Oral Health Florida is a broad-based group of stakeholders whose mission is to promote and advocate for the optimal oral health and well-being of all Floridians.

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Healthier mouths mean healthier people!

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The future prosperity of any society depends on its ability to foster the health and well-being of the next generation. When a society invests wisely in children and families, the next generation will pay back through a lifetime of productivity and responsible citizenship.

The Problem

Florida has received poor ratings on oral health indicators including an “F” for meeting benchmarks on dental health and access for disadvantaged children and a “D” for the percentage of high need schools with sealant programs (less than 25%). A study by the Pew Center on the States found that 75.5% of Florida’s Medicaid enrolled children did not receive dental care, making Florida the lowest ranking state in the country.

Oral Health Florida’s Solution

In response to these troubling trends, the Oral Health Florida Leadership Council developed a results-based strategic plan in 2014, structured on the Results-Based Accountability™ (RBA) framework. The goal of Florida’s Roadmap for Oral Health is “All people in Florida have optimal oral health and well-being”, which will be addressed by focusing on two areas:

- Improved access and utilization of quality oral health care
- Increased access to community water fluoridation

Headline indicators used to measure success include:

- Percentage of Medicaid/SCHIP-eligible children receiving any dental services
- Total emergency room costs and number of visits due to preventable oral health conditions
- Percentage of Florida schools with school-based sealant programs
- Total eligible children receiving a sealant on permanent molar tooth
- Percentage of population on community water systems receiving fluoridated water

Florida’s Roadmap for Oral Health takes into consideration existing Florida oral health plans and initiatives. As a living document, it serves as the blueprint for action by Oral Health Florida.

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