



Understanding Oral Health Inequities

LAOralHealthCoalition@LA.GOV

Friday, November 6, 2020

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

About the *Louisiana Oral Health Coalition*

Vision

- A Louisiana where people of all ages have excellent oral health

Mission

- To coordinate the provision of information, resources, and services so that people of all ages can have excellent oral health.

Core Components

- The Coalition recognizes four main component areas through which their projects and services are focused. Member stakeholders work in collaboration to promote and educate within each area: *Access, Prevention, Workforce and Policy.*



Today's Webinar Objectives

Participants will learn effective strategies on how to pioneer state oral health policies to reduce oral health inequities and increase access to oral health care for under served communities.

Oral Health for All: Policy Landscape



Meet the Speaker



Melissa Burroughs

Senior Oral Health Campaign Manager @Families USA



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We advocate for high-quality, comprehensive,
affordable health care and improved health for all
including oral health



Oral Health for All

Policy Goal: Expand Oral Health Coverage for All

- Medicare Oral Health Coverage
- Medicaid Dental Benefit for Adults
- Raise Profile of Oral Health

Elevate Oral Health in Policy Discussions

Empower Oral Health Community

National Coalition of Allies

State Partners and State Wins

COVID 19

2020
Elections

Growing Oral
Health
Movement

Increased
Focus on
Racial Justice

Broad Coverage Discussions

- COVID-related coverage losses, coverage improvement discussions- What would really be covered? What are the implications of the Health Care Repeal Lawsuit?

Medicare Excludes Oral Health

- Current efforts to add dental coverage

Medicaid Access/Expansion

- Who is covered and can they get the care they need? Who is losing coverage?

Interest in Maternal Health

- Oral health coverage for pregnant women varies widely

What vehicles could carry small wins, like program funding?

Medicaid Landscape

Medicaid Adult Dental and Federal Policy

States do not have to offer Medicaid adult dental coverage

- Federal legislation could change this

State budgets are tight across the country

- Federal legislation could offer relief, protect dental coverage– but does not currently

Medicaid Disaster Authorities

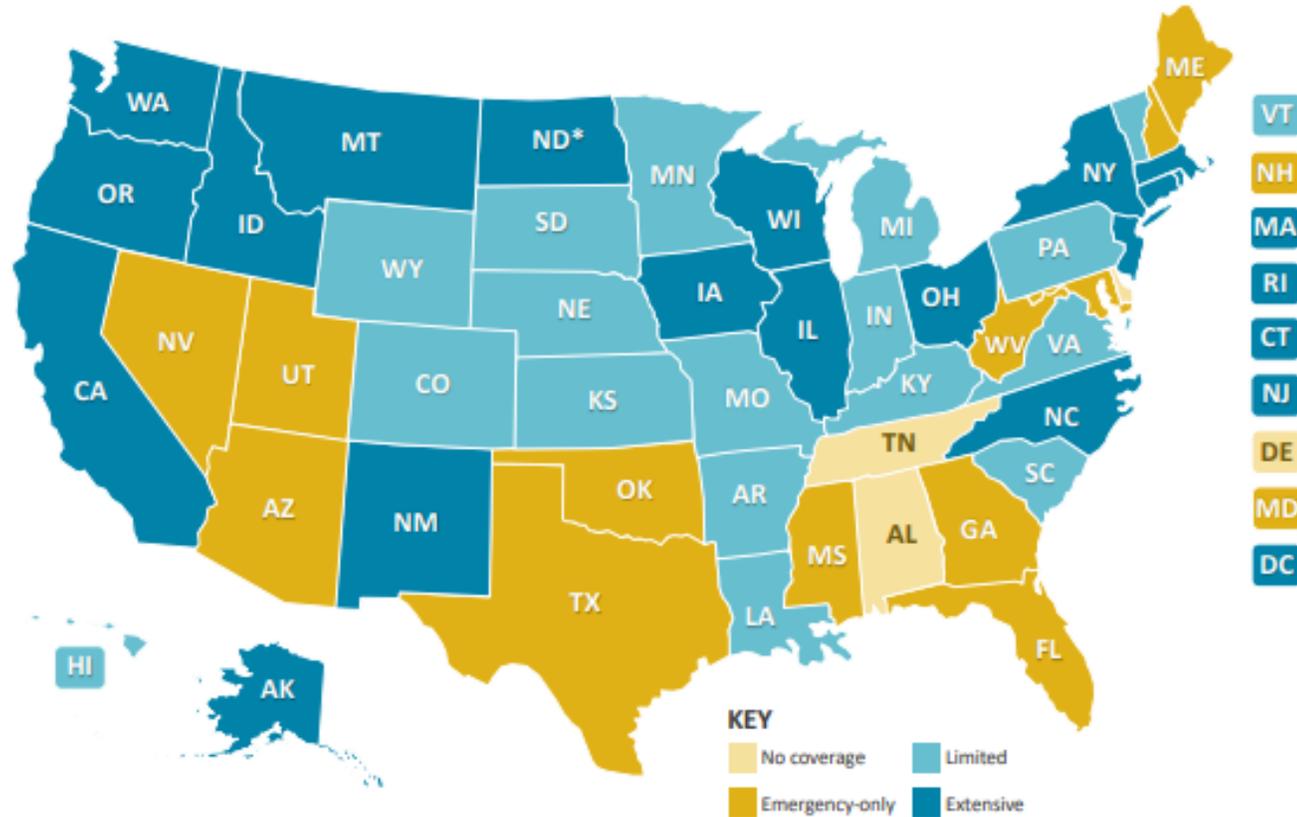
- Tied to public health emergency

Federal action could further support/protect oral health access

- FMAP, state fiscal relief, funding for state oral health programs

State Medicaid Dental Coverage for Adults

EXHIBIT 1. State Medicaid Coverage of Adult Dental Benefits, November 2018



https://www.chcs.org/media/Adult-Oral-Health-Fact-Sheet_112118.pdf

Medicaid Adult Dental-- 2020 Landscape

Major Gains Still Possible



WV, MD, OK, MO, IL

Some Efforts Stalled



VA, NH, DE

Early Cuts May Foreshadow Future



CO

States CAN Overcome Proposals to Slash Services



CA, NV

2021 Legislative Sessions Could Bring Risks

New Federal Rule puts oral health coverage at risk

Watch for proposed cuts from legislature and governor

LA state policymakers did not change this election cycle— build on education efforts

Medicare Oral Health Coverage

Louisiana & Medicare Oral Health Coverage

- 786,000 seniors and people with disabilities rely on Medicare in Louisiana
- 21% of older adults in Louisiana have lost all of their natural teeth to oral disease
- 45% of older adults in Louisiana have not seen a dentist in over a year*



*this data is pre-pandemic

Adding Medicare Oral Health Coverage

- Requires passing legislation
- Should be comprehensive, ideally integrated into Medicare Part B

Pushing for “medically necessary” dental coverage

- Already allowed under statute, need administrative ruling
- Would be VERY limited in scope
- Helps raise the profile of Medicare oral health issues

Other Issues

Other Federal Issues to Watch

State Oral Health Program funding

Other program funding (dental loan repayment programs, NHSC, outreach/education programs)

Oral health coverage for former foster youth, pregnant women

Oversight (Medicaid insurers)

Other State Issues to Watch

Other budget items/funding (e.g. SBHC programs, sealant programs)

Workforce

Scope of Practice

Teledentistry

Opportunities to Get Involved

Join OPEN

Medicaid Adult
Dental Benefit
Learning
Collaborative

Action for
Medicare Dental
Learning
Collaborative

2021
Policymaker
Engagement

Share your Story

Resources

- OPEN Candidate Engagement Guide: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OO4MYsoC8hRUiINmx-yKb3ITKnDtGck3AjqUZ35fX5A/edit#>
- Importance of Oral Health Candidate Leave Behind: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1D50QxqfxMMxBPc6GibVcbXPCyHsKCejm>
- Medicare Oral Health Advocacy guide: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1niWPtXRxCnefHdqzLRI5Tx7K8g4r9cEw/view>
 - Leave behinds for candidates: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1D50QxqfxMMxBPc6GibVcbXPCyHsKCejm>; <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1D50QxqfxMMxBPc6GibVcbXPCyHsKCejm>
 - Link to customize: <https://spaces.hightail.com/space/aVEMPAIjjK>
- Poll on Public Support for Medicare Oral Health Coverage: <https://familiesusa.org/product/families-usayougov-national-poll>
- Factsheet on how Medicare Oral Health would impact LA: https://familiesusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/OH_50-State-Medicare-Fact-Sheets_Oct2019_LA.pdf
- Blog on Administrative Action for Medicare “Medically Necessary” Dental Coverage: <http://familiesusa.org/blog/2017/08/medicare-should-pay-oral-health-care-necessary-manage-serious-illnesses>
- Brief on Medicaid Adult Dental Coverage (from CHCS): www.chcs.org/media/Adult-Oral-Health-Fact-Sheet_112118.pdf
- Share Your Story: <https://www.familiesusa.org/share-your-story/>
- To learn more about OPEN or either Learning Collaborative- contact Melissa Burroughs (mburroughs@familiesusa.org) for details.

Oral Health Progress and Equity Network (OPEN)



Oral Health Progress and Equity Network



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LOHC Virtual Oral Health Pre-Conference:

Addressing Oral Health Inequities

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Our Discussion:

- About OPEN
- Why the Network Approach
- OPEN Communities
- How To Join
- OPEN Resources
- What's Ahead?





