



## Virginia Oral Health Coalition Update May 2018

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## Collaboration and Leadership Workshop

### Workshop: Collaboration and Leadership to Improve Oral Health

Tuesday, August 21 -  
Wednesday, August 22, 2018  
Richmond, VA

[Register Now!](#)

This workshop is presented by the [Virginia Oral Health Coalition](#) and [Community Tool Box](#) to bring together partners from around the state who will gain or build upon the skills to:

- Lead community-driven, collaborative initiatives,
- Garner support for

## Virginia Will Expand Medicaid Coverage to 300,000 Virginians!

Virginia legislators voted yesterday (May 30) to expand Medicaid coverage eligibility to more than 300,000 Virginians - this is a big deal! Hundreds of thousands of Virginians will now have access to affordable health and mental health services, and a limited dental benefit. [Read our advocacy alert for more information.](#)

**Thank you** to our legislators who voted for the health and well-being of Virginians, and to our partners for your nonstop advocacy as we strive to create a healthier Virginia.

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## Proposed Changes to "Public Charge" Appear to be Affecting Utilization of Health Care Services

U.S. immigration officials can designate an immigrant a "public charge" if the individual accesses certain, specified public services, like cash assistance. The "public charge" designation assumes the person is likely to be reliant on the government for their livelihood, and, most importantly, the designation makes that individual unable to

- collective action and policy change, and
- Build the infrastructure for sustainable system change.

This program is part of the Coalition's multi-year effort to foster increased collaboration to improve oral health care access, care delivery, and outcomes and boost Virginia's C+ grade on the [2016 Virginia Oral Health Report Card](#). The workshop is tailored for those who are involved in [regional oral health alliances](#) or those who would like to become involved.

**Please register by August 14.**

*The cost is \$15 per person to attend, which includes lunch on both days for registered participants.*

**Questions?** Contact [Lauren Gray](#) at 804.299.5506.

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## Upcoming VaOHC Meetings

**View our online  
Event Calendar**

June 11 | Norfolk  
[South Hampton Roads Oral Health Alliance Spring Convening](#)

June 12 | Richmond  
[Early Dental Home Meeting](#)

June 18 | Norfolk  
[South Hampton Roads Dental Safety Net Convening](#)

June 18 | Video Conference  
[Greater Richmond & Petersburg Oral Health Alliance Pregnant Women's Workgroup](#)

June 28 | Roanoke  
[Impacting Oral Health in the Community Training](#)

become a citizen or change their immigration status. Recent proposals to expand the list of services that may trigger a public charge designation are causing many immigrants to forgo care for themselves and their family members. According to leaked documents, the federal government has proposed adding two new factors for immigration officials to consider when determining if someone is likely to become a public charge: 1) the use of health and nutrition programs like Medicaid and CHIP (FAMIS), and 2) the use of these and all specifically designated programs by family members, including citizen children. For mixed status families where some members are citizens and others are non-citizens, this creates a terrible dilemma - immigrant parents will be forced to choose between enrolling citizen children in public benefits (to which they're legally entitled) and risk citizenship opportunities, or forgo benefits to stay together as a family. Because of confusion or fear, many are not accessing care or services at all.

In Virginia, naturalized citizens are already more likely to be uninsured (11%) than native-born citizens (9%). Analyses suggest the proposed changes could trigger a chilling effect that would dramatically increase uninsured rates among citizen children with non-citizen parents.

VaOHC staff is staying up-to-date on proposed changes and will provide updates as they are available. For now, it's important to know that the current rules and regulations are in place and enrollment for an individual or a child in a health or nutrition program does not affect public charge designation. For more info, view articles from [The Children's Partnership](#) and [Georgetown University Health Policy Institute Center for Children and Families](#).

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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 and other social factors impact overall health and well-being.

- Videos for Parents: [What Does a Physician Have to Say About Teeth?](#) (The

July 10 | Location TBA  
[Greater Richmond & Petersburg Oral Health Alliance Convening](#)

July 10 | Hampton  
[Impacting Oral Health in the Community Training](#)

July 13 | Fairfax  
[NOVA Oral Health Alliance Children Workgroup](#)

July 16 | Video Conference  
[Greater Richmond & Petersburg Oral Health Alliance Pregnant Women's Workgroup](#)

August 7 | Fairfax  
[NOVA Oral Health Alliance Adult Workgroup](#)

August 9 | Fairfax  
[Impacting Oral Health in the Community Training](#)

August 20 | Video Conference  
[Greater Richmond & Petersburg Oral Health Alliance Pregnant Women's Workgroup](#)

August 21-22 | Richmond  
[2-Day Workshop Collaboration and Leadership to Improve Oral Health](#)

August 28 | Richmond  
[Greater Richmond & Petersburg Oral Health Alliance Meeting](#)

September 18 | TBA  
[NOVA Oral Health Alliance Convening](#)

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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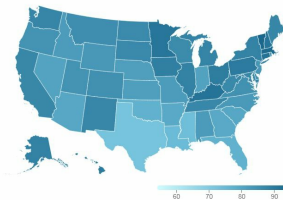
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- Mighty Mouth)
- Infographic: [Oral Health and Well-Being Among Medicaid Adults by Type of Medicaid Dental Benefit](#) (ADA HPI)
  - [Physicians Lack Awareness of Dental Neglect in Kids](#) (Dr. Bicuspid)
  - [The Link between Gut and Gum Health](#) (Dr Bicuspid)

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## Repository of Oral Health Data Evaluation & Outcomes (ROHDEO)

The Texas [Repository of Oral Health Data for Evaluation and Outcomes](#) (ROHDEO) is a statewide database of oral health indicators contributed by community dental programs in Texas. The data includes demographics, access to oral health care, and clinical oral health indicators aggregated by age group and county, and is intended to inform decision makers about Texans' oral health.



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## Learning Collaborative Opportunity for Health Centers

The National Network for Oral Health Access (NNOHA) is looking for health centers to



participate in a nationwide Learning Community that

will help build center leadership, link staff with colleagues, and improve patient care. The Collaborative will focus on improving sealant delivery systems to improve health center sealant rates for children ages 6-14. [View more information and access the online application](#), due August 1.

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## Summary of Infection Prevention Practices in Dental Settings


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The Center for Disease Control and Prevention released a document that summarizes current infection prevention recommendations and basic expectations for safe care. This document also includes an Infection Prevention Checklist that can be used to evaluate compliance. The Summary is intended for use by anyone needing information about basic infection prevention measures in dental health care settings but is not a replacement for the more extensive guidelines. [View more information on these guidelines.](#)



[Read the Summary of Infection Prevention Practices in Dental Settings: Basic Expectations for Safe Care](#)

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