



IMPORTANT STATE COLLABORATIONS AROUND ORAL HEALTH AND CHRONIC DISEASES

THE NUMBER OF STATE ORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS THAT COLLABORATE ON...

	Tobacco use prevention	32
	HPV vaccinations	33
	Opioid abuse prevention	24
	Vaping	25
	Sugar sweetened drinks	22
	Diabetes or pre-diabetes	20
	Oral cancer screenings	26
	Healthy aging	22
	Healthcare infections	15
	Cardiovascular health	12
	Antibiotic stewardship	13
	Rapid HIV testing	3

OBSERVATIONS & CHALLENGES

- Oral health programs have collaborated on tobacco related issues for decades because of oral cancer and other health issues; they continue to do so around e-cigarettes, especially their use by adolescents.
- Despite a commitment to oral cancer prevention and detection, population and evidence-based screening methods are not available; promotion of HPV vaccines targets a major cause of oral cancer, especially in young adults.
- Some state oral health programs only have funding to serve children, so are unable to develop programs related to chronic diseases for adults.
- Although dentists continue to be heavy prescribers of opioids and antibiotics, contributing to adverse health consequences, new guidelines are available.
- Dental offices are encouraged to screen for diabetes, hypertension and HIV, which affect oral health and general health.

ASTDD CAN HELP

We have several online resources to help states (astdd.org). Contact us for more information: cwood@astdd.org



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