



Virginia Oral Health Coalition Update October 2017

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Upcoming VaOHC Meetings

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November 9 | Williamsburg
Community Conversation:
Oral Health Care Access for
Individuals with Special
Health Care Needs (ISHCN)
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November 10-11 |
Williamsburg
Practical Guide to Treating
Dental Patients with Special
Health Care Needs
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November 27 | Glen Allen
Greater RVA & Petersburg
Oral Health Steering
Committee
[RSVP](#)

December 7 | Woodbridge

Smile for Life Adds Modules for Community Health Workers/Home Visitors

Integrating oral health into primary care settings increases access to dental services and referrals and enhances comprehensive patient care. The Smiles for Life National Oral Health Curriculum provides **free online oral health continuing education** that teaches the skills and provides the information necessary to integrate oral health services, education, and referrals into patient and client visits.

The Smiles for Life website hosts eight, free [continuing education modules](#) for health professionals on topics like geriatric oral health, pregnancy and women's health, caries risk

assessment, fluoride varnish and counseling, and more. Additionally, **new teaching modules** provide a comprehensive oral health overview and help educators, community health workers, and lay health professionals implement curriculum into an academic setting. If you are interested in an in-person oral health integration training for your clinical and administrative staff or community health workers/home visitors, please [contact Matt Jones](#).



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December 8-9 | Woodbridge
Practical Guide to Treating
Dental Patients with Special
Health Care Needs

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December 11 | Fairfax
Northern Virginia
Subcommittee on Adults

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December 13 | Richmond
Virginia Oral Health Report
Card Statewide Meeting

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Check out our
[event calendar](#) for more
opportunities in 2018.

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Dental Care for Individuals with Special Health Care Needs

Free CE & Community Forum

VaOHC is teaming up with the VDH, the Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services, and the VDA Foundation to offer free programs for dental professionals, caregivers, and direct support professionals about dental care for individuals with special health care needs. Find us in one of these cities:



Williamsburg | Nov. 2017
Woodbridge | Dec. 2017
Charlottesville | Feb. 2018
Petersburg | Mar. 2018
Roanoke | Apr. 2018

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.

- [Periodontal Disease and Pregnancy](#) (Sage Journals)
- [The Reason Your Dental Work Isn't Covered by Medical Insurance](#) (NBC News)
- [Video: Brushing Someone Else's Teeth: A Caregiver's Guide](#) (VDH)

Funding Opportunity for Oral Health Fluoridation Equipment

The National Association of County and City Health Officials, in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is offering a funding opportunity to replace aging water fluoridation equipment or implement new equipment for community water fluoridation. State or local government agencies, oral health coalitions, state affiliates, or rural water associations are eligible to submit an RFP by November 30. [View the application.](#)



6th Annual Jewell and Carl Emswiler Interprofessional Symposium

The **Sixth Annual Jewell and Carl Emswiler Symposium "Collaborating to Close the Gap,"** hosted by VCU, will focus on ways interprofessional teams can bridge traditional boundaries and address social determinants of health. The Symposium is **Saturday, February 3, 2018**, in Glen Allen, Virginia. [View more information and register online.](#)

Call for Submissions: Fluoride Activities in School-based Programs

Visit our [event calendar](#) to view more info and to register online.

And, **check out this video** "[Brushing Someone Else's Teeth: A Caregiver's Guide](#)" by VDH.

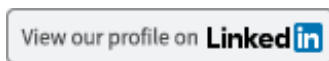
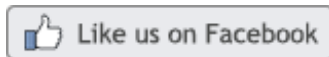
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Please take a moment and support the Coalition's work.



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The Association of State & Territorial Dental Directors is asking state, territorial, or community oral health programs to submit activities for a Best Practices Approach Report on the **Use of Fluoride: School-Based (K-12) Programs**. The goal is to create a useful collection of real and practice information about K-12 school programs that provide topic fluorides, fluoride supplements, fluoridated school water supplies, and brushing programs used fluoride toothpaste. Submissions are due November 17. [View more info.](#)

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