Result:
All Florida children, youth and families have good oral health and well-being, especially those that are vulnerable.
Headline Indicator #1: Percentage of Medicaid-eligible Children Ages 0 - 20 Receiving any Dental Services

Source: Florida Form CMS-416 line 12a data retrieved in July 2018 from the Florida Institute for Health Innovation.
Headline Indicator #2: Percentage of Medicaid-eligible Children Ages 1 - 20 Receiving Preventive Dental Services

Source: Florida Form CMS-416 line 12b minus <1 data retrieved in July 2018 from the Florida Institute for Health Innovation.
Meeting Results

By the end of the meeting, participants will have:

- A greater understanding of the intersection between financial health and oral health as well as the steps being taken to address financial barriers.
- Reviewed results of a 2018 survey by Oral Health Workforce Research Center that examined factors contributing to oral health disparities.
- Discussed how to best update the Focus Areas for the Oral Health Alliance Strategic Plan to reflect current statewide needs and support for OPEN Network priorities.
The Intersection Between Financial Health and Oral Health
Shannon Charles, Community Prosperity Director, Catalyst Miami
Consumer Survey of Barriers to and Facilitators of Access to Oral Health Services

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Background

- The Oral Health Workforce Research Center (OHWRC) at the Center for Health Workforce Studies (CHWS) at the University at Albany’s School of Public Health completed a study to evaluate factors identified by consumers as impacting their access to oral health services.

- The Health Policy Institute (HPI) of the American Dental Association reported that financial obstacles to oral health care are increasing because of a trend toward decreasing dental benefits coverage.

- The OHWRC collaborated with the Workforce Studies team at the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) to conduct a survey to get info on what is contributing to oral health disparities and to describe barriers to utilization of services.
Key Findings

- The most commonly identified barrier to seeing a dental provider as often as needed was being unable to afford needed dental care (22.2%), followed by difficulty finding a dentist who accepted their dental plan (7.0%), anxiety about going to the dentist (6.7%), and an inability to find time to see a dentist (6.3%).

- The most commonly identified facilitator of dental care was dental insurance (22.0%), followed by the availability of more dentists who accept the respondent’s insurance (16.1%), more reminders to visit the dentist (14.7%), and more convenient hours (11.5%).

- Survey respondents without any dental insurance coverage, those who reported travel time >60 minutes to a dental provider, or resided in the South Region were more likely to report not getting needed dental care than other respondents.

- Hispanic/Latino (36.8%) and black/African American (35.3%) survey respondents were more likely to report being unable to obtain dental services when needed than were white (25.7%) or Asian (24.9%) survey respondents.

- Those with a high school education or less (33.0%) were significantly more likely to be unable to obtain dental care when needed than were college graduates (24.7%).

- Those with annual incomes less than $50,000 (36.7%) were significantly more likely to be unable to access needed dental services than were those with annual incomes of $100,000 or more (19.7%).
Key Findings

“The cost and unaffordability of dental services is identified in the literature as an important—and likely primary—barrier to obtaining dental services when needed.”
Oral Health Alliance Strategic Plan
Executive Summary

**Florida Oral Health Alliance Result:**
- All Florida children, youth and families have good oral health and well-being, especially those that are vulnerable.

**What is the Florida Oral Health Alliance?**
- An initiative to develop a statewide Oral Health Collaborative comprised of a group of broad-based multi-sector stakeholders with the insight, influence, resources and ability to achieve collective impact and create statewide systems change.

**Strategic Plan Purpose:**
- A call to action to improve access to and utilization of dental care for Florida’s most vulnerable children.
- A toolkit of best practices and community-specific strategies to guide people working at both state and local levels.
- A resource for identifying partners and community stakeholders that have a role to play in improving the oral health of Florida’s vulnerable children.

**Strategic Plan Overview:**
- Florida was ranked first among all 50 states as having the highest percentage of children covered by Medicaid who did not see a dentist in 2011 - 75.5%, over 20 points higher than the national average.
- Dental-related visits to the ED have increased each year between 2005 and 2014 from 104,642 to 163,900. Dental charges tripled during this period from $47.7 million to $193.4 million.
Oral Health Alliance Strategic Plan

- May 2015: Florida Oral Health Alliance held kickoff meeting at Children’s Services Council of Palm Beach County.
- August 2016: Strategic plan finalized
- October 2018: OH2020 Network becomes OPEN Network
Children’s Trust funded three providers to improve oral health care access in Florida -- fund screening, varnish application, sealant application, and referral to a dental home

- funded agencies are Community Health SF, Jessie Trice, and Florida Department of Health

One area to look at as a group is to look at Special Needs population

- How are they to be treated, how do we get them anesthesia/sedation? Something should be done on how we deliver this, to allow more general dentists to deliver these services

- Potentially connect with Special Olympics

- Consider adding experts from this field
  - Florida Developmental Disabilities Council
Executive Summary

Areas of Focus:

1) Oral health education
2) Barriers to dental care
3) Increased funding for oral health
4) Improved data collection
Upcoming Meetings

Next meeting is currently scheduled for:
- Friday, June 21st 2019
  - How does this timing work for the group?
Learning Opportunities

- OPEN Network-wide Federal Policy Updates Call
- Next meeting Wednesday, May 22nd 1:00 EST.
- Meetings held every two weeks.
  - OPEN network-wide federal policy update calls keep network members up-to-date on the latest federal policy developments and create a space where national and state/local partners can ask questions of each other, get input, and share their learning/challenges.
  - Visit oralhealth.network for more information.
Learning Opportunities

- The DentaQuest Partnership has completed the process of joining the former DentaQuest Institute & DentaQuest Foundation websites www.dentaquestpartnership.org.

- The main navigation of the website is structured by the four core elements of the DentaQuest Partnership: Grantmaking, Care Improvement, Research and Thought Leadership. Viewers can also find the following:
  - A newsroom where you can view the latest DentaQuest Partnership updates and access copies of DQ’s previous newsletters
  - An events page that lists upcoming speaking engagements and other events DQ is participating in/supporting
  - An Online Learning Center where you can access a variety of free resources and learning opportunities
Learning Opportunities

- **DentaQuest Partnership Online Learning Center**

  A hub of learning and resources for care professionals interested in prevention and disease management protocols.

- **The DentaQuest Institute** provides free webinars and online learning opportunities throughout the year. New webinars and sessions will be added frequently, so please check back to see what is available.

  - Visit [https://www.dentaquestinstitute.org/learn/online-learning-center](https://www.dentaquestinstitute.org/learn/online-learning-center)
Learning Opportunities

- **2019 Oral Health Progress and Equity Network Meetings**
- Mid-year meeting of the South/Southeast and Northeast/Mid-Atlantic regions - June 4-7, 2019.
  - Location: Hyatt Regency Atlanta
  - Registration deadline has passed. Contact your Grants Manager if you haven’t yet registered but are interested in attending.
Learning Opportunities

The OH2020 Network is now the Oral Health Progress and Equity Network!

Sign up for the OPEN Network’s e-community to get the latest news and updates on impact being made across the country, participate in webinars, access resources and technical assistance from experts and make new connections and share your own learnings with hundreds of others working to make our country healthier.

Register: http://www.oralhealth.network
Join the Florida State Page!