About OPEN

Oral Health and Overall Health

- Oral health affects physical and mental health
 - People with poor oral health face **higher risk** of cardiovascular disease, stroke, complications in pregnancy and childbirth, and other conditions
 - People with visible signs of oral disease are **negatively judged and socially stigmatized**

Oral Health and Social Outcomes

- People with untreated dental problems often have difficulty finding jobs, which **lowers employment**
- Poor oral health translates into lost earning potential and leads to **increased health care costs borne by society**

OPEN: Goals

- Building a comprehensive national oral health measurement system
- Integrating oral health into person-centered health care
- Improving the public perception of the value of oral health to overall health

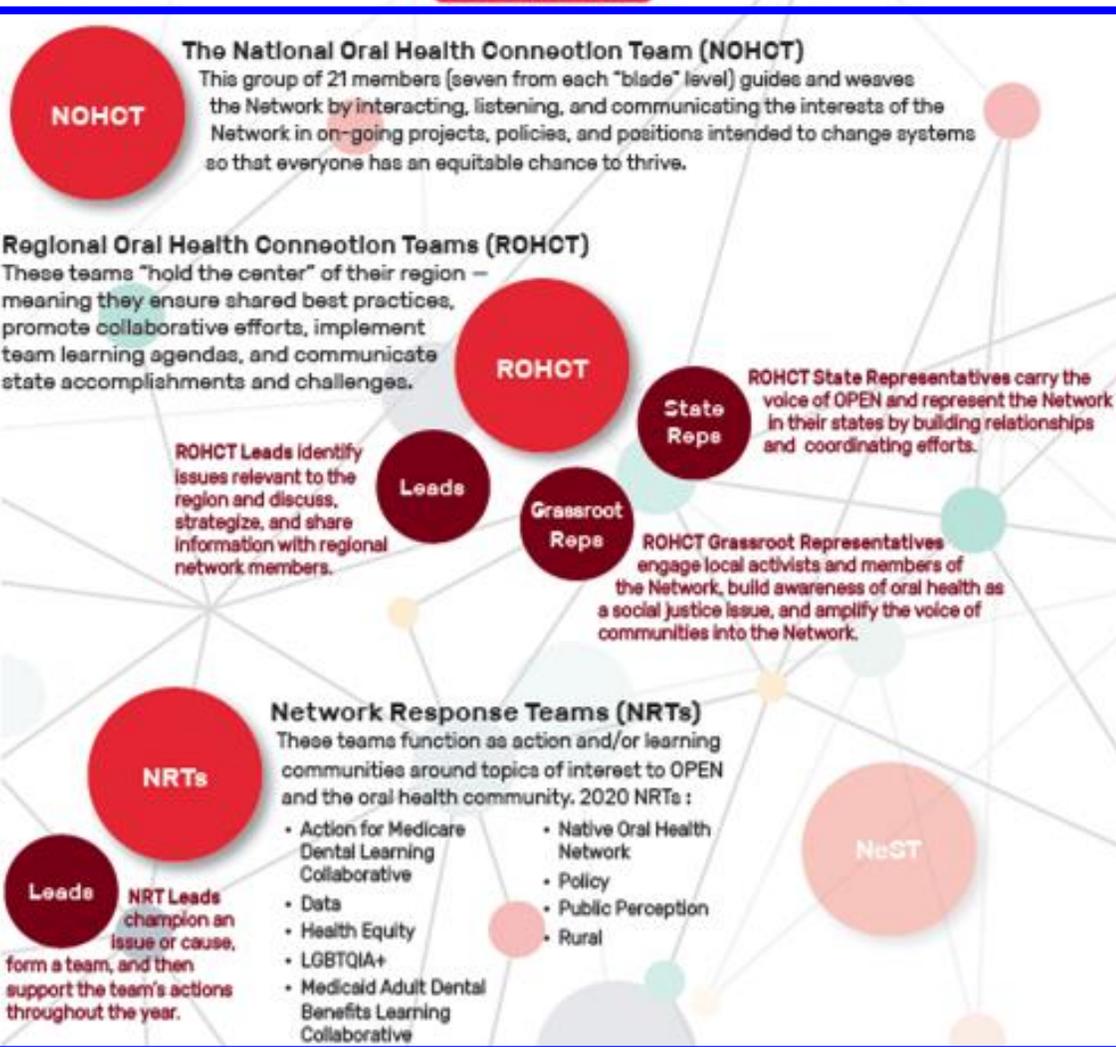
OPEN: Our Commitments

We catalyze a network to take on America's oral health challenges so that everyone has an equitable chance to thrive.

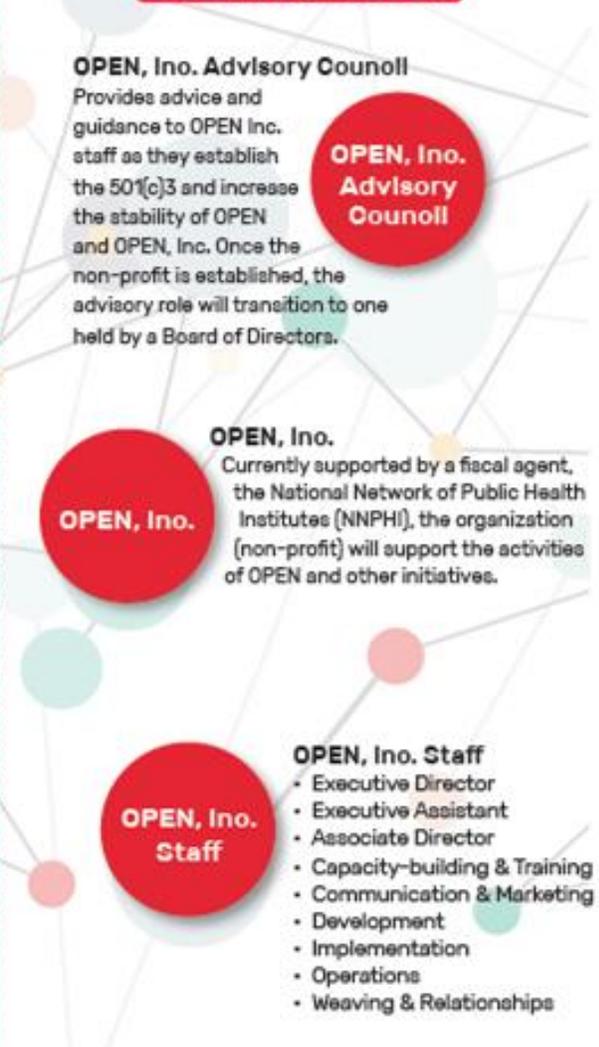


NETWORK & ORGANIZATION INFRASTRUCTURES

NETWORK



ORGANIZATION





Why the Network Approach

OPEN: Benefits of Partnership

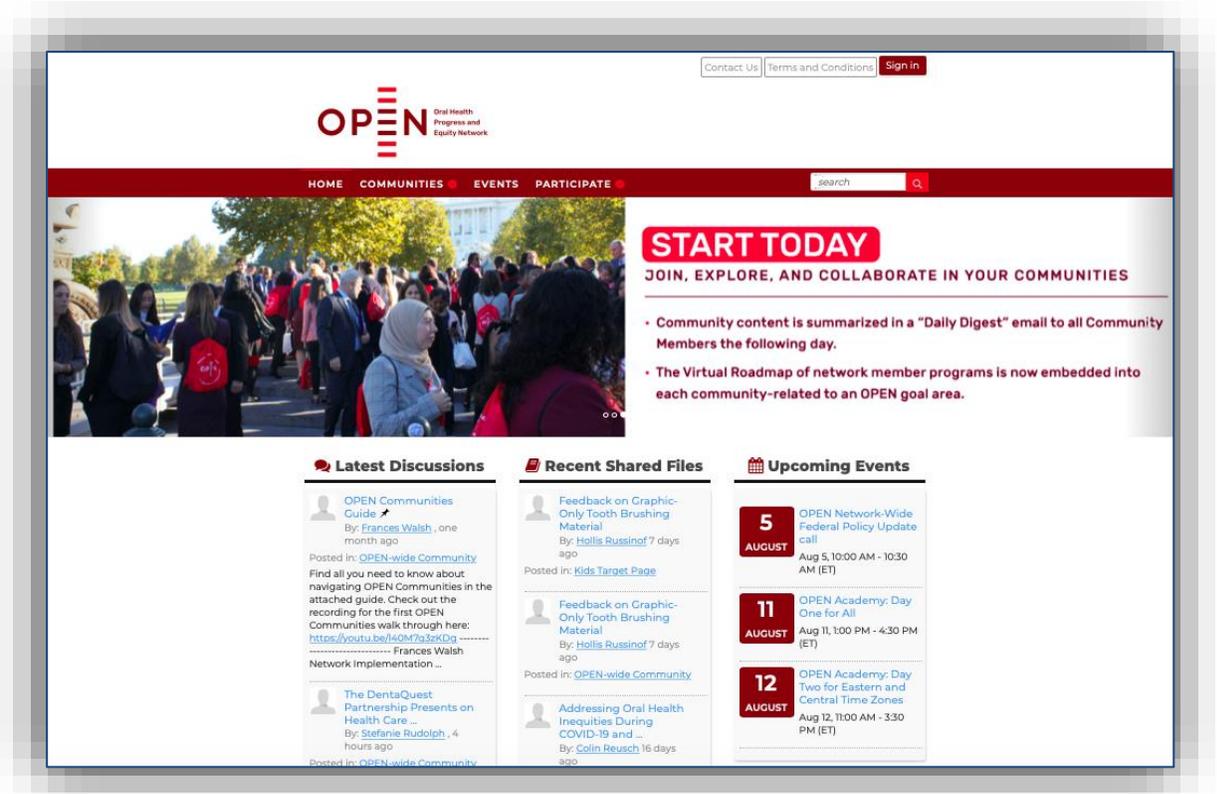
- Access to over 2,000 partners across the country using an e-community platform/in-person
- Multiple workgroups that focus on a diverse collective action plan for oral health:
 - Policy response team bi-weekly calls, and network-wide policy alerts and updates
 - Medicaid adult dental benefit learning collaborative
- Special topic webinars and network exemplars



OPEN Communities

OPEN Communities

- Join our **online** platform to find resources, make connections with network members and participate in forums.





