

**Project Purpose:** The ASTDD Best Practices Project aims to build more effective state, territorial, and community oral health programs. (Effective programs will be better able to (a) build infrastructure and capacity for state, territorial and community oral health programs; (b) meet the National Call to Action to Promote Oral Health to improve quality of life and reduce health disparities; and (c) make advancement towards achieving Healthy People oral health objectives.)

**Project Goal:** The goal of the ASTDD Best Practices Project is to promote the development of best practices by state, territorial and community oral health programs to enhance the oral health of Americans and reduce disparities.

<b>INPUTS</b> (Resources to carry out activities)	<b>ACTIVITIES</b> (Work or services)	<b>OUTPUTS</b> (Accomplishments, products & service units)	<b>OUTCOMES</b> (Changes as a result of the activities)
<p><b>ASTDD Best Practices Committee Members</b></p> <p><b>ASTDD resources including:</b></p> <p><b>ASTDD Best Practices Consultant</b>  <b>ASTDD Executive Director</b>  <b>ASTDD Board of Directors</b>  <b>ASTDD committees</b>  <b>ASTDD partner agencies/ organizations</b></p> <p><b>CDC (cooperative agreement with ASTDD)</b></p> <p><b>State &amp; territorial dental directors (SDDs)</b></p> <p><b>Staff of state &amp; territorial oral health programs (SOHPs)</b></p> <p><b>Partners of state &amp; territorial oral health programs</b></p> <p><b>American Association of Public Health Dentistry (AAPHD)</b></p> <p><b>American Board of Dental Public Health (ABDPH)</b></p> <p><b>Dental Public Health Residency Directors</b></p> <p><b>Dental Public Health Residents</b></p>	<p><b>1. Develop &amp; disseminate best practice information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Collect examples of successful practices</li> <li>▪ Prepare best practice approach reports (BPARs)</li> <li>▪ Maintain timeliness of best practice information (periodic updates of best practice approach reports &amp; descriptions of successful practices)</li> <li>▪ Support and interface with current and new partners to identify and disseminate best practice approaches and promising models</li> <li>▪ Build a network of contact persons for inquiries about successful practices implemented</li> <li>▪ Maintain, assess and update the State &amp; Territorial Dental Public Health Activities page</li> <li>▪ Workgroup created for each BPAR project</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Promotion &amp; use of best practices</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Encourage state dental directors and those involved with development of BPARs to present information via conferences and webinars</li> <li>▪ Post new and updated BPARs to BP website</li> <li>▪ Post new and updated submissions to BP website</li> <li>▪ Use ASTDD Communication Plan to develop/promote policies</li> </ul> <p><b>3. Build capacity for developing &amp; implementing best practices</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provide technical assistance to those developing/updating BPARs</li> <li>▪ Seek/develop tools for best practice implementation &amp; evaluation</li> <li>▪ Collaborate with ASTDD committees on updating and submission of new practices</li> <li>▪ Build a technical support network such as Dental Public Health Residency Programs</li> <li>▪ Review and update BP tools based on input from end-users</li> <li>▪ Involve state oral health programs in using BP criteria to review program activities and policies</li> <li>▪ Create Dental Public Health Residency Director Guidance document</li> </ul>	<p><b>1. Development &amp; dissemination of best practice information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ BPARs created, updated and posted</li> <li>▪ State submissions of successful practices submitted and/or updated</li> <li>▪ Technical assistance network</li> <li>▪ A website for posting best practice information that is reviewed and updated</li> <li>▪ ASTDD principles and process for evidence-based practices on website</li> <li>▪ Workgroups provide peer input on BPARs</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Promotion &amp; use of best practices</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ASTDD Communication Plan guides dissemination of BPARs</li> <li>▪ Partners enlisted to support developing and updating best practices</li> <li>▪ Best Practice website updated</li> <li>▪ New and updated BPARs are promoted and available on website</li> <li>▪ New and updated submission are on website</li> </ul> <p><b>3. Capacity building for developing &amp; implementing best practices</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tools provided as resource</li> <li>▪ Technical assistance provided</li> </ul>	<p><b>Short-term outcomes:</b> (Achieving knowledge, skills &amp;/or attitude changes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Increased accessibility of best practice information for end-users</li> <li>▪ Increased knowledge of best practice information among end-users</li> <li>▪ Increased support for disseminating information &amp; developing best practices</li> <li>▪ Increased use of best practice information to guide program decisions and policies</li> </ul> <p><b>Intermediate outcomes:</b> (Achieving behavioral changes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Increased use of best practice information for public health actions</li> <li>▪ Increased efforts to develop &amp; implement best practices among states</li> </ul> <p><b>Long-term outcomes:</b> (Achieving program goal &amp; impact)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Increased best practices implemented at the state &amp; local levels leading to more effective oral health programs</li> </ul> <p><b>Impact:</b> (Contributing to longer term &amp; broader positive outcomes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Improved oral health &amp; reduced disparities</li> </ul>