



Dental Public Health Activities Descriptive Summaries

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New York State's Innovative Dental Service Delivery Models Program

New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Dental Health established a grant "Innovative Dental Health Service Delivery Models" in 2002 to fund communities in designing and testing innovative solutions to improve access to oral health care for residents in geographically isolated and/or health manpower shortage areas. Eight projects were awarded. Seven projects provided service delivery that included establishing mobile dental vans, school-based clinics and fixed clinics, providing dental case management services, and recruiting and training of dentists. One project established a Technical Assistance Center to assist communities in implementing innovative solutions. The Innovative Dental Services Projects were established to address the gaps and barriers to unserved/underserved populations in hard-to-reach areas. The funded projects also responded to the decline in dentistry professionals particularly in rural areas of New York State by assisting in the recruitment of dental health professionals in geographic areas where there is an insufficient supply of providers and by expanding opportunities for collaboration and outreach. Over \$900,000 has been awarded to support the projects. Currently, the Projects are in their third year of the 3-year funding cycle, which will end in June 2006. Major accomplishments achieved by the Innovative Service Projects include the establishment of: mobile dental vans and use of portable equipment in delivering dental services, fixed clinics with links to school-based services, dental case management, education and outreach services, and community partnerships to identify and address oral health issues. The Oral Health Technical Assistance Center at the Rochester Primary Care Network (www.oralhealthTAC.org) has assisted communities develop an infrastructure to support the various systems that they developed to address the dental care access needs of their communities. In order to continue and expand the progress of innovative services, the Dental Health Bureau is in the process of developing plans to issue a new Request for Applications.

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