You want to learn more about oral health equity and social justice!



There's a place called **OPEN Communities** where you can find others working as oral health advocates –practitioners, providers, funders, and citizens.



JOIN

Get started by going to communities.openoralhealth.org and click **Sign In** and then **New User/Register Now**. Create an account, complete the email verification, and you're ready to go.

OPEN

Catalyzing a network so that everyone has an equitable chance to thrive.



CONTRIBUTE

Click **PARTICIPATE** in the main navigation bar to join discussions and share files. Sharing your expertise, knowledge, and resources makes the Network stronger and more aligned in its collective action towards systems change.



CONNECT

The Network has thousands of oral health advocates across the country. Click **DIRECTORY** in the main navigation bar to search by name, location, group membership, interest areas, or region.



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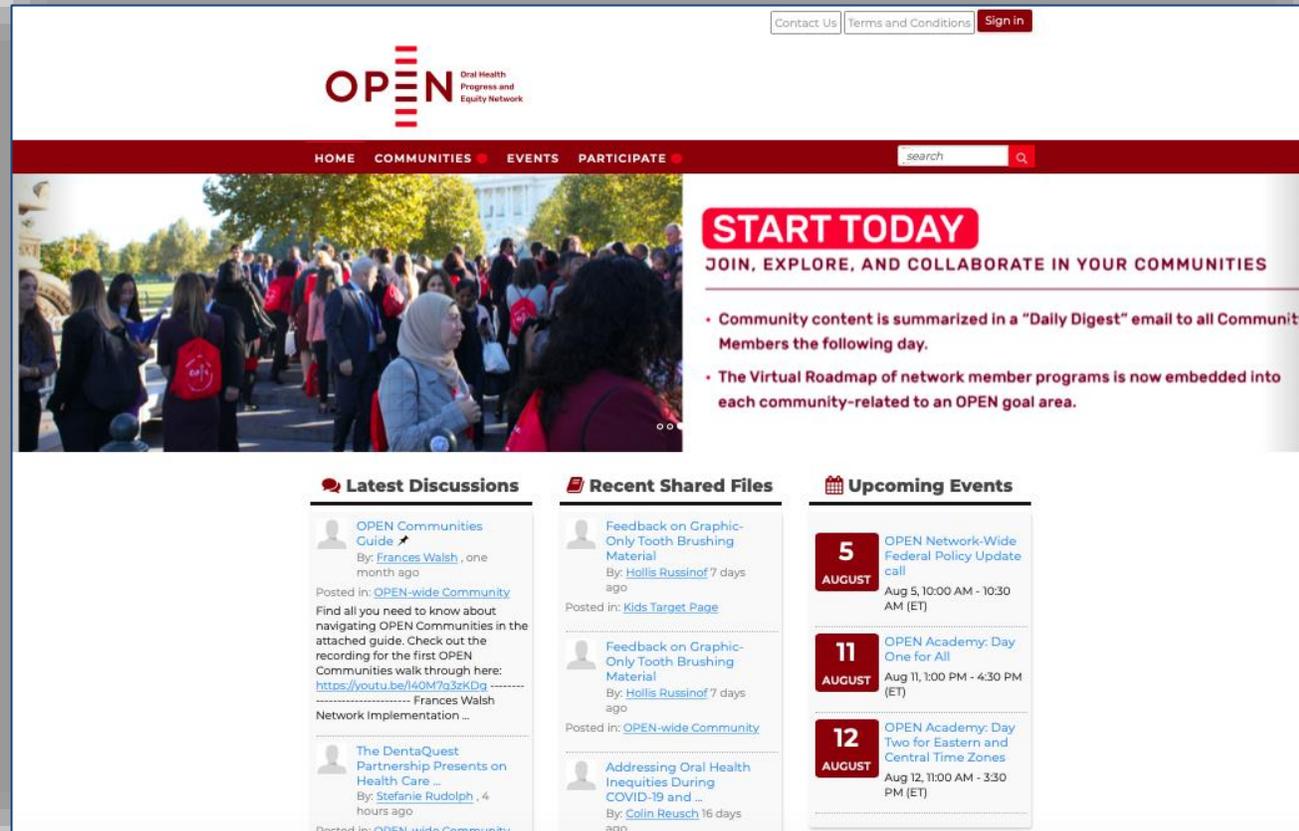
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How To Join

Website:

<https://www.oralhealth.network>



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Oral Health Progress and Equity Network (OPEN). The header features the OPEN logo, navigation links (HOME, COMMUNITIES, EVENTS, PARTICIPATE), and utility links (Contact Us, Terms and Conditions, Sign in). A search bar is also present. The main content area includes a large banner image of a community event, a 'START TODAY' call to action, and a list of key features. Below this are three columns: 'Latest Discussions', 'Recent Shared Files', and 'Upcoming Events'.

OPEN Oral Health Progress and Equity Network

HOME COMMUNITIES EVENTS PARTICIPATE

START TODAY
JOIN, EXPLORE, AND COLLABORATE IN YOUR COMMUNITIES

- Community content is summarized in a "Daily Digest" email to all Community Members the following day.
- The Virtual Roadmap of network member programs is now embedded into each community-related to an OPEN goal area.

Latest Discussions

- OPEN Communities Guide** By: Frances Walsh, one month ago
Posted in: OPEN-wide Community
Find all you need to know about navigating OPEN Communities in the attached guide. Check out the recording for the first OPEN Communities walk through here: <https://youtu.be/740M7q3zKDg> - Frances Walsh Network Implementation ...
- The DentaQuest Partnership Presents on Health Care ...** By: Stefanie Rudolph, 4 hours ago
Posted in: OPEN-wide Community

Recent Shared Files

- Feedback on Graphic-Only Tooth Brushing Material** By: Hollis Russinof, 7 days ago
Posted in: Kids Target Page
- Feedback on Graphic-Only Tooth Brushing Material** By: Hollis Russinof, 7 days ago
Posted in: OPEN-wide Community
- Addressing Oral Health Inequities During COVID-19 and ...** By: Colin Reusch, 16 days ago

Upcoming Events

- 5 AUGUST** OPEN Network-Wide Federal Policy Update call
Aug 5, 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)
- 11 AUGUST** OPEN Academy: Day One for All
Aug 11, 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)
- 12 AUGUST** OPEN Academy: Day Two for Eastern and Central Time Zones
Aug 12, 11:00 AM - 3:30 PM (ET)



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HTML and Demographics Definitions

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OPEN Resources

2020 OPEN Academy

August 11-13, 2020

Purpose

To increase systems change capacity and skills, ground OPEN members in the current reality of 2020 and deepen our commitment to racial justice.



To access recordings and slides:

(Create an OPEN Communities Account)

Communities > All Communities > OPEN-wide Community > Library > OPEN Convenings > 2020 OPEN Academy

OPEN National Meeting

October 20-23, 2020

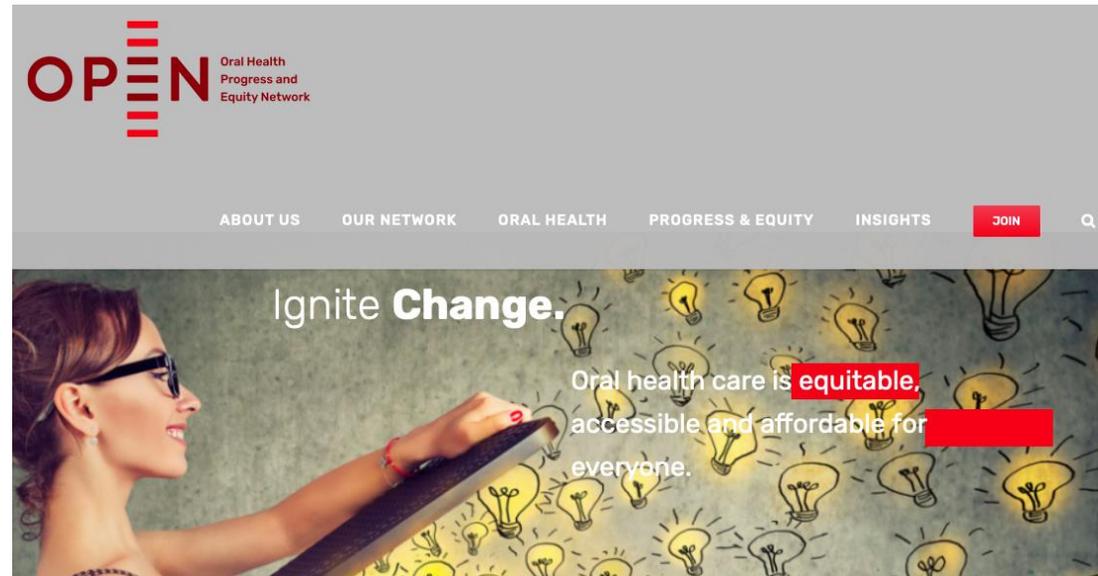
Purpose

This virtual gathering will convene some of the nation's best leaders and decision-makers at the forefront of oral health progress and equity. Attendees will understand and explore opportunities that will impact the U.S. oral health system, begin to identify the next set of goals and targets for OPEN, and to reinforce the urgency for us to address structural racism.



