles staff.</p> <p><i>Local conferences or events?</i></p> <p>In June 2018, the National School-Based Health Care Convention in Indianapolis.</p> <p>In July 2018, the Oral Health 2020 Grassroots Summit in Pittsburgh.</p> <p>IN Oct 2018, Oral Health America’s Oral Health Advocacy Day</p> <p>In Oct 2018, OH 2020 National Convening</p>
<p>Looking Forward</p> <p><i>What coalition activity are you looking forward to in the next quarter?</i></p> <p>Support to develop a Statewide Medicaid Advisory Committee.</p>

Recommendations:

- Try to keep update to a few minutes.
- Consider input you may want from Advisory Committee members.
- There will be time for questions and answers after all coalition updates are given.
- Take notes while others are talking. There may be follow up conversations that could be held outside of the AC4OH meeting.