



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. "Approach" is used to emphasize there are different ways to do something that results in successful implementation methods (such as program activities and operations).

A **Best Practice Approach Report** (BPAR) captures key information that describes the public health strategy and illustrates implementation with current practice examples. The report serves as a resource to share ideas and promote best practices for state and community oral health programs.

Descriptive Reports are detailed examples of state and community Best or Promising Practices included in BPARs. *Only collected for inclusion in BPARs.

State Activities are submissions from states and communities to be used as resources 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- November 2015
- Developing Workforce Capacity in State Oral Health Programs – January 2016
- School-based Dental Sealant Programs- updated March 2015
- State-based Oral Health Surveillance System- undergoing update in 2017
- Access to Oral Health Care Services: Workforce Development – undergoing update in 2017
- Statutory Mandate for a State Oral Health Program
- State Oral Health Plans and Collaborative Planning
- State Oral Health Coalitions and Collaborative Partnerships- undergoing update in 2017
- Use of Fluoride: Community Water Fluoridation- updated May 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- Update to be released in 2017
- Control of Early Childhood Tooth Decay
- Perinatal Oral Health
- Older Adult Oral Health- NEW!