OPEN Announcements

- ***NEW*** OPEN Oral Health Website:
 - <https://openoralhealth.org>
 - Check it out!



Virtual Day of Action Kick-off

09/02/2020 and ongoing

- Advocacy action for oral health with policy makers and candidates
- Twitter Chat to raise awareness of oral health in Medicare, Medicaid and oral health funding
 - #mouthsmatter #oralhealthvotes
- [Virtual Day of Action Guide](#) provides resources and tools for successful ongoing engagement 2020-2021
- **Ready, Set, Vote - Louisiana**

We want to hear from you: Survey Time!

- Go to **MENTI.COM**
- Type in code: **88 54 14 5**
- <https://www.menti.com/7iq8frufat>



Who are 1-2 partners you can engage to advocate for oral health?

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Within OPEN Communities, how can the State & Grassroots representative collaborate to achieve your oral health goals?





What's Ahead?

How to Get Involved

JOIN!

- Nov. 11 - OPEN Network Wide Federal **Policy** Update Call
 - 10:00AM-10:30AM CST
- Nov. 12 - **Rural** Network Response Team (NRT)
 - 11:00AM-12:00PM CST
- Nov. 17 - Action for **Medicare** Dental Learning Collaborative (AMDLC Call)
 - 1:00PM-2:00PM CST
- Nov. 18 - **Medicaid** Adult Dental Benefit Learning Collaborative (MADBLC Call)
 - 2:00PM-3:00PM CST



*Stay tuned
for what's
next:*

- **Sign up to learn more!**
<https://oralhealth.network>

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Raising The Grade on Oral Health



Meet the Speaker



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Oklahoma Oral Health Coalition (OOHC), Chair

“Raising the Grade on Oral Health”

presented to

Louisiana Oral Health Coalition

Pre-Conference Webinar:

“Understanding Oral Health Inequities”

November 6, 2020

Marsha Wilkes Beatty, BS, MPH
Chairperson, OOHC



What is OOHC?

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Oklahoma Oral Health Coalition is to impact the oral health of Oklahomans through collaboration, coordination and education.



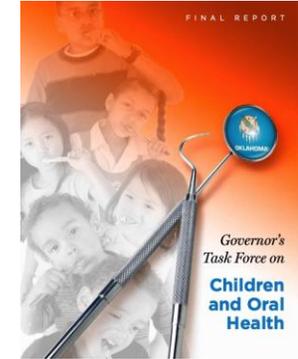
OOHC Member Organizations

- Delta Dental of Oklahoma Foundation
 - Oklahoma Caring Foundation
 - Oklahoma Dental Association
 - Oklahoma Dental Foundation
 - Oklahoma's Head Start State Collaboration Office
 - Oklahoma Health Care Authority
 - Oklahoma Primary Care Association
 - Oklahoma State Department of Health
 - Southern Plains Tribal Health Board
 - University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry
- ... just to name a few!



ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

- 2007: Governor's Task Force on Children's Oral Health
- 2009: Task Force Report and State Oral Health Plan
Children's Oral Health Coalition
- 2016: Expanded focus
Oral health across the lifespan
- 2017: OOHC Strategic Plan
Focused on enhancing public perception of oral health
- 2017-2019: Position Papers on CWF and ECC
- 2019-2020: Oral Health Report Card Project



<https://www.ok.gov/health2/documents/DentalReport2009.pdf>



OOHC Position Papers



Developed to educate policymakers, health professionals and the general public about key oral health issues.

<http://www.oohc.org/aboutus/?page=mission>

Opening doors to COMMUNITY WATER FLUORIDATION



The Oklahoma Oral Health Coalition supports fluoridation of community water. Every applicable public water system in Oklahoma should be fluoridated at the optimal level recommended by the U.S. Public Health Service.

Community water fluoridation is equitable— anyone who drinks fluoridated water receives its benefits. Fluoridation is strongly supported by the American Dental Association as “safe, effective and necessary in preventing tooth decay.” It is endorsed by the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the World Health Organization.



Get it from the tap! Bottled water may not have enough fluoride to prevent dental decay.

Abriendo las puertas a COMMUNITY WATER FLUORIDATION



La Coalición de Salud Oral de Oklahoma apoya la fluorización del agua de la comunidad. Todos los sistemas públicos de agua aplicables en Oklahoma deben ser fluorados en el nivel óptimo recomendado por el Servicio de Salud Pública de EE. UU.

Fluorización del agua de la comunidad es equitativa— cualquiera que beba agua recibe sus beneficios. La Asociación Dental Americana apoya firmemente la fluorización como “segura, efectiva y necesaria para prevenir las caries dentales”. Esta respaldada por la Asociación Médica Americana, la Academia de Pediatría, y la Organización Mundial de la Salud.



¡Obténlo del grifo! El agua embotellada puede no tener suficiente flúoruro para prevenir las caries dentales.

Opening doors to Preventing Early Childhood Caries (ECC)



The Oklahoma Oral Health Coalition believes that every child deserves a healthy start; this healthy start begins with good oral health.

Early Childhood Caries (ECC) is a highly preventable disease that affects children under age six. ECC can result in aggressive tooth decay. As soon as teeth appear in the mouth, decay can occur. If left untreated, ECC can destroy the teeth of an infant or young child.



A beautiful smile can lead to a beautiful future.

Abriendo las puertas a Prevenir Caries de la Primera Infancia



La Coalición de Salud Oral de Oklahoma cree que todos los niños merecen un comienzo saludable; este comienzo saludable empieza con buena salud oral.

Caries de la Primera Infancia (ECC por sus siglas en inglés) es una enfermedad altamente prevenible que afecta a niños menores de seis años. ECC puede resultar en caries agresivas. En cuanto los dientes aparecen en la boca, pueden ocurrir caries. Si no se trata, la ECC puede destruir los dientes de un bebé o un niño pequeño.



Una sonrisa hermosa puede conducir a un futuro hermoso.

ORAL HEALTH IS ESSENTIAL TO OVERALL HEALTH



Good oral health is essential for good overall health. Oral health impacts social health, mental health, school performance, and ability to get a job. For over 70 years, people have benefited from drinking fluoridated water. Fluoride is a mineral that prevents disease by “bathing” teeth to make them stronger and more resistant to acid attacks which result in dental decay. Fluoride in toothpaste, mouthwash, silver solutions and varnish have proven highly effective in preventing or reducing dental caries (decay). Community water fluoridation is central to prevention efforts.

TOOTH DECAY CAN BE PREVENTED



Tooth decay is a chronic disease caused by bacteria. Teeth are at risk for decay throughout life, beginning when the first baby tooth appears. Dental caries is almost entirely preventable through individual and community-wide efforts. A balanced diet, good oral hygiene, dental sealants, and dental visits all contribute to good oral health. Here are some facts about community water fluoridation:

- It reduces tooth decay by 25% across the lifespan, benefiting all who drink the water.
- It is cost-effective, and saves money for both families and the healthcare system.
- It has been recognized as one of the ten greatest public health achievements for the 20th century by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

COMMUNITIES NEED THE KEYS



Communities need the right “keys” such as data, information, and advocacy in order to access community water fluoridation. By supporting water fluoridation, you are supporting a healthier, more vibrant, community. Local advocates can make a difference by promoting water fluoridation to impact awareness and policy. Some steps you can take:

- Contact your water treatment plant and ask questions about fluoride in the water
- Talk to your local health department to get more information
- Visit www.Water'sFluoride and www.oralhealth.org
- Talk to officials and decision makers in your community

LA SALUD ORAL ES ESENCIAL PARA SALUD GENERAL



Buena salud oral es esencial para la salud en general. La salud oral impacta la salud social, salud mental, el rendimiento escolar, y la habilidad para obtener un trabajo. Por más de 70 años, las personas se han beneficiado de beber agua fluorada. El flúoruro es un mineral que impide enfermedades al “bañar” los dientes para hacerlos más fuertes y más resistentes a ataques de ácido que resultan en caries dentales. El flúoruro en la pasta dental, enjuagues, soluciones de plata y barniz han demostrado ser altamente efectivos para prevenir o reducir las caries dentales (caries). La fluorización del agua comunitaria es fundamental para los esfuerzos de prevención.

LAS CARIES DENTALES SE PUEDEN PREVENIR



La carie dental es una enfermedad crónica causada por bacterias. Los dientes corren el riesgo de sufrir caries a lo largo de la vida, comenzando cuando aparece el primer diente de leche. Las caries dentales se pueden prevenir casi por completo a través de esfuerzos individuales y comunitarios. Una dieta equilibrada, buena higiene oral, selladores dentales y visitas dentales contribuyen a una buena salud bucal. Aquí hay algunos datos sobre la fluorización de comunidad:

- Reduce las caries dentales en 25% a lo largo de la vida útil, beneficiando a todos los que beben el agua.
- Es rentable y ahorra dinero tanto para las familias como para el sistema de salud.
- Ha sido reconocido como uno de los diez mayores logros en salud pública del siglo 20 por los Centros para la Prevención de Control de Enfermedades.

