

NACHC ORAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES:

Key Priorities: Ensuring Integration of Oral Health and Primary Care | Assuring Access to Dental Care

*Committed to
Health Equity*

IMPROVE ACCESS TO ORAL HEALTH THROUGH



› PARTNERSHIPS TO BROADEN OUR REACH

- Promotion of key resources:
 - › National Interprofessional Initiative on Oral Health (NIIOH) “Smiles for Life” curriculum
 - › National Network for Oral Health Access (NNOHA) Operations Manual
- National Oral Health Innovation and Integration Network (NOHIIN)
 - › Primary Care Associations (PCAs) and national partners engaged in promoting oral health as an essential component of overall health
 - › Key Activities: Highlighting challenges and sharing successful models in oral health and primary care
- Oral Health Progress and Equity Network (OPEN) – previously Oral Health 2020 Network
 - › Inaugural and continuing member of the National Oral Health Connection Team - health equity working group



› ACADEMIC COLLABORATIONS TO BUILD THE ORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE

- Broker relationships between health centers/PCAs with local and regional dental schools and dental hygiene programs including the New York University Langone Dental Residency to assist with recruitment
- Promote A.T. Still University dental schools (Arizona School of Dental and Oral Health/Missouri School of Dental and Oral Health) recruitment fairs to health centers and encourage health centers and PCAs to endorse students through the Hometown Scholars Program



› SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTISE TO BUILD ORAL HEALTH CAPACITY

- Elevate the importance of oral health within PCAs, and develop executive leadership at health centers to promote optimal oral health
- Conduct education sessions at national conferences
- Encourage and support the use of expanded care teams- including Public Health Dental Hygienists, Dental Therapists, American Dental Association’s Community Dental Health Coordinators, Expanded Function Dental Assistants, and Community Health Workers/Promotoras



› PROFILING INNOVATIVE MODELS IN HEALTH CENTERS TO PROVIDE INSIGHT FOR ORGANIZATIONS

- Developed a Social Determinants of Health Caries Risk Assessment as part of the Agricultural Worker Children Dental Sealant Pilot
- Highlight advances in oral health and dental care, including teledentistry

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