Network Spotlight
Caring for each other and the people we serve

This monthly update is designed to keep Network members informed of developments from both inside and outside of the Network. Send items you’d like to see brought to the attention of the entire Network to fmorales@childrennow.org.

Welcome New Members!

Recently signed up for Socious or new to the OH 2020 network?

Check out our Socious cheat-sheet to learn how to connect and share information/resources with fellow network members.

Network Reminders

2018 Launch Webinar
February 14th at 3pm ET/12 pm PT

Please join for our 2018 Launch Webinar. This virtual convening is an annual opportunity for the Foundation team to provide an overview of our grantmaking and network support strategies for the coming year. The webinar will be recorded. Slides and a link to the recording will be available after the call. There is no need to pre-register. Simply click the link below or dial-in at the start time.

Click here to join the meeting
Meeting number (access code): 795 826 640
Host key: 370272

Join by phone: Dial 1-408-792-6300 and enter the meeting code 795 826 640. Press *4 to mute or unmute your line.

Share what you’re up to in the OH 2020 Virtual Roadmap!
https://oh2020-network.ushahidi.io/
This virtual platform helps network members interact with and track progress on
the network’s six national goals. The Virtual Roadmap visually displays the network at large and all of the amazing work that is taking place at local, state and national levels. This platform will help you find fellow Network members based on your needs and areas of interest. Click here to learn how you can put yourself on the map!

Network Wide Policy Alerts and Updates
In case you missed it, the latest information on federal health policy efforts and critical resources organized by topic are available in the OH 2020 Network Wide Policy Alerts and Updates forum HERE.

Opportunity to Share Knowledge and Skills: Take 20 With the Network
Take 20's are informal, illustrative conversations/presentation about what has worked well for Oral Health 2020 partners in this field, the obstacles faced along the way, and what action steps are needed to further our collective work. If you are interested in sharing a skill, discipline, or promising practice that can support our individual and collective capacities to improve oral health across the lifespan, CLICK HERE

Grasstops (National)

RESOURCE: Medicaid Adult Dental Benefits: An Overview
The Center for Health Care Strategies is pleased to offer an update to its fact sheet, Medicaid Adult Dental Benefits: An Overview. This resource includes a table identifying the category of dental benefits offered to adults enrolled in Medicaid in each state. We invite you to see where your state falls, and reach out with any questions or updates.

RESOURCE: New Medicare Dental Factsheet from Families USA
As oral health advocates, we are well aware that Medicare falls short on oral health care. We know that Medicare does not currently offer a dental benefit, and the 58 million seniors and disabled persons on the program suffer the consequences. Many of our policy makers and even our peers, however, do not know how oral health problems can hurt this vulnerable population. That's why we've developed a new factsheet, America’s Seniors Need a Medicare Oral Health Benefit, to help you educate your own networks and support your advocacy. This fact sheet explains that adding an oral health benefit to Medicare would address a number of health issues, be a wise investment, and receive voter support. In conjunction with our coalition partners, we look forward to working with you on this important issue!

Advocacy Resources now on Socious!
Now that state legislators are in regular session, we need to connect and align more than ever. Having trouble coming up with info for your advocacy campaign?
Looking for handouts and materials to take on a legislative visit? Check out our Advocacy Resources! Take a look at what's new in Sustainability in the upgraded Socious File Library.

**TOOLKIT: Reframing Oral Health: A Communications Toolkit for Advancing Oral Health Reform**

Last year, the Network received a MessageMemo and training from our partner, the FrameWorks Institute. This toolkit builds on those foundational resources and provides additional research and practical guidance about framing as a key strategy in achieving our collective vision of accessible and equitable oral health. The toolkit will assist our Network as we design and use framed communications to advance themes that promote a shared understanding of the value of oral health, equity, and other topics that connect oral health to overall health.

We believe the strategy that FrameWorks has provided will be a tremendous help in achieving our network goals — and we need your help in putting the toolkit to use! It’s time for us to change how the public thinks about, and prioritizes, oral health, and the toolkit will help us do just that. We encourage you to take your time with these materials, absorb them with care, and then start using the sample communications tools. Please provide feedback by clicking the “Give us your feedback” survey link on the website – it will help direct future efforts to improve tools and resources. You can also help by sharing the toolkit with others.

A Network Response Team has been collaborating with FrameWorks to identify opportunities for support, including training and technical assistance, in-person workshops, and webinars as we implement framing in our work. Please be on the lookout for these upcoming opportunities.

**TOOLKIT: Oral Health Advocacy Toolkit to Celebrate National Children's Dental Health Month**

Early childhood dental caries is the most common chronic disease of childhood, yet access to oral health care continues to be a problem for many children and families. To celebrate National Children's Dental Health Month in February, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Section on Oral Health has developed an Advocacy Toolkit featuring ideas and tools to engage as an oral health advocate or to simply help you weave oral health into your existing advocacy efforts.
Please share information about your work with network members! For example, has there been a key update/development in your work? Anything coming up in the next three months that you want to share? Please email your updates to fmorales@childrennow.org.

