Best Practice Resources for State Oral Health Programs

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The ASTDD Best Practices Project promotes best practices for state, territorial and community oral health programs.

A **Best Practice Approach** is defined as a public health strategy that is supported by evidence for its impact and effectiveness. Evidence includes research, expert opinion, field lessons, and theoretical rationale. For each Best Practice Approach analyzed and reported on the website, varying strength of evidence is observed. "Approach" is used to emphasize there are different ways to do something that results in successful implementation methods. (Such as program activities and operations).

Descriptive Reports: detailed examples of state and community Best or Promising Practices included in Best Practice Approach Reports (BPAR). *Only collected for inclusion in BPARs.

State Activities: submissions from various states and communities to be used as a resource to learn about other programs. These offer a network for states to contact other states with expertise in implementing dental public health programs. Examples may be submitted at any time.

Examples of Current Best Practice Approach Reports

- Emergency Department Referral Programs for Non-traumatic Dental Conditions- NEW! November 2015
- Developing Workforce Capacity in State Oral Health Programs – NEW! January 2016
- School-based Dental Sealant Programs- updated March 2015
- State-based Oral Health Surveillance System- undergoing update in 2016
- Access to Oral Health Care Services: Workforce Development – undergoing update in 2016
- Statutory Mandate for a State Oral Health Program
- State Oral Health Plans and Collaborative Planning
- State Oral Health Coalitions and Collaborative Partnerships
- Use of Fluoride: Community Water Fluoridation- update to be released in 2016
- Use of Fluoride: School-based Fluoride Mouthrinse and Supplement Programs
- Oral Health of Children, Adolescents and Adults with Special Health Care Needs
- Improving Children's Oral Health through Coordinated School Health Programs- undergoing update in 2016
- Prevention and Control of Early Childhood Tooth Decay
- Perinatal Oral Health
- Older Adult Oral Health- NEW! To be released in 2016