



# Delaware Health Care Commission

## November 5, 2015

### Delaware Oral Health Coalition



*DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES*  
Division of Public Health  
Bureau of Oral Health and Dental Services

# Summary of Key Current Issues

- **Prevention, Prevention, Prevention**
- **Children's Dental Home**
- **Adult Financing of Dental Care**
- **Geriatric Oral Health and Long Term Care**
- **People with Disabilities**
- **Disparities**
- **Oral Health Literacy**
- **Oral Cancer Prevention and Detection**
- **Dental Workforce to Meet Future Demand**

# Status of Oral Health in Delaware

## Defining the Problem in Delaware's Children:

- 3% of third graders have never been to the dentist.
- 16% of the third-grade children needed dental care for untreated decay.
- 47% of children had a history of dental caries (one or more tooth with untreated decay and/or a filling).
- 54% of children had a dental sealant on one or more permanent molars.

# Oral Health Determinants

- Socio-Economic
- Cultural
- Environment
- Dental Care Services
- Diet
- Oral Hygiene and Behavior
- Age, Gender, Genetics
- Fluoride
- General Health

# Delaware Oral Health Coalition

## MISSION

The mission of the Delaware Oral Health Coalition is to provide leadership and advocacy so that the people of Delaware can access affordable, quality oral health care. Emphasis is placed on prevention and early diagnosis as they contribute to total health and well being.

## VISION

*Delaware, the First State, to ensure optimal oral health for everyone!*

[www.dohcsmiles.org](http://www.dohcsmiles.org)

Member of the American Network of Oral Health Coalitions

# DentaQuest Foundation



- The DentaQuest Foundation was established in 2000 with a mission to support and promote optimal oral health.
- The Foundation collaborates