



Virginia Oral Health Coalition Update April 2016

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Oral Health Integration Toolkit



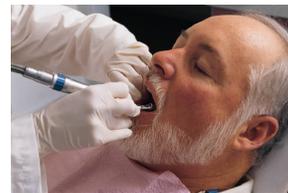
The [Oral Health Integration Toolkit](#) is an online resource for health providers interested in oral health integration. The Toolkit includes sample oral health integration models, prompt questions to consider with your team, an integration checklist, and many resources you can download and use today.

[View the Toolkit](#) and help [spread the word](#) about this new resource.

VaOHC developed the toolkit with

Older Americans Act Includes Oral Health Provisions

President Obama has signed into law the **Older Americans Reauthorization Act of 2016**, which includes, for the first time, oral health provisions. The



reauthorization redefines the term "disease prevention and health promotion services" to specifically include "oral health." The law also allocates funds to oral health, enabling state agencies and Area Agencies on Aging to use funds to improve oral health in older adults. This funding has the potential to impact 12 million seniors in the U.S. who receive services from state and area agencies.

[View the full press release](#)

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Oral Health 2020 Update

VaOHC was awarded an **Oral Health 2020** (OH2020) grant from the DentaQuest Foundation in January 2016, to continue our efforts to increase diversity in the oral health network, engage new community partners and providers, and integrate oral health into person-centered

funding from the Richmond Memorial Health Foundation, in partnership with The Daily Planet and Community Health Solutions.

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Upcoming VaOHC Meetings

Clinical Advisory Board Wednesday, May 11 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Topic: training providers to improve pediatric and perinatal oral health. CAB members and clinical guests welcome. RSVP required.

To **RSVP** for the Clinical Advisory Board meeting, contact [Regina Potis](#).

Adult Dental Access Workgroup Wednesday, May 31 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

To **RSVP** for the Adult Dental Access Workgroup meeting, contact [Regina Potis](#).

[Learn about our workgroups.](#)

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Save the Date!

Virginia Oral Health Summit Thursday, November 10 The Westin Richmond

Sponsorship and exhibit opportunities are available. Contact [Samantha Dorr](#) for details.

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care models. As part of the grant, we regularly convene [workgroups](#) to support the goals of the Virginia Oral Health Plan. The OH2020 initiative also funds four community-based organizations in Virginia to support oral health in person-centered care at the local level.



VaOHC staff member **Katherine Libby** has transitioned into a new role, supporting the the entire national OH2020 network of partners. This means great things for Virginia as she will bring new relationships, promising practices and new ideas to us, while she is sharing some of Virginia's great work with partners across the nation. Katherine's email and phone number remain the same: klibby@vaoralhealth.org and 804.269.8724.

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Virginia Ranks #8 A State of Decay Report

Oral Health America recently released the report **A State of Decay: Volume III**; the report rates each U.S. state on edentulism, adult Medicaid dental benefits, community water fluoridation, basic screening surveys and state oral health plans. Virginia ranked eighth out of all the states, with a "good" score of 83%.

[Read the full report A State of Decay, Vol. III](#)

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Of Interest

Oral Health and Overall Health

Oral health and overall health are fundamentally intertwined. The following links present current information on how oral health is connected to overall health and well-being.

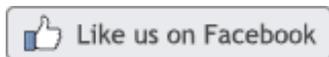
- [Seniors and Natural Teeth](#)
 - [Oral Health and Pregnancy - State Activities](#)
 - [Sugar and Health](#)
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Please take a moment and support the Coalition's work.



Please check with your HR department to find out if your gift can be matched.

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Smiles for Life Research Awards

Smiles for Life (SFL) will award two \$500 travel stipends to promote the report of oral health research. Applicants may be from any learning institution or education level and must have published or had their study accepted for publication or presentation; some aspect of SFL must be the basis of the education. Download the [cover letter](#) and [application](#); **applications are due July 1, 2016.**

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Webinar: Improving Oral Health Care for American Indian/Alaska Native Children

The American Academy of Pediatrics Indian Health Special Interest Group is hosting a free webinar on **Tuesday, May 24** at 12:00 p.m. ET on "Improving Oral Health Care for American Indian/Alaska Native Children: The Menominee Model." [Register here.](#)



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Transportation Funding Available

The Federal Transit Administration announced funding to support the **Rides to Wellness Demonstration and Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility Grants**. The goal of the grants is to find and test promising, replicable public transportation healthcare access solutions that support the following goals: increased access to care, improved health outcomes and reduced healthcare costs. [Read more.](#)

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