

Objectives that will Advance Oral Health Equity

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Focus Area	Access to Care	Prevention	Connections to Overall Health
Goal	All Coloradans have affordable, accessible, comprehensive oral health care.	Effective programs are available for prevention and early intervention of tooth decay.	Oral health is addressed and improved through overall health.
Intended Population(s)	Historically overlooked people that experience oral health disparities. Populations may experience inequities due to race and/or ethnicity, geography, socio-economic status or age.	Children ages 0-10 and pregnant women.	Adults ages 60+
Objectives and indicators to reach by Dec. 2021	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Develop or strengthen strategic partnerships with organizations advocating for affordability of Medicaid, CHP+ and Medicare benefits or other coverage opportunities for low-income Coloradans in order to improve access to care, protect retention of current benefits and/or secure expansion of new or strengthened benefits. Increase consumer education and awareness of dental insurance literacy resulting in improved understanding of benefit provisions and utilization of Medicaid and CHP+ benefits. Expand community-identified solutions to increase access to preventive and comprehensive care in at least twenty rural counties and among underserved populations. Increase culturally competent workforce practices to pregnant women, low-income and racially and ethnically diverse Coloradans. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Advance policy and systems change by developing up to six strategic partnerships with maternal and early childhood organizations advocating prevention and early intervention of tooth decay for children and pregnant women. Support community identified solutions to promote and expand oral health education and preventive services among low-income children and pregnant women. Build workforce capacity to implement and strengthen effective prevention programs. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Establish oral health as a priority among federal and state programs, agencies, and organizations that promote older adult's health and well-being. Support community identified solutions to expand the availability and accessibility of oral health services and education to low-income older adults. Improve the overall health of older adults through comprehensive care. Improve older adults' overall health through aligned and complimentary activities with Delta Dental of Colorado (DDCO).