

Yolo County Oral Health 5-Year Strategic Plan

July 2022 – June 2027

Dental Access for Low-Income Children and Adults

Increase access to care in the Medi-Cal Dental program by addressing oral health workforce challenges, advancing local innovation and facilitating local and statewide policies to increase access to care

Community Oral Health Screening and Prevention

Re-establish and further expand community oral health screening and prevention services for children and families, and engage more education and community partners in our efforts

Educate Our Community About Oral Health Needs and Priorities

Educate Local Decision-Makers. Educate local health system leaders and elected officials about low Medi-Cal Dental utilization rates and impact, severe workforce shortage and underutilized community dental capacity to serve Medi-Cal Dental members

Monitor and Report on Access and Capacity. At least annually survey community health centers and providers on Medi-Cal Dental access, workforce and capacity – report findings to local decision-makers

Engage Local Education Leaders as Oral Health Partners. Build relationships with county/district education leaders and engage them in collaborative efforts to expand screening and prevention services in school settings

Report Widely on Screening/Prevention Reach and Outcomes. Report concisely and consistently to education leaders/stakeholders on screening and prevention services and outcomes

Facilitate Local Oral Health Workforce Investments and Solutions

Facilitate Local Workforce Investments. Convene health system leaders and elected officials to explore local oral health workforce strategies and advocate for community benefit, grant and other local funding to address the immediate workforce crises

Increase Oral Health – Primary Care Integration. Develop best practices resources and exchange to support safety-net providers in expanding oral health – primary care integration

Re-invigorate School-Based Screening/Prevention. Champion the reinstatement and further expansion of screening/prevention programs for children with low incomes

Embed Oral Health Screening and Education in Family Services. Identify and pursue opportunities to incorporate oral health screening tools and education into existing social services for families and children delivered by county and nonprofit agencies

Advocate for Local and Statewide Oral Health Policy Changes

Foster Elected Official Champions to Address Medi-Cal Dental Rates. Develop relationships with local statewide elected officials and cultivate their role in advocating for strengthened Medi-Cal Dental rate and coverage policies to enhance access

Be an Advocate for Statewide Medi-Cal Dental Solutions. Play an active role in and partner with others to advance Medi-Cal Dental policy and workforce solutions

Advocate for a Statewide Oral Health Screening Mandate. Identify school-based partners and advocate for implementation of a statewide oral health screening mandate

Advance Fluoridation Initiatives. Support education, planning and active support for local fluoridation expansion proposals

Organize the Oral Health Advisory Committee to Meet Our Strategic Goals

Engage Community Voices

Develop new strategies and feedback mechanisms to hear from community members

Refine and Expand Committee Membership

Propose enhancements to committee membership to ensure participation by individuals and agencies positioned to advance strategic plan

Create New Forums to Engage Stakeholders

Establish issue-specific groups to update and engage stakeholders connected and invested

Measures of Success

Percent of Yolo Medi-Cal Dental Beneficiaries Receiving Any Services \geq California Rate

Decrease in Rate of Dental ED Visits for All Ages

6,000 children receive oral health screenings annually

60% increase in Community Health Center Dentist Full Time Equivalents