



Virginia Oral Health Coalition Update July 2017

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Northern Virginia Oral Health Subcommittee on Children
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Oral Health in Pregnancy and Early Childhood
[REGISTER](#)

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Northern Virginia Oral Health Subcommittee on Adults
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September 26 | Richmond
Report Card Workgroup
[RSVP](#)

October 12 | Oakton

New! Free Online Education

The Virginia Oral Health Coalition is pleased to share three new educational videos, now available on our website:

- **Oral Health Care During Pregnancy**
- **Comprehensive Dental Care for the Pregnant Patient**
- **Integrating Oral Health into Patient-Centered Primary Care**

Each video has a high-definition recording next to the slides to replicate the in-person experience. We

encourage you to watch and share these videos with your staff, clients, and colleagues.

You can find all three videos on our [Oral Health and Pregnancy webpage](#). Thank you to our presenters, Dr. Charles Nathan Webb and Dr. Tiffany Williams - and, thank you to the Dental Trade Alliance Foundation and the Virginia Department of Health's Dental Health Program (through the Perinatal & Infant Oral Health Quality Improvement Grant) for funding support.

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How to Talk About Oral Health to Advance Change

Northern Virginia Oral Health Steering Committee
[RSVP](#)

November 2 | Richmond
2017 Virginia Oral Health Summit
Save the date

January 11, 2018 | Oakton
Northern Virginia Oral Health Steering Committee
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April 12, 2018 | Oakton
Northern Virginia Oral Health Steering Committee
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Survey Results!

Thank you to everyone who completed the VaOHC survey. We learned much about you and how we're doing. Of note:

- Nearly 40% of respondents also work in areas outside of oral health.
- You feel we exemplify our core values of transparency, partnership, excellence, equity and respect.
- About half of you told us you are not able to participate in workgroups because of the traveling distance for in-person meetings - so, we're working on ways to make our education and workgroup events more accessible.
- Most (91%) find this newsletter update valuable.

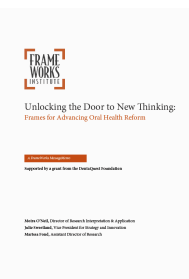
Please continue to share feedback with us! Send comments to [Samantha Dorr](#).

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A new resource from Frameworks Institute
[Unlocking the Door to New Thinking: Frames for Advancing Oral Health Reform](#) provides messaging

guidance for oral health advocates designed to advance thinking and action to encourage system and policy change. Virginia Oral Health Summit attendees received a glimpse of this information during Dr. Anna Marie Trester's [presentation](#) last November.

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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.

- [Video: What Virginia's Poorest Citizens Want from Health Reform](#) (PBS)
- [Article: Progress in achieving health equity requires attention to root causes](#) (Health Affairs) *Note: Dr. Woolf will be speaking at the 2017 Virginia Oral Health Summit.*
- [Survey: Older Asian Americans Lack Dental Care](#) (Dr. Bicuspid)

Health Care Advocacy Resource

As we prepare to elect a new governor, lieutenant governor, and attorney general this fall, our friends at Voices for Virginia's Children have created an [election guide](#) to help grassroots advocates gauge where candidates stand on children's issues. Of note, the 2017 guide features [health insurance talking points](#) inclusive of dental coverage.




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News from the Virginia Diabetes Council

VaOHC partnered with the Virginia Diabetes Council (VDC) on a grant program this spring to promote the dental provider's role in diabetes self-management education.



Check out VDC's [July newsletter](#) for diabetes prevention and management resources, event info, and Q&A.

Profile of Virginia's Uninsured

The Virginia Health Care Foundation (VHCF) has released its [2017 Profile of the Uninsured](#). The report shows the vast majority of the state's nearly 750,000 non-elderly uninsured are part of working families. Visit the [VHCF website](#) to view the report, data tables, maps, and slides.

Catch Memories at the Virginia Dental Association's Annual Meeting



The VDA's 2017 Virginia Meeting is at the Omni Homestead Resort September 14-17. This year's meeting will feature over 20 CE courses, a dozen networking events, and countless opportunities to enjoy all the resort has to offer. Discounts are available if you register by August 25. [Register today!](#)

Health Disparities Data Widget

HealthyPeople.gov now offers a data search function - the [Health Disparities widget](#) - to access health disparities data related to Healthy People 2020 objectives for the leading health indicators (LHI). The widget allows you to browse data by disparity type or LHI and can be embedded in any website.

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