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Thank You!



The Coalition recently moved into a new office space in the Virginia

Hospital & Healthcare Association(VHHA) building in Richmond's West End.

We would like to say **THANK YOU** to [VHHA](#) for the furniture and heavy lifting and to [Strategic Solutions of Virginia](#) for making our phone and IT setup a breeze!

New Address:
4200 Innslake Drive
Suite 103
Glen Allen, VA 23060

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Weight of the State Conference Apr. 11-12, 2013



The Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth and Prevention Connections have teamed up to host the annual "Weight

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Budget Update: State-Supported Dental Clinics and Medicaid Expansion

Virginia's Senate and House of Delegates have both approved budget language that will allow a stakeholder group to continue its work to transition Virginia Department of Health (VDH) dental clinics to a prevention-based model. In addition, both budgets have included amendments that will affect Medicaid coverage for 400,000 Virginians. If Medicaid expands in Virginia, these individuals will have access to emergency dental extractions.

The House and Senate budgets are now in conference committee - a group comprised of appointed members from each body who come together to hash out differences between the two budgets until one, final budget is realized.



[View a list of conference committee members.](#)

The Coalition encourages all of our partners to contact committee members to say **thank you** for recognizing the importance of access to oral health services in Virginia. For more information on the committee's budgetary decisions, [view this fact sheet](#) from Healthcare for All Virginians.

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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 well-being.



- [Salivary Glands and Parkinson's Diagnosis](#)
- [Oral Health and Overall Health - Overview](#)

of the State" conference this April to discuss childhood obesity prevention. Several contributing factors for childhood obesity, including high sugar intake and poor health literacy, may also increase the risk for tooth decay.

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[Read about the Coalition's accomplishments.](#)

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Evidence Supports Effectiveness of Fluoride Varnish in Young Children

A recent substantive review has found more evidence for the effectiveness of fluoride varnish in caries prevention for young children.

[Read the summary from The Dental Elf](#)

Medical and Dental Collaboration Initiative - Implementation Update

The Coalition's medical and dental collaboration initiative has made great strides toward increasing the presence of oral health in clinical education and practice settings.

[Read a full update on this initiative](#)

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