LAS COMUNIDADES NECESITAN LAS CLAVES



Las comunidades necesitan las “claves” adecuadas como datos, información, y apoyo para acceder la fluorización del agua de la comunidad. Al apoyar la fluorización del agua, está apoyando a una comunidad más saludable y más vibrante. Los defensores locales pueden marcar la diferencia promoviendo la fluorización del agua para impactar la conciencia y la política. Algunos pasos que puede seguir:

- Comuníquese con su planta de tratamiento para el agua y pregunte preguntas del flúoruro en el agua
- Hable con su departamento de salud local para obtener más información
- Visite www.Water'sFluoride y www.oralhealth.org
- Hable con sus oficiales y tomadores de decisiones en su comunidad

ORAL HEALTH IS ESSENTIAL TO OVERALL HEALTH



Oral health is the health of your mouth, including your teeth, gums, throat, and bones around the mouth. A healthy mouth helps children:

- Learn to talk
- Eat and chew
- Be ready for school and improve learning
- Be happier and more playful

EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES CAN BE PREVENTED



ECC is caused by germs that lead to cavities. ECC can be prevented by:

- Cleaning your child's teeth twice daily
- Choosing water over sugary drinks (including fruit drinks and juice)
- Choosing fruit over sticky snacks
- Not putting your child to bed with a bottle (except for water)

FAMILIES NEED THE KEYS



Families need the right “keys” to prevent ECC such as:

- Take your child to a dentist by age one; baby teeth affect permanent teeth
- Get fluoride from toothpaste, water, and fluoride treatments from a health professional
- Take care of your teeth; adults with healthy mouths have children with healthy mouths
- Visit <https://www.mouthhealthy.org/en/babies-and-kids> for more information

Intent and Purpose



- Released May 29th
- Baseline for future data collection
- Framework for 2020 Oral Health Improvement Plan
- Foundation for advocacy efforts





Texas Oral Health Report Card



TxOHC envisions a state where every person is known to enjoy optimal oral health as part of his/her total well-being through individual and shared community responsibilities. The Coalition has the partnerships and commitment to collaborate with others to create innovative and viable solutions that address oral health inequities. Texas may have earned a C when compared to the nation's performance on 12 key oral health indicators, but working together we can improve our grade and realize a healthier Texas.

58% **A**

Children aged 1-2 enrolled in Medicaid receive a preventive care visit through Medicaid



78% **C**

Children who have received at least one preventive dental visit in the last year



59% **A**

Medicaid enrolled children ages 1-20 received preventive dental care through Medicaid



67% **D**

Two out of every three Third Graders have experienced tooth decay



51% **A**

One half of third Graders have dental sealants in permanent molars



43% **F**

Four out of ten children age 3-5 who have experienced tooth decay



19% **A**

Two out of ten children aged 6-14 enrolled in Medicaid received dental sealants on permanent teeth through Medicaid



4% **I**

Medicaid pediatric medical providers applying fluoride varnish



38% **C**

Pregnant women who had their teeth cleaned during pregnancy



59% **D**

Adults age 18-64 visited the dentist in the last year



14% **C**

Adults 65+ suffering from edentulism



72% **C**

Population drinking optimally fluoridated water (natural or adjusted)



75% **A**

Needs are met in six out of ten DHPSC areas



Oklahoma Oral Health Report Card 2020

State Score: **D**



When compared to the nation's performance on 13 key oral health indicators, Oklahoma scores a D.

The Oklahoma Oral Health Coalition is a collaboration of organizations and individuals committed to impacting the oral health of Oklahomans.

We created this report card to illustrate the gravity of the oral health problem in our state. Working together, we can improve these grades and the oral wellness of Oklahomans.

	INDICATOR	GRADE
CHILDREN: ENROLLED IN MEDICAID		
1	16% of ages 1-2 received a preventive dental care visit	F
2	49% of ages 3-5 received a preventive dental care visit	C
3	49% of ages 1-20 received a preventive dental care visit	C
4	10% of ages 6-14 received dental sealants on permanent molars	F
CHILDREN: GENERAL POPULATION		
5	72% of ages 1-17 received one or more dental visits last year	D
6	66% of third graders have caries experience (treated or untreated tooth decay)	F
7	25% of third graders have dental sealants on permanent molars	F
ADULTS		
8	58% of ages 18-64 visited the dentist in the last year	D
9	43% of ages 65+ have lost six or more teeth due to tooth decay or gum disease	D
10	21% of ages 65+ have lost all of their natural teeth due to tooth decay or gum disease	F
11	35% of pregnant women had their teeth cleaned during pregnancy	F
GENERAL POPULATION		
12	70% of Oklahomans have access to fluoridated water (natural or adjusted)	C
13	40% of needs were met in Dental Health Provider Shortage Areas	A

Report card can be accessed at www.oohc.org



Methods: Sources

Page three of the PDF links to the sources used for this document. However, over time, some of the data linked to will be updated. Therefore, we have provided static copies of the exact data used in the PDFs below.

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- Indicator 3
- Indicator 4

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Annual EPSDT Participation Report Form CMS-416 Fiscal Year: 2018 State: Oklahoma									
Indicator 1: Preventive Visit Ages 1-2 10,839 / 68,147 = 15.9%									
Description	Cat	Total	< 1	1-2	3-5	6-9	10-14	15-18	19-20
1a. Total Individuals Eligible for EPSDT	CN	629,144	34,998	72,671	102,870	130,998	156,264	104,955	26,388
	MN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	629,144	34,998	72,671	102,870	130,998	156,264	104,955	26,388
1b. Total Individuals Eligible for EPSDT for 90 Continuous Days	CN	579,159	25,183	68,147	96,268	123,301	147,231	98,205	20,824
	MN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	579,159	25,183	68,147	96,268	123,301	147,231	98,205	20,824

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Methods: Scoring

Grade	Points	Criteria
A	4	20%+ better than US
B	3	10.1 - 19.9% better than US
C	2	0 - 10% change from US
D	1	10.1 - 19.9% worse than US
F	0	20%+ worse than US

Oklahoma Oral Health Report Card 2020 Comparison Chart



	CHILDREN: ENROLLED IN MEDICAID	DESIRED TREND	OK %	US %	% DIFFERENCE	POINTS	GRADE	
1	% of ages 1-2 received a preventive dental care visit	↑	15.9	26.2	48.9 worse	0	F	
2	% of ages 3-5 received a preventive dental care visit	↑	48.6	51.8	6.4 worse	2	C	
3	% of ages 1-20 received a preventive dental care visit	↑	48.9	48.1	1.6 better	2	C	
4	% of ages 6-14 received dental sealants on permanent molars	↑	10.1	15.4	41.6 worse	0	F	
CHILDREN: GENERAL POPULATION								
5	% of ages 1-17 received one or more dental visits last year	↑	72.4	80.2	10.2 worse	1	D	
6	% of third graders have caries experience (treated or untreated tooth decay)	↓	66.0	51.6	24.5 worse	0	F	
7	% of third graders have dental sealants on permanent molars	↑	25.2	38.2	41.0 worse	0	F	
ADULTS								
8	% of ages 18-64 visited the dentist in the last year	↑	58.2	65.7	12.1 worse	1	D	
9	% of ages 65+ have lost six or more teeth due to tooth decay or gum disease	↓	43.0	36.0	17.7 worse	1	D	
10	% of ages 65+ have lost all of their natural teeth due to tooth decay or gum disease	↓	21.4	14.4	39.1 worse	0	F	
11	% of pregnant women had their teeth cleaned during pregnancy	↑	35.3	46.3	27.0 worse	0	F	
GENERAL POPULATION								
12	% of Oklahomans have access to fluoridated water (natural or adjusted)	↑	69.6	72.8	4.5 worse	2	C	
13	% of needs were met in Dental Health Provider Shortage Areas	↑	40.1	29.2	31.5 better	4	A	
						US COMPARISON	1	D

Comparisons to Surrounding States

*“Trends In Oklahoma Oral Health Indicators and
Comparison Between Oklahoma and Surrounding States”*

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Primary Research Questions:

- What is the difference in oral health status between Oklahoma and the U.S. over a period of time?
- Have there been any trends in the oral health status of Oklahomans over time?
- How does oral health status in Oklahoma compare to surrounding states?

(Arkansas, Kansas, Texas, New Mexico, and Louisiana)



Figure 11. Percentage of children ages 1-2 that received a preventive dental care visit in OK, AR , KS, TX, NM, and LA in 2018

