



# Strategic Plan for Oral Health in Oregon: 2014-2020

Progress Report

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## Strategic Plan for Oral Health in Oregon Plan History



In 2013, oral health providers, experts and advocates came together to develop a *Strategic Plan for Oral Health in Oregon*.

They identified three priority areas and set goals for improving statewide oral health:

- *Infrastructure*
- *Prevention and Systems of Care*
- *Workforce Capacity*

## Strategic Plan for Oral Health in Oregon 2016 Progress Report



This biennial progress report is based on input from stakeholders representing a wide variety of organizations.

### Objectives

- Assess the current status of oral health improvement in each priority area.
- Recognize success and innovation.
- Identify work yet to be done.

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### Highlights

- Statewide health system transformation has increased access to oral health care.
- Exceptional commitment of Oregon's oral health advocates is a major strength.
- Innovative projects around the state have improved care.
- Concerted efforts are building oral health capacity.
- Many opportunities exist to work together more effectively.

# Strategic Plan for Oral Health in Oregon

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### Highlights

- Timely information sharing remains challenging due to a limited integration of medical and dental records.
- Progress has been made on integration of dental-medical-behavioral services, but more is needed.
- Despite expansion of adult Medicaid benefits, care for underserved adults — particularly seniors — remains inadequate.
- There are limited examples of fostering cultural competence in oral health professions.

## Strategic Plan Priority Areas

### Infrastructure



### Objectives

Oregon's oral health infrastructure supports health system transformation priorities and delivers better care, better health and lower costs.

### Key Accomplishments

- Oregon now has a state dental director, which has led to a new era of cross-divisional collaboration on oral health.
- Oral health is one of seven priorities in the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP), which recommends:
  - Increasing community water fluoridation
  - Providing sealants in schools
  - Ensuring an adequate supply of oral health professionals
  - Increasing preventive care for children
  - Including oral health in chronic disease prevention and management

## Strategic Plan Priority Areas

### Infrastructure



#### Key Accomplishments

- Legislative actions have expanded dental access.
- CCOs are integrating oral health and have identified oral health as a priority in their communities.
- Oral health coalition network has increased, which broadens the oral health stakeholder base and serves as a common voice for advocacy.
- Federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) and school-based health centers (SBHCs) have expanded access to oral health services.
- Hospital database implemented to track emergency department visits for nontraumatic dental pain.

## Strategic Plan Priority Areas

### Infrastructure



#### Recommendations

- Reimbursement and payment models should incentivize oral health integration, care coordination and access.
- Oregon's health care advocates and workforce should coordinate data collection and sharing across organizations and agencies.
- Full integration of electronic health records should be promoted to support dental-medical-behavioral care coordination.
- CCOs and DCOs should continue to working together to take advantage of opportunities to integrate Oregon's system of care together.

## Strategic Plan Priority Areas

### Prevention and Systems of Care



#### Objectives

Oregonians understand that oral health is inseparable from overall health, and evidence-based prevention strategies are implemented across every Oregonian's lifespan

#### Key Accomplishments

- Current water fluoridation programs have been defended and sustained.
- Preventive services for pregnant women have increased substantially, improving access to care.
- Preventive services for children have increased statewide, including screening and sealant programs in schools and community settings.

## Strategic Plan Priority Areas

### Prevention and Systems of Care



#### Key Accomplishments

- Innovative programs developed.
- Safety-net dental services for uninsured adults have been sustained.
- Several initiatives are underway to integrate oral health with chronic disease prevention and management.
- Oral health education programs have been developed and integrated into many existing health education programs.

## Strategic Plan Priority Areas

### Prevention and Systems of Care

Outcome Measures	Baseline	Current
Populations residing in communities with optimally fluoridated water	22.6%	22.2%
Pregnant women who had their teeth cleaned within the previous year	53.2%	58.3%
Individuals who have received First Tooth training	3,046	4,398
8th graders with decay experience	70.1%	68.7%
11th graders with a dental visit in the previous year	74.5	74.9
Adults 18 and older with a dental visit in the previous year	63.8%	67%

## Strategic Plan Priority Areas

### Prevention and Systems of Care



#### Recommendations

- Sustain long-term communication and advocacy efforts for community water fluoridation.
- Expand models of care for adolescents, seniors and people with special needs and chronic diseases.
- Foster engagement and inclusion with groups and advocates who serve communities of color.
- Actively engage in statewide efforts to reduce childhood obesity and tobacco use.



