



Virginia Oral Health Coalition Update January 2018

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Upcoming VaOHC Meetings

View our online
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February 1 | Norfolk
South Hampton Roads Oral
Health Alliance
[RSVP](#)

February 7 | Conference Call
NOVA Adult Subcommittee
[RSVP](#)

February 8 | Charlottesville
Community Conversation:
Oral Health Care Access for
Individuals with Special
Health Care Needs
[REGISTER](#)

February 9-10 | Charlottesville
Practical Guide to Treating
Dental Patients with Special
Health Care Needs
[REGISTER](#)

February 26 | Richmond
Greater Richmond-Petersburg

Support an Adult Medicaid Dental Benefit

Let your legislators know that
an [adult dental benefit](#) for
current Medicaid enrollees
will improve health and save



money; ask them to support **Del. Sickles' and
Senator Barker's budget amendments which
enable dental coverage for this vulnerable
population.**

- [Call](#) members of House Appropriations
and Senate Finance Committees
- [Share](#) information on social media
- [Download](#) talking points for [general adult](#)
and [older and disabled adult](#) populations
- [Send](#) a postcard
- [Find](#) your legislators

Contact legislators anytime or join us **Tuesday,
February 6** for our second [Virtual Lobby Day](#).

For questions, please contact [Sarah Bedard
Holland](#).

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Of Interest

Oral Health and Overall Health

Oral health and overall health are fundamentally
intertwined. The following links present current

Oral Health Alliance
[RSVP](#)

March 22 | Petersburg
Community Conversation:
Oral Health Care Access for
Individuals with Special
Health Care Needs
[REGISTER](#)

March 23-24 | Petersburg
Practical Guide to Treating
Dental Patients with Special
Health Care Needs
[REGISTER](#)

April 12 | Oakton
NOVA Oral Health Alliance
[RSVP](#)

April 12 | Roanoke
Community Conversation:
Oral Health Care Access for
Individuals with Special
Health Care Needs
[REGISTER](#)

April 13-14 | Roanoke
Practical Guide to Treating
Dental Patients with Special
Health Care Needs
[REGISTER](#)

May 3 | Abingdon
Appalachian Oral Health
Symposium
Save the Date

November 8 | Richmond
2018 Virginia Oral Health
Summit
Save the Date

Check out our
[event calendar](#) to view
meeting times and exact
locations for all dates listed
above.

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Please take a moment and
support the Coalition's work.



Please check with your HR

information on how oral health is connected to
overall health and well-being.

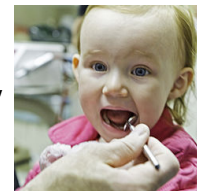
- [Tooth brushing each day keeps pneumonia at bay](#) (The Roanoke Times)
- [Course: Dentistry in Long-term Care](#) (ADA)
- [Track the amount of sugar in your beverage](#) (Rethink Your Drink)

Healthcare Safety Net Legislative Day

Join fellow health advocates in Richmond on **Wednesday, February 14** for Healthcare Safety Net Legislative Day. This event is jointly hosted by the Virginia Health Care Foundation, the Virginia Community Healthcare Association, and the Virginia Association of Free & Charitable Clinics. [Click here to register.](#)

February is National Children's Dental Health Month!

February is National Children's Dental Health Month. Toolkits and resources, including posters, sample newsletter and social media posts, and advocacy training are available from the [American Dental Association](#) and the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#).



Give Kids a Smile Day | February 2


The Give Kids a Smile (GKAS) program provides free oral health services to underserved children. Many volunteer dental professionals and GKAS partners facilitate this program. [View more information and resources](#) from the ADA Foundation.



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department to find out if your gift
can be matched.

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