



# THE IMPORTANCE OF STATE ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM PLANS

## THE NEED FOR PROGRAM PLANS IS OUTLINED IN

### 10 ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES TO PROMOTE ORAL HEALTH



#5: Develop and implement policies and systematic plans that support state and community oral health efforts.

### ASTDD COMPETENCIES FOR STATE ORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS



#7: Oversee the development and implementation of a state oral health plan.

## OBSERVATIONS & CHALLENGES



States are more likely to have program plans if required by a funder



46% of states receive 75-100% of their funding from just one source, but few have a sustainability plan



Few states have a quality improvement plan despite resources and training devoted to evaluation

## WHERE STATES STAND IN FULFILLING THESE ROLES

### NUMBER OF STATES WITH A CURRENT COMPREHENSIVE STATE ORAL HEALTH PLAN



### NUMBER OF STATES WITH OTHER TYPES OF PROGRAM PLANS

	2019	2020	
FLUORIDATION	24	24	↔
DENTAL SEALANT	21	23	↑
COMMUNICATION	20	20	↔
QUALITY IMPROVEMENT	8	12	↑
SUSTAINABILITY	4	10	↑

## ASTDD CAN HELP

We have several online resources to help states at [www.astdd.org](http://www.astdd.org). Contact us for more information: [cwood@astdd.org](mailto:cwood@astdd.org)



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