

Every Smile Counts! Connecting Kids to Dental Care: Dental Transformation Initiative –
Local Dental Pilot Program (DTI – LDPP) Medi-Cal 2020 Waiver
County of Sacramento, Department of Public Health

Serving children ages 0 to 20 with a focus on prevention services for school-aged children, pre-kindergarten/kindergarten to 3rd grade. Partners include the Dental Managed Care Plans (Health Net, Access, LIBERTY Dental); Access Dental Center; Sacramento District Dental Society; First 5 Sacramento; Sacramento Education and Training Agency (SETA) Head Start; Twin Rivers USD; Smile Keepers Program; Sacramento Native American Health Clinic, WellSpace Health, Western Dental; Sacramento Covered; Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC); Child Health and Disabilities Prevention; Kaiser Permanente; University of the Pacific (UOP); DentaQuest; and Children Now.

Status of Three Pilots:

1. Virtual Dental Home Pilot
 - Dental Teams will see children at school sites in the Twin Rivers USD. The onsite team will send x-rays and other information to off-site dentists. It's estimated that 2/3 of the children will be able to have all of their dental needs met at the school site and 1/3 will need to be seen in the provider clinic for treatment such as fillings.
 - UOP provided the Kick Off training in October for VDH providers. Additional training will be offered on-line. Services will begin in January 2018.
2. Medical/Dental Partnership Pilot
 - Young children are more likely to access medical care than dental care. Medical providers will be trained to conduct a caries risk assessment, apply fluoride varnish, provide oral health education and refer Medi-Cal children to their assigned dentist and dental plan for care coordination. The physician will be informed that the referral was successful and that the child received dental care.
 - A champion pediatrician within the Kaiser system will be selected who will help recruit providers and educate colleagues about the importance of participating in the pilot and the positive affect on the health and well-being of patients. Providing continuing education credits is a big incentive for physicians and other medical professionals; we are researching how we can provide CE's. The goal is to train medical professionals through December and begin the pilot in January 2018.
3. Community Outreach and Parent Education Pilot
 - Utilizes Community Health Workers (CHW) and navigators to provide consistent oral health education, messaging and referral. CHW's and navigators will work with the dental plans for care coordination.
 - Key messages have been identified for training community health workers. The overarching message is that dental decay and dental disease is 100% preventable.
 - CAPC is developing the scaffolding of the training which will be broken into 30 to 90 minute modules to allow users to access the training based on their availability. The 30-minute modules will be directed at parents. The longer modules/training sessions are designed for community health workers who may or may not have existing dental knowledge. Training of the community health workers will begin in January 2018.

The ***Every Smile Counts!*** Dental Collaboration Partners meet the first Thursday of the month from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at First 5 Sacramento, 2750 Gateway Oaks Drive, Sacramento, CA 95833. For additional information or contact staff listed below.

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