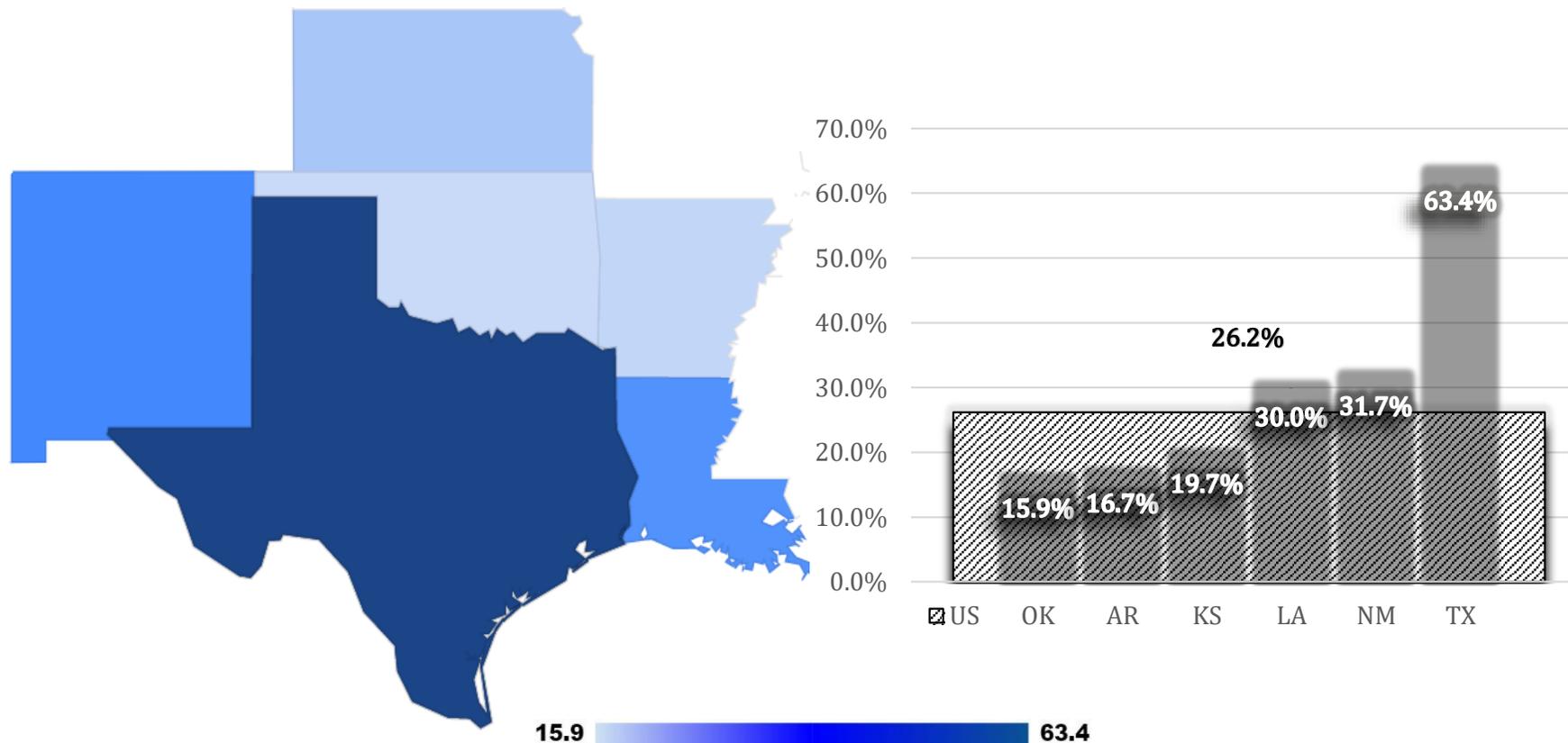


Figure 16. Percentage of adults ages 18-64 that visited the dentist in the last year in OK, AR, KS, TX, NM, and LA in 2016

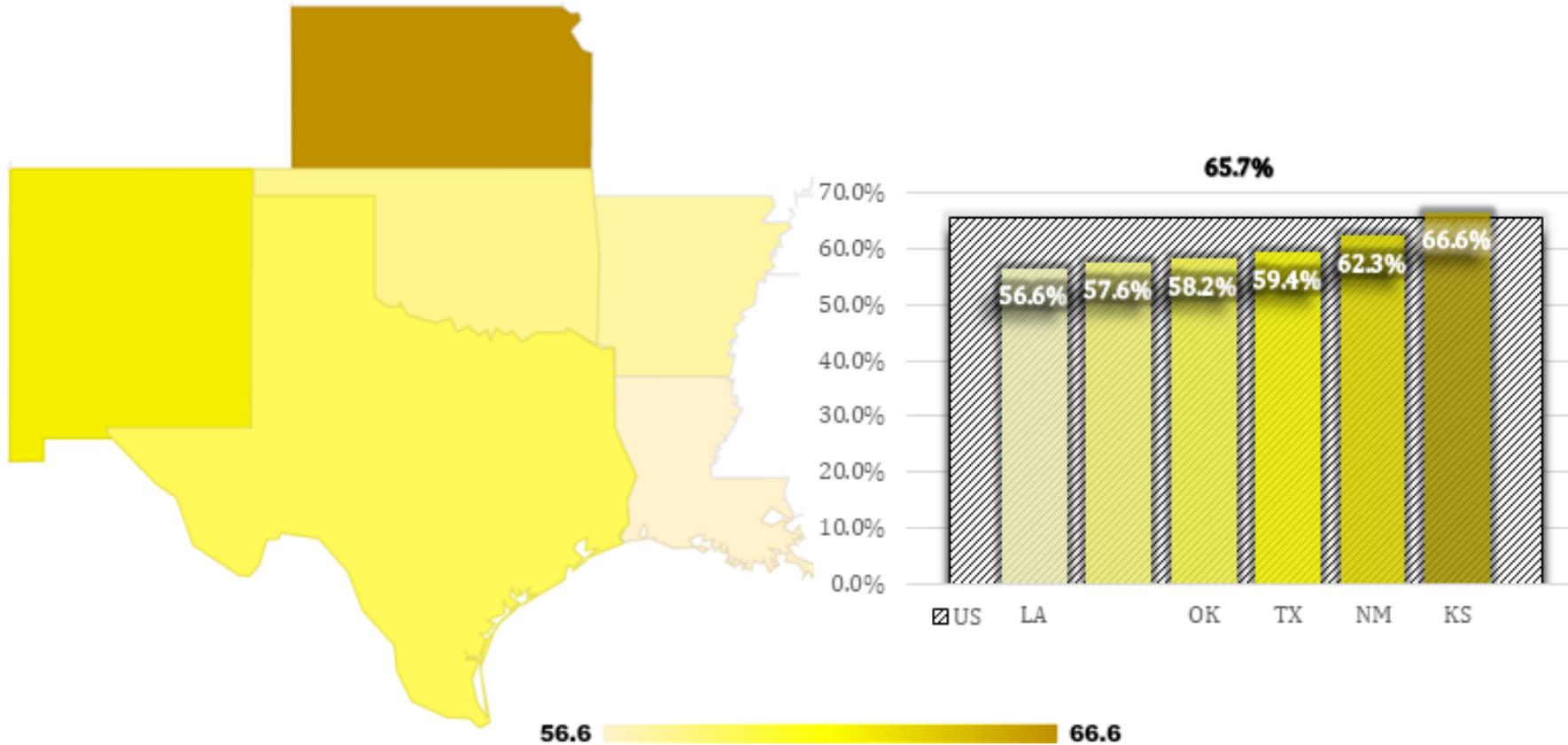
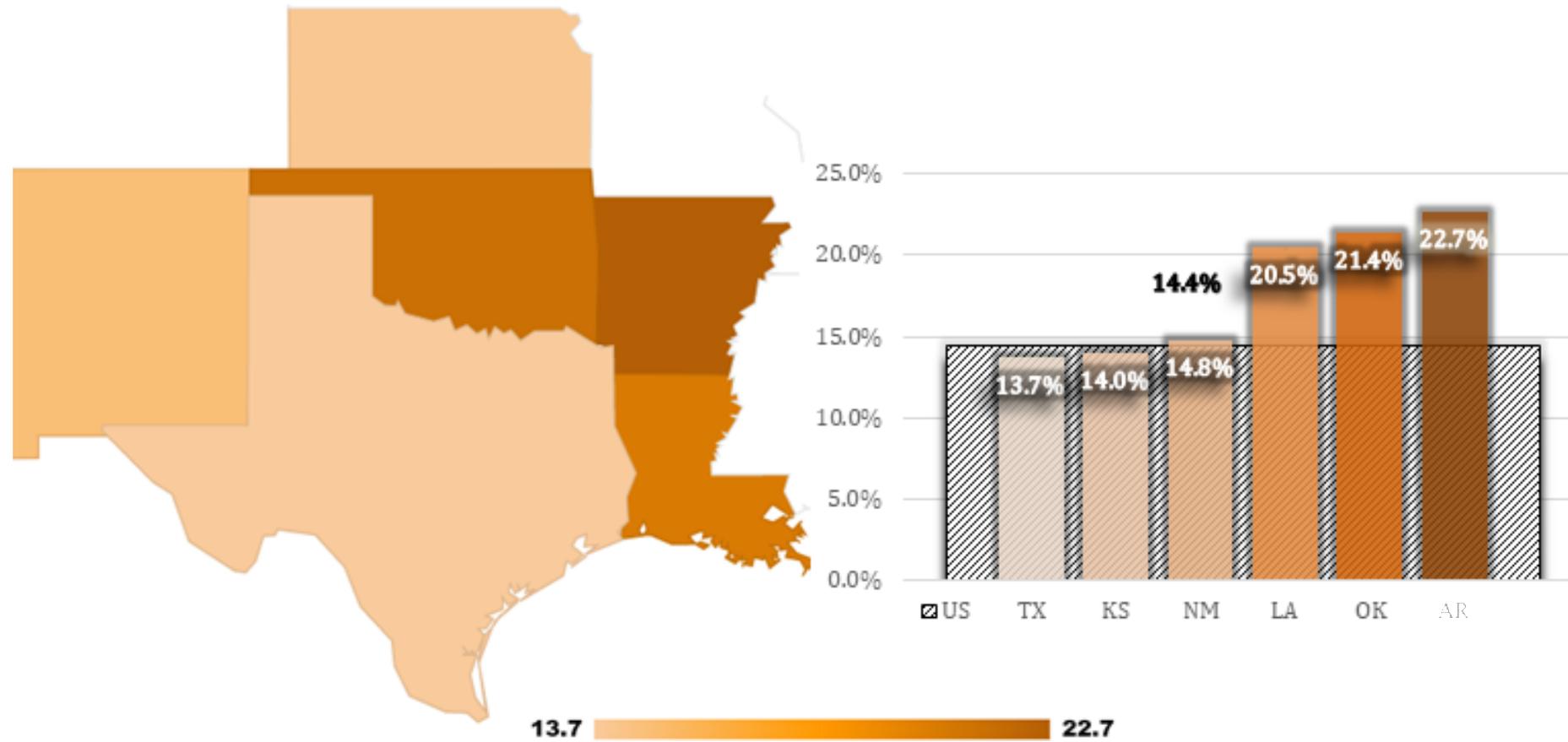


Figure 18. Percentage of adults ages 65+ that have lost all of their natural teeth due to tooth decay/ gum disease in OK, AR, KS, TX, NM, and LA in 2018



Health Disparities, Health Equity and Social Determinants of Health

Health Disparities

- Inequitable or **unfair differences** in the health status of different **groups of people**
- Often related to **social** or **demographic factors**
- Impact is often significant in certain populations.

