Virginia Oral Health Coalition Update
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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.

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

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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.

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.

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

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

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

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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.

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.

Summary of Infection Prevention Practices in Dental Settings
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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