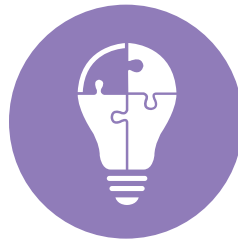


# THE IMPORTANCE OF STATE ORAL HEALTH SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS

## ORAL HEALTH SURVEILLANCE IS NEEDED FOR



Program Planning



Program Implementation



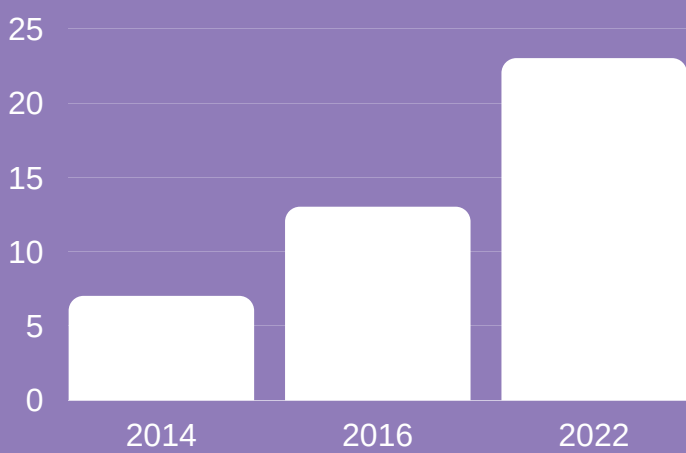
Program Evaluation



The purpose of an oral health surveillance system is to **use data** to monitor and promote oral health.

The Council of State & Territorial Epidemiologists considers a state to have an oral health surveillance system if they have these 10 items.

- 1 Written oral health surveillance plan
- 2 3rd grade oral health data
- 3 Tooth loss data for adults
- 4 Oral cancer data
- 5 Annual dental visit for Medicaid/CHIP
- 6 Annual dental visit for children 1-17 years
- 7 Annual dental visit for adults
- 8 Fluoridation status of public water systems
- 9 Workforce and infrastructure data
- 10 Publicly available & actionable data



The number of states with an oral health surveillance system **TRIPLED** over the last 8 years.

**MORE WORK IS NEEDED**

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Number of states without an oral health surveillance system.

## MISSING ELEMENTS - STATES NEED HELP WITH

Developing a written oral health surveillance plan.

Funding, developing and implementing a 3rd grade oral health survey.

Disseminating actionable data.



Where oral health lives

## ASTDD CAN HELP

We have several resources to help states. Contact us for more information: [cwoode@astdd.org](mailto:cwoode@astdd.org)

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