Factors Driving Health Disparities



- ✓ Access to affordable and culturally appropriate health and human services
- ✓ Quality education
- ✓ Affordable, quality, and healthy housing
- ✓ Early childhood development
- ✓ Healthy physical environment
- ✓ Access to affordable food systems and affordable, healthy foods

Health Equity

Equity is the ***absence*** of ***avoidable, unfair, or remediable differences*** among groups of people, whether those groups are defined socially, economically, demographically or geographically or by other means of stratification.

-- World Health Organization



Health Equity

... is when ***everyone has the opportunity to attain his/her full health potential*** and no one is disadvantaged from achieving this potential because of social position or other socially determined circumstance.

-- Oklahoma Health Equity Campaign



Social Determinants of Health (SDOH)

“The circumstances in which people are born, grow up, live, work, and age, and the systems put in place to deal with illness. These circumstances are in turn shaped by a wider set of forces: economics, social policies, and politics.”

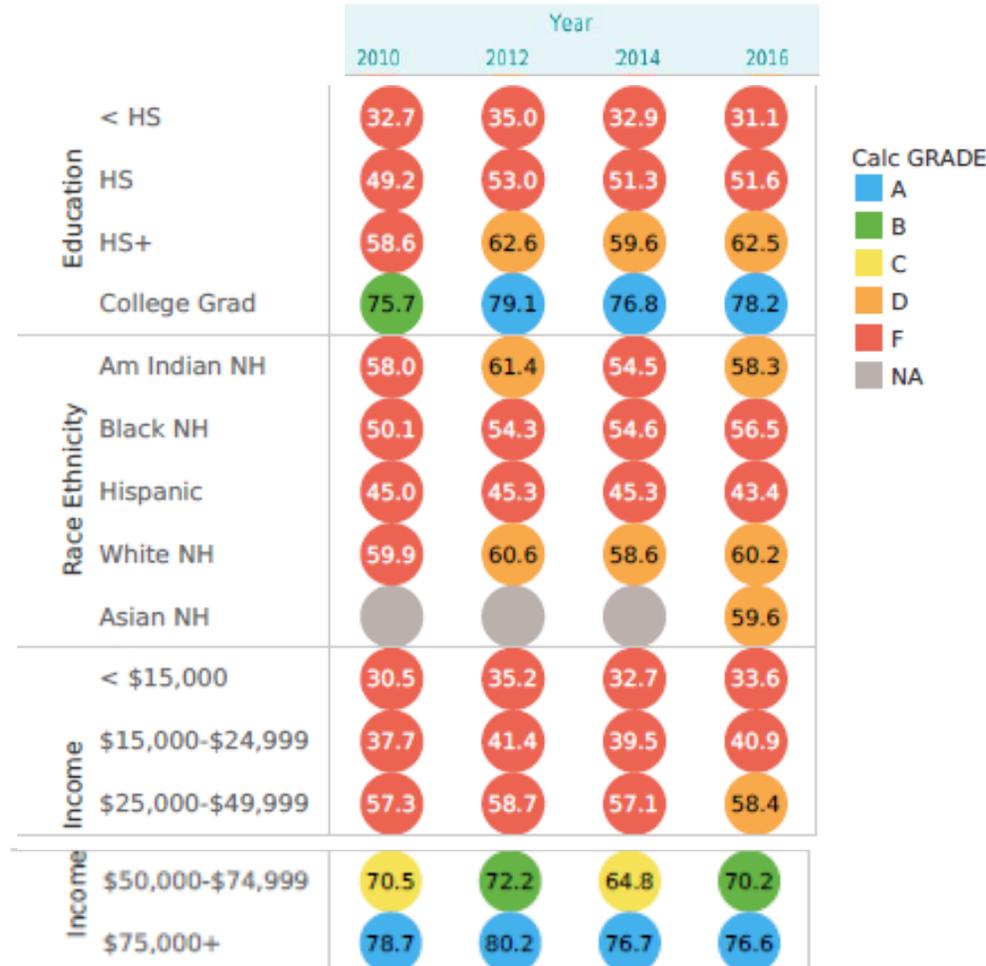
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Oklahoma Demographics

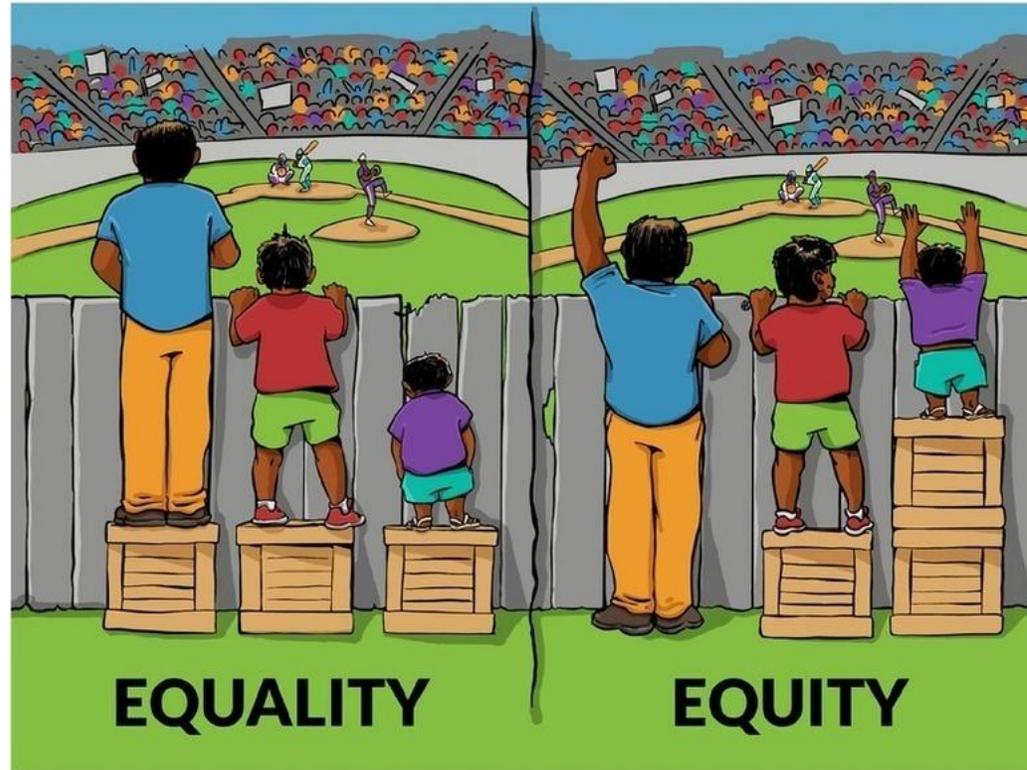
Data Item	USA	OK	OK County	Tulsa County	Range
% of Population (Black)	13.40%	7.80%.	15.80%	10.80%	0.0% - 17.2%
Median HH income	\$60,293	\$51,424	\$52,855	\$53,902	\$30,298 – \$69,220
% College grads	31.50%	25.20%	31.80%	31.20%	1.50% – 36.80%
% High School grads	87.70%	87.80%	87.20%	89.20%	71.20% – 92.00%
% in Poverty	11.80%	15.60%	16.90%	14.10%	7.90% – 31.00%
% Uninsured	10.00%	16.70%.	16.10%	5.40%	10.02% – 32.54%

Adult Dental Visits in Oklahoma

(By Education, Ethnicity and Income)



“Inequities in oral health are merely examples of widespread, systemic health inequities and social justice issues.”*



Equality



The assumption is that **everyone benefits from the same supports**. This is equal treatment.

Equity



Everyone gets the supports they need (this is the concept of "affirmative action"), thus producing equity.

Justice



All 3 can see the game without supports or accommodations because **the cause(s) of the inequity was addressed**. The systemic barrier has been removed.

... but what if ...

“FENCES” and other
longstanding, systemic
barriers to health
are NOT even NECESSARY or
APPROPRIATE?



Achieving health equity requires:



Valuing everyone equally



Focusing on societal efforts to address avoidable inequalities



Recognizing and rectifying historical injustices



Addressing contemporary injustices

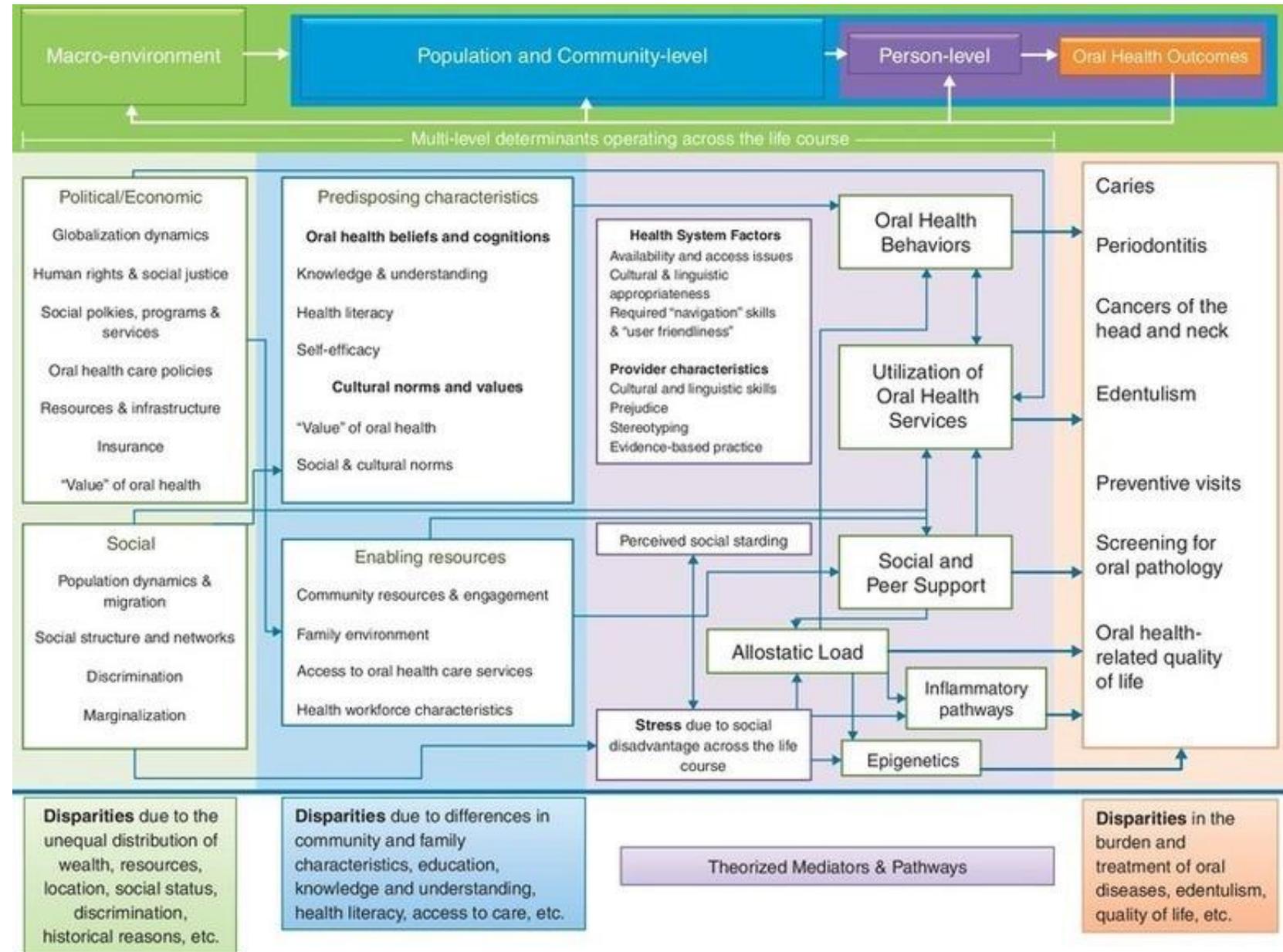


Eliminating health and healthcare disparities, and



Assuring structural and personal conditions are in place to support optimal health

Multi-faceted
Problems
will
ALWAYS
REQUIRE
Multi-faceted
Solutions!



“In many respects oral health is the ‘final frontier’ in health care, equity and justice.”*



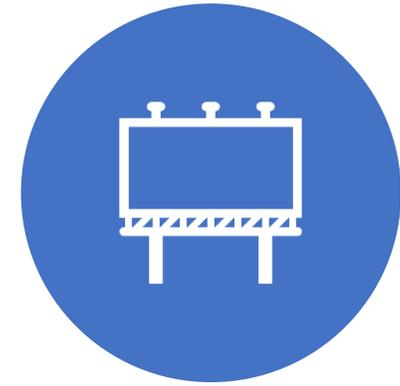
How Do We Get From Here to There?



ADVOCACY!



ADVOCACY!!



ADVOCACY!!!

The Role of Advocacy!

*Advocacy is the **active pursuit, support or defense** of a **person, group, plan, cause, proposal or idea.***

*An advocate works **on the behalf of others**, either by **pleading on their behalf** or by **supporting their cause** through **individual or collaborative** effort.*

Health Advocates in Local Communities:

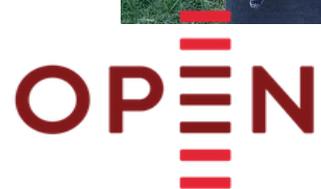
*... function as **change agents** either by **directly** causing productive and positive change on behalf of others or by **empowering others** to effect change for themselves.*

ADVOCACY TIPS

- Know your issue well.
- Know the relevant rights, rules and regulations.
- Get partners.
- Get help.
- Get a picture of what “better” looks like.
- Recognize and communicate awareness of legitimate interests.
- Link the issue.
- Use emotion appropriately.

<https://ctb.ku.edu/en>

OPEN Capitol Hill Day 10/23/2019!



Advocacy Lessons Learned:



ADVOCACY TRAINING
AND MENTORING



WEBINARS, EMAIL
MESSAGES AND
PHONE CALLS



TOOL KITS AND
GUIDES



ISSUE BRIEFS AND
FACT SHEETS



ACCOUNTABILITY
CHECK-INS



AFFIRMATIONS AND
ENCOURAGEMENT

**Robust
Preparation
is
Absolutely
Critical!**

Phenomenal Advocacy Resources Are Indeed Available! Access Them And Use Them Wisely!



<http://www.oralhealth.network/>



www.frameworksinstitute.org



www.familiesusa.org



*American Network of
Oral Health Coalitions*

www.anohc.org



EVOLUTION OF AN ORAL HEALTH ADVOCATE:



- From “Concerned & Articulate” Community Health Educator
to
- “Savage” Oral Health Advocate!

Conclusions & Implications for Oklahoma

- Oklahoma's oral health delivery system needs significant improvement.
- Expanded needs assessments must be implemented at regular intervals.
- Enhanced oral health advocacy and promotion efforts grounded in health equity must be expanded across fields.

Next Steps

Oral Health Awareness Forum Webinar Series!

“Raising the Grade on Oral Health”

- 09-11-20: Rural/Teledentistry/Dental HPSAs
- 11-06-20: Special Populations*
- 12-04-20: Dental Workforce Issues*
- 02-05-21: Children and Pregnant Women
- 03-05-21: Working-Aged Adults

Next Steps



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Oklahoma Oral Health Report Card 2020

State Score: **D**

When compared to the nation's performance on 13 key oral health indicators, Oklahoma scores a D.

The Oklahoma Oral Health Coalition is a collaboration of organizations and individuals committed to impacting the oral health of Oklahomans.

We created this report card to illustrate the gravity of the oral health problem in our state. Working together, we can improve these grades, and the oral wellness of Oklahomans.



Next Steps

- Building OOHC Membership!
- Reactivated ANOHC Membership!
- Expanding OPEN Memberships and Engagement!
- Developing Advocacy Tools and Resources!
- Launched Social Media Campaigns and Outreach!
- ***Develop 2020 OK Oral Health Improvement Plan!***
- ***Build and Strengthen Regional Partnerships!***

Additional Conclusions & Implications

- *Similar oral health challenges often exist for our friends and neighbors in surrounding states.*
- *Coordinated regional efforts focused on advocacy, shared information and learning collaboratives may prove to be essential to individual AND collective success!*
- *Let's "Get Jiggy" With It, Ya'll!*



YOU Can Become “Savage” Oral Health Advocates, TOO!

Effective Advocacy Requires Education and Outreach!



Hidden Pain: America's Oral Health Crisis

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JXZMGGTscnc&t=2s>

<https://youtu.be/4EETIhbiGBI>



Q & A Session

Upcoming Events

Virtual Member Quarter Meeting
January 2021
TBD

Children's Dental Health Month
Activities
February 2021

Louisiana Oral Health Summit
Shreveport/Bossier City
March 12, 2021

PLEASE JOIN US

Louisiana Oral Health Summit

*The Road to Achieving
Oral Health Equity in Louisiana*

MARCH 12, 2021

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The Oral Health Summit is a free event to anyone interested in improving collaboration and coordination of preventive oral health care statewide. For more information, contact us at LAOralHealthCoalition@la.gov.



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- Annette Droddy, Secretary





Thank You!

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Additional Resources

- <https://www.oralhealth.network> – Oral Health Progress and Equity Network (OPEN) website.
- <https://openoralhealth.org> - NEW* OPEN Oral Health Equity Network (OPEN) Website provides networking opportunities for providers, organizations..etc to connect and network about Oral Health related issues and topics.
- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1O04MYsoC8hRUiINmx-yKb3ITKnDtGck3AjqUZ35fX5A/edit#heading=h.c59aessigadn> – Link to Virtual Day of Action Guide provides resources and tools for successful ongoing engagement 2020-2021.
- <https://www.ok.gov/health2/documents/DentalReport2009.pdf> - Task Force Report and State Oral Health Plan provides data and reports on Oklahomans dental status compared to other states.
- <http://www.oohc.org/aboutus/?page=mission> – Oklahoma Oral Health Coalition (OOHC) Mission Website provides resources and information on OOHC and their mission.
- <http://www.oohc.org/aboutus/?page=reportcard> – Oklahoma Dental Report Card provides information on Oklahoma’s oral health data
- www.familiesusa.org – Families USA Website provides information on overall health from a national level with a focus on health care value, health equity and health coverage.
- www.anohc.org – American Network of Oral Health Coalitions (ANOHC) Website creates a place for all state level oral health coalitions throughout the United States to connect, share information, ask questions and leverage time and resources.
- www.frameworksinstitute.org – Provides information on how to apply social science methods to study how people understand social issues – and how best to frame them.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JXZMGGTscnc&t=2s> – a short video about America’s Oral Health Crisis on identifying hidden pain in patients.
- <https://youtu.be/4EETlhbiGBI> Full video about America’s Oral Health Crisis on identifying hidden pain in patients.