



Dental Public Health Resource Documents for State Oral Health Programs

ASTDD develops and disseminates evidence-based dental public health resource documents in support of states' priority issues. These include policy statements and white papers, issue briefs, Best Practice Approach Reports and other resource documents.



Dental public health resource documents can be used to:

- Highlight... which programs and services work
- Facilitate... effective use of resources
- Guide... planning and prioritization efforts
- Build... community support for programs or services
- Inform... policymakers and practitioners about best practices
- Leverage... support and funding for projects or programs
- Support... grant application rationales for activities and funding
- Identify... gaps in current knowledge and practice
- Support... further research and development of public health approaches

ASTDD Issue Briefs

- Fluoride Varnish: An Evidence Based Approach (NOTE: *This brief has been archived but is available for review.*)*
- Health Reform: The Dental Public Health Infrastructure
- Improving the Oral Health of Pregnant Women and Young Children: Opportunities for Policymakers
- Mobile and Portable Dental Services in Preschool and School Settings: Complex Issues
- State Laws on Dental "Screening" for School Age Children

An **issue brief** outlines key findings, implications or significance and policy considerations of a specific dental public health issue. A **policy statement** or a **white paper** is a concise summary that provides detailed background information and analysis of a broad policy-related issue by documenting and summarizing key findings and implications of appropriate evidence-based research and best practices. It may offer a statement of support or recommendations for a course of action.

ASTDD Policy Statements and White Papers

- Community Water Fluoridation
- Dental Amalgam
- Dental Public Health Residencies
- Dental Sealants and Bisphenol A (archived*)
- Early Childhood Caries
- First Dental Visit by Age One
- Fluoride Supplements
- Fluoride Toothpaste
- Fluoride Varnish
- Health Care Reform
- Healthy People 2030 Oral Health Objectives
- Healthy People 2020 Oral Health Leading Health Indicator
- Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) and Oropharyngeal Cancer

ASTDD Policy Statements and White Papers

- Improving Oral Health Access and Services for Older Adults
- Integrating Oral Health Education into Health Education Curricula in Schools
- Integrating Oral Health Into the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child School Health Model
- Integrating Oral Health with Primary Health Care
- Nutrition Education and Healthy Eating in School Settings
- Opportunities for Improving Oral Health and Chronic Disease Program Collaboration and Medical-Dental Integration
- Perinatal Oral Health
- Preventing Tobacco Use and Eliminating Exposure to Second-Hand Smoke
- Promoting Antibiotic Stewardship in Dentistry
- Promoting Good Nutrition and Healthy Eating in Schools
- Reducing Emergency Department Utilization for Non-Traumatic Dental Conditions
- Reducing Opioid Prescribing by Oral Health Professionals
- School-Based Fluoride Mouthrinse Programs (archived*)
- School-Based or School-Linked Mobile or Portable Dental Services
- School Dental Sealant Programs
- **NEW** Social Determinants of Health and Improving Oral Health Equity
- State Based Oral Health Surveillance Systems (revised 2022)
- State Oral Health Program Infrastructure and Capacity
- Sugar-Sweetened Beverages
- Teledentistry: How Technology Can Facilitate Access to Care

View the Issue Briefs, Policy Statements and White Papers on the ASTDD Dental Public Health [Policy Committee](#) webpage. Archived documents can be reviewed but will not be updated.