**Upcoming Events**

**WEBINAR: 2018 Prosperity Now Scorecard**
February 6th at 12-1:30pm ET

*Prosperity Now*, formerly CFED, will host a webinar about the 2018 Prosperity Now Scorecard. The *Prosperity Now Scorecard* examines over fifty measures on issues ranging from savings to debt and credit, housing costs to self-employment, and more. Researchers and policy experts will unpack the latest data, highlight emerging trends, and answer your questions about how residents in all 50 states are faring financially and what state governments can do to help. For more information about the webinar and to register, [click here](#).

**WEBINAR: COALITION BOOST: ORAL HEALTH ADVOCATES STRENGTHENING GROUND EFFORTS**
February 13th at 2-3pm ET

In several states, coalitions are benefiting by making connections to a new community of advocates. Oral health advocates in health care coalitions offer both effective messages and messengers. In this webinar, you will learn about the oral health community and policy issues and the shared priorities of oral health advocates and health care advocates. Advocates in Arizona will share how they integrated oral health messaging to highlight the importance of CHIP linking toothaches as one of the top reasons kids are missing school. Advocates in Florida will discuss how their oral health colleagues brought fresh angles to existing messages to garner policymakers’ attention to advance new initiatives.

**Presenters:**
- Scott Darius, Executive Director, Florida Voices for Health
- Cheryl Fish-Parcham, Private Insurance Program Director, Families USA
- Siman Qaasim, Director of Health Policy, Children’s Action Alliance, Arizona
Facilitator: Helen M. Hendrickson, Senior State Advocacy Manager, Community Catalyst. Please register for the webinar.

WEBINAR: Connecting Oral and Heart Health: Blood Pressure Screening and Smoking Cessation in the Dental Setting
February 21st at 12-1pmET

HRSA presents a webinar highlighting the connection between cardiovascular disease and oral health and the importance of integrating oral and primary health care. Participants will learn about promising practices that promote both cardiovascular and oral health within health centers and how to incorporate cardiovascular disease prevention strategies, such as blood pressure screening and tobacco cessation services, into the dental setting. View the webcast HERE the day of the session

WEBINAR: Successful Models of Inter-Professional Oral Health and Primary Care Training Programs
February 26th at 2-3:30pm ET

Purpose: To highlight efforts to combat health disparities through the integration of primary care and oral health training. Register here.

Objectives:
- Provide an overview of oral health disparities
- Discuss training opportunities to broaden oral health and primary care integration
- Discuss the importance of evidence informing oral health training integration

About: The Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW) programs provide financial support to institutions and individuals to enhance training programs and support practice in underserved communities. The Workforce Grand Rounds webinar series' goal is to improve health professions training with the intention to increase the number of high-quality health professionals, particularly in rural and underserved communities.

WEBCAST: Integration of Oral Health and Behavioral Health
HRSA has produced two webcasts promoting oral health integration and behavioral health in primary care settings. Learn more about HRSA’s Oral Health programs, resources, and initiatives here.
Clinical best practices to improve the oral health of individuals with substance use disorders - This webinar identifies ways that oral health and behavioral health professionals, and safety net health care systems can integrate oral health into the patient care of patients with substance use disorders.

Before You Say Ahhhh...Integrating Oral Health and Behavioral Health in Primary Care Settings - Behavioral health care providers are increasingly called upon to fill new roles on the primary care team. These roles often call for mastery of knowledge and skills related to a variety of complex health issues, including oral health. As an integral component of overall health, oral health can have a significant impact on a client’s emotional and physical well-being.

WEBCAST: Training Health Care Professionals to Focus on the Oral-Systemic Health of Older Adults
This webcast organized by ASTDD highlights three programs that successfully train future health care professionals to work with the older adult population, with a focus on oral-systemic health. Access the presentation slides here.

Network Resources

Communications Support Available to Network Members!
The Communications and Messaging workgroup is actively working to develop a unified voice for the Oral Health 2020 network. To achieve this goal, network members can reach out and request help with the development of new materials, or updates to existing ones. To learn more and request communication support, CLICK HERE.

How to Apply a Health Equity & Social Justice Lens: Accountability Guidance for the OH 2020 Network
The Health Equity Workgroup developed a guidance document on how to apply a health equity and social justice lens to your work. This document is meant to be a resource to individuals and organizations working on oral health issues all over the U.S., as well as a resource to our network as a whole. View the guidance document HERE.

Oral Health 2020 Network Outreach Materials
The Oral Health 2020 Network has produced a number of different resources to assist with stakeholder engagement and to help communicate the vision, goals and targets of the Network. View the resources on the Oral Health 2020 Network Online Community HERE.
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs - Annual conference, February 9th-13th in Arlington, VA

American Dental Education Association - Annual conference, March 16th-20th in Orlando, FL

2018 National Oral Health Conference - Registration is now open!
Registration is now open for the 2018 National Oral Health Conference and you are invited! The Planning Committee has put the final details on the program for the premier meeting for dental public health! The 19th joint meeting of ASTDD and AAPHD promises to provide attendees with the most current information on international, national, and local issues, lots of networking opportunities, information on new products and services, and a little fun! View the registration brochure and online registration. Early bird registration ends March 9, 2018.