
Greater Richmond/Petersburg Oral Health Alliance

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Virginia
Health Catalyst

The Intersection of Overall
Health and Oral Health



Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- Policy update and advocacy opportunity
- Overview of new regional minigrants
- Alliance goals
- Group discussion
 - New partners
 - Optimizing our impact
- Next steps and set next meeting



Policy Update

- Fluoride varnish and medical assistants
- EPSDT varnish
- Water bottle filling stations
- Teledentistry legislation
- Medicare update
- Comprehensive adult dental benefit in Medicaid



Advocacy Opportunity

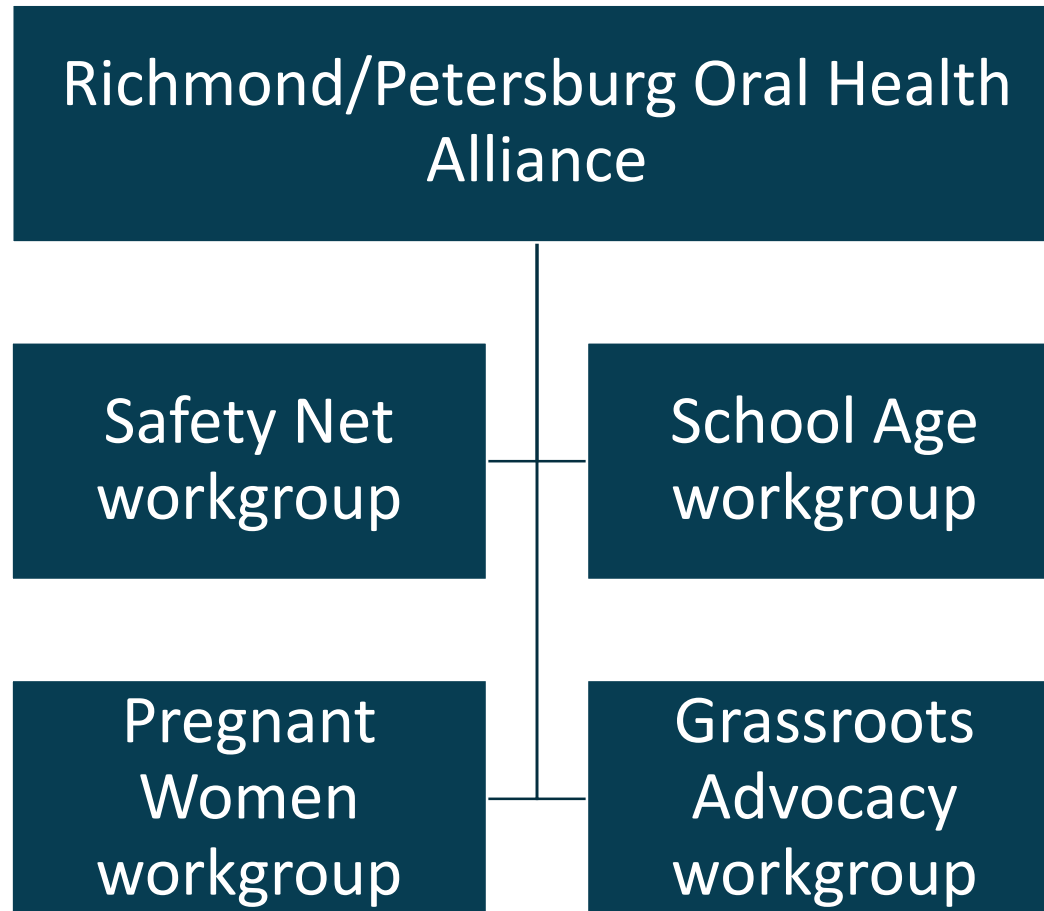
Let's show support for adding an **adult dental benefit to Medicaid** in 2020!

Catalyst can help you send a postcard to your state representative:

- Children
- Older adults
- Substance use
- Cost savings
- Individuals with special healthcare needs



Previous Alliance Structure



Richmond/Petersburg Successes

Referral resources update:

Collaborating with dental safety nets and 211 Virginia to improve referral resources

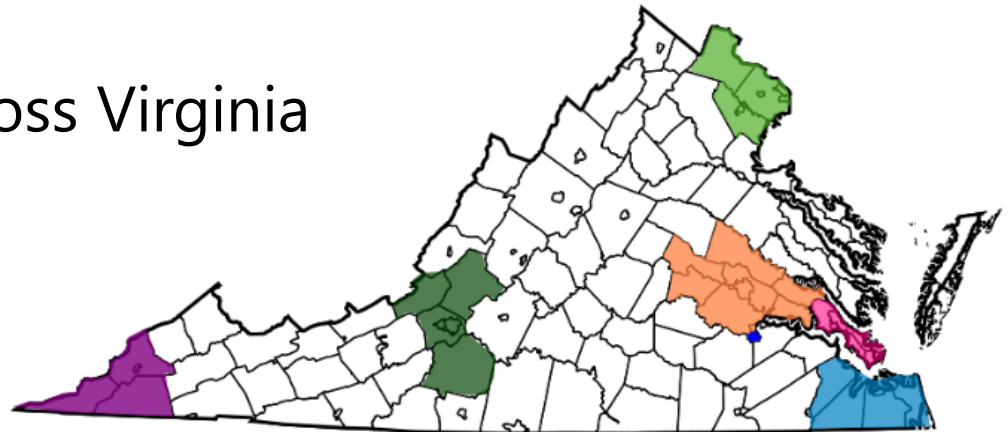
2018 Legislative visits:

Political engagement at the grassroots level



Oral Health Alliance Goals

- Provide grassroots advocacy for oral health and integration
- Make non-traditional connection to improve oral health
- Act as a bi-directional resource and information sharing network
- Connect regions across Virginia



Reaching Our Alliance Goals

Who else can
we bring to
the table?

What are our
strengths as a
group?

How can we
improve our
impact?



Possible Group Structure

Keep it simple!

- **Meeting schedule:** two in-person meetings a year and one mid-year check-in call
- **Alliance representative:** attends statewide alliance meeting on behalf of RVA/Petersburg
- *Others?*



Regional Request for Proposals

Up to three small minigrants (\$7,500) to fund community-level planning projects with a focus on *systems level change*

- Beyond direct care: addressing factors that impact health at the population level
 - Social determinants of health
 - Healthcare policies
 - Public health practices
- Minigrants will fund: time, staff, supplies, planning
- Projects must focus on pregnant women, children, and families in Richmond/Petersburg area



Next Steps

- Set next meeting
- Follow-up items
- Announcements



Thank you!

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