## Strategic Plan Priority Areas

### Workforce Capacity



#### Objectives

Oregon has an equitable distribution of oral health professionals who can meet the lifelong oral health needs of all Oregonians.

#### Key Accomplishments

- Expanded practice dental hygienists (EPDHs) have **tripled** in number and are serving in non-dental settings such as schools, Head Start programs and community health clinics.
- Workforce capacity is expanding through pilot projects that are testing new models of care:
  - Dental health aide therapists (DHATs) are targeting underserved Native communities.
  - EPDHs are being trained to place interim therapeutic restorations (ITRs).

## Strategic Plan Priority Areas

### Workforce Capacity

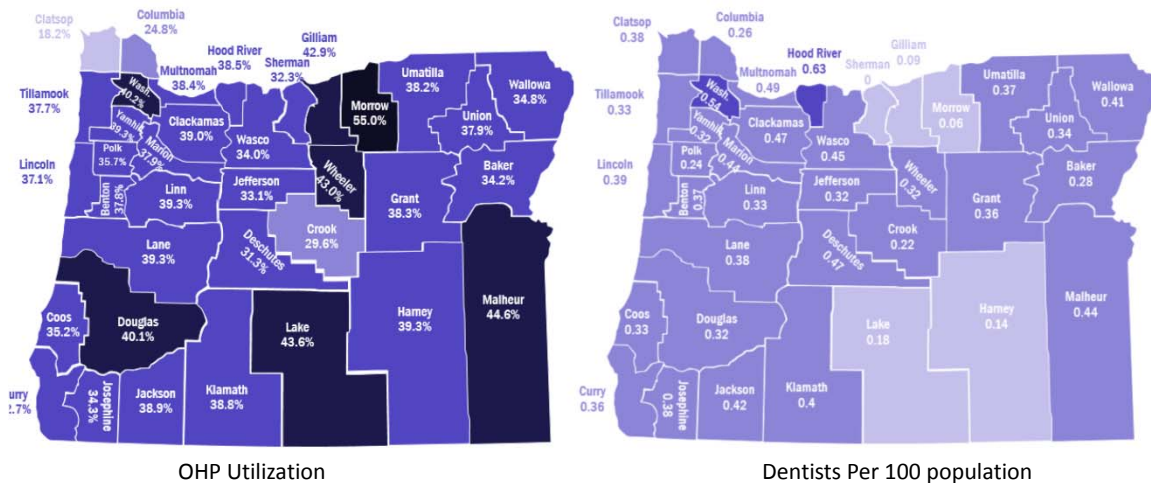


#### Key Accomplishments

- HB 2024 created rules and procedures for training traditional health workers (THWs) to provide oral health education and navigation.
- Community-based rotations for dental students have increased in length and increasingly include interprofessional education.
- Dental programs now include more cultural competence training.
- Mobile dental services reached several thousand adults and children who otherwise might not have access to dental care.

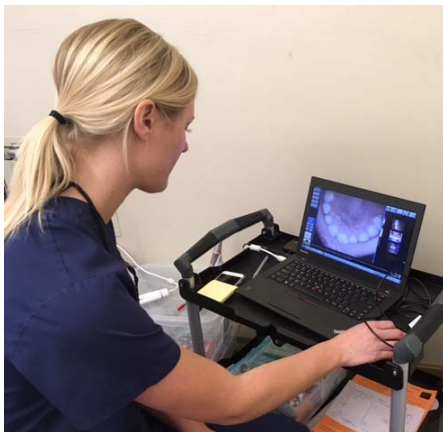
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#### Recommendations

- Support efforts to attract, train and retain a culturally diverse workforce.
- Address impending workforce shortages (esp. lab technicians and dental assistants).
- Secure additional funding to incentivize providers to work in rural areas.
- Attend to EPDH reimbursement issues that create barriers to expanding their use.
- Recognize and that integration of oral health into Primary Care will increase access, education, prevention and earlier detection of dental disease. (and lower costs!)



# Strategic Oral Health Priorities

## Summary



- Oral health has much more visibility in Oregon as a priority for overall health.
- Great progress has been made in the priority areas identified in the *Strategic Plan for Oral Health in Oregon*.
- We have lots of community-level momentum to continue working together to improve oral health access.
- We need to continue expanding efforts to address high needs and vulnerable adolescents and adults.
- We need to continue working on medical-dental-behavioral integration to support overall health.