**Fluorides Committee Purpose:** The Committee assures that ASTDD positions and policies are presented in appropriate venues and oversees all activities that the Association may be involved in regarding fluorides, including the Community Water Fluoridation awards at the Annual Meeting.

**Fluorides Committee Goal:** The goal of the ASTDD Fluorides Committee is to provide ASTDD membership with the partnerships, policies and guidelines needed for the appropriate use of fluoride in community, population-based programs designed for dental caries prevention.

### INPUTS
(Resources to carry out activities)

- ASTDD Fluorides Committee, other Committees & projects
- CDC
  - WFRS
  - Research/Evidence
  - My Water’s Fluoride
- ADA
  - CAAP
  - Research/Evidence
- ASTDD partner agencies/organizations
  - AAP
  - AAPHD
  - ADA
  - ADHA
  - AFS
  - APHA
  - CDHP
  - FLUID
  - HRSA
  - Pew
  - PBDA
- 50 state & 9 territorial dental directors
- Staff of state and territorial oral health programs
- Partners of state and territorial oral health programs
- Research and researchers; Pub Med re: fluorides; community water fluoridation; NIH/NIDCR

### ACTIVITIES
(Work or services)

1. Updates and presents Community Water Fluoridation (CWF) awards annually in seven categories
2. Communicates with state and territorial programs and partner organizations on current scientific evidence around CWF efforts and related programs
   a. Reviews community fluoride programs, policies, practices and related activities, especially CWF
      i. Maintains database of community fluoridation rollback attempts
   b. Reviews, updates, recommends and/or develops guidelines, documents, programs or other policies around fluorides for ASTDD
   c. Assists in CDC & ADA communications with state programs on CWF/fluoride issues to prepare state and territorial responses as issues arise
   d. Responds to requests for fluoride recommendations from partner organizations consistent with ASTDD BOD and policies
   e. Provides technical assistance to states & territories
      i. Coordinates Community of Practice or other activities designated by BOD
3. The Fluorides Committee collaborates and develops partnerships by:
   a. Assuring committee participation and partners representing ASTDD
   b. Participating in other fluoride-related meetings at request of partners or ASTDD BOD
   c. Building/participating in a network of contact persons for inquiries about fluoride issues

### OUTPUTS
(Accomplishments, products, & service units)

1. New or updated ASTDD fluoride policy statements, guidelines, fact sheets
   a. Policy recommendations adopted by BOD/others
   b. Guidelines, fact sheets, other resource documents produced
   c. Technical assistance provided specific to CWF/other state & territorial fluoride programs and initiatives
   d. Presentations convened, facilitated or implemented
   e. Responses provided
2. CWF Awards presented at ASTDD Annual Meeting
   a. States participation in CWF awards
   b. States participation in CDC’s CWF monitoring and surveillance system
3. Linkages and collaboration with other ASTDD Committees, partners and fluoride experts are fostered
   a. Committee meets regularly with annual membership review
   b. Number of internal/external meetings/minutes, calls, conferences attended
   c. Number of contacts /organizations represented
   d. Technical assistance activities are enumerated

### OUTCOMES
(Changes as a result of the activities)

1. Short term outcomes
   a. Increased/maintained number of state/territorial fluoridation efforts
   b. Increase/maintain community fluoride programs
   c. ASTDD fluoride publications and positions reflect current scientific evidence
2. Intermediate outcomes:
   a. Support S/TOHP programs and partners in use of EB fluoride practices
   b. Increased proportion of CWF systems that adopt and or maintain optimal fluoride practices
3. Long-term outcomes:
   a. Dental caries experience, treated or untreated, will decrease across the lifespan and in all states and territories
   Impact: Improved health & reduced health disparities