

Purpose: This project aims to build more effective state, territorial, and community oral health programs. Effective programs will be better able to build infrastructure and capacity for state, territorial and community oral health programs; meet the National Call to Action to Promote Oral Health to improve quality of life and reduce health disparities; and make advancement towards achieving Healthy People oral health objectives.

Goal: This project promotes the development of best practices by state, territorial and community oral health programs to enhance the oral health of Americans and reduce disparities.

INPUTS (Resources to carry out activities)	ACTIVITIES (Work or services)	OUTPUTS (Accomplishments, products & service units)	OUTCOMES (Changes as a result of the activities)
<p>ASTDD Best Practices Committee Members</p> <p>ASTDD resources including:</p> <p>ASTDD Best Practices Consultant</p> <p>ASTDD Executive Director</p> <p>ASTDD Board of Directors</p> <p>ASTDD committees</p> <p>ASTDD partner agencies/ organizations</p> <p>CDC (cooperative agreement with ASTDD)</p> <p>CareQuest Institute for Oral Health</p> <p>State & territorial dental directors (STDDs)</p> <p>Staff of state & territorial oral health programs (STOHPs)</p> <p>Partners of state & territorial oral health programs</p> <p>American Association of Public Health Dentistry (AAPHD)</p> <p>National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center</p> <p>Subject matter experts as needed</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop & disseminate best practice information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Collect examples of successful practices ▪ Prepare best practice approach reports (BPARs) ▪ Maintain timeliness of best practice (BP) information (periodic updates of BPARs & descriptions of successful practices) ▪ Support and interface with current and new partners to identify and disseminate BP approaches and promising models ▪ Build a network of contact persons for inquiries about successful practices implemented ▪ Maintain, assess and update Best Practices webpages ▪ Advisory workgroup created for each BPAR project 2. Promote the availability and use of Best Practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Encourage state and territorial dental directors and those involved with development of BPARs to present information via conferences and webinars ▪ Post new and updated BPARs and descriptive reports to BP website ▪ Use ASTDD Communication Plan to develop/promote BPARs ▪ Collaborate with ASTDD Communications Committee to showcase new and updated BPARs via ASTDD Spotlight 3. Build capacity for developing & implementing best practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide technical assistance to those developing/updating BPARs ▪ Seek/develop tools for BP implementation & evaluation ▪ Collaborate with ASTDD committees on updating and submission of new practices ▪ Build a technical support network ▪ Review and update BP tools based on input from end-users 4. Develop and maintain Best Practices tools and resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review Best Practices webpages to ensure user-friendly interface for those looking for BP information ▪ Guide primary authors to address the “so what” of the BPAR subject matter ▪ Guide primary authors to use plain language and data literacy 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development & dissemination of best practice information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ BPARs created, updated and posted ▪ Descriptive reports of successful practices submitted and/or updated ▪ Technical assistance network ▪ A website for posting BP information that is reviewed and updated ▪ Advisory workgroups provide peer input on BPARs 2. Promote the availability and use of best practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ASTDD Communication Plan guides dissemination of BPARs ▪ Partners enlisted to support developing and updating BP ▪ Best Practice website reviewed and updated ▪ New and updated BPARs are promoted and available on website ▪ New and updated descriptive reports are on website ▪ ASTDD Spotlight for new/updated BPARs 3. Build capacity for developing & implementing best practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tools provided as resource ▪ Technical assistance provided 4. Develop and maintain Best Practices tools and resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Webpage has user-friendly interface ▪ BPAR descriptive report template updated ▪ Primary authors receive TA on use of plain language and data literacy 	<p>Short-term outcomes: (Achieving knowledge, skills &/or attitude changes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increased accessibility to and knowledge of BP information for end-users ▪ Increased support for disseminating information & developing BP ▪ Increased use of BP information to guide program decisions and policies <p>Intermediate outcomes: (Achieving behavioral changes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increased use of BP information for public health actions including education and advocacy ▪ Increased use of descriptive reports to assist with program planning <p>Long-term outcomes: (Achieving program goal & impact)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increased use of Best Practices materials at all levels leading to more effective oral health programs <p>Impact: (Contributing to longer term & broader positive outcomes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Improved oral health & reduced disparities ▪ Increased awareness of relationship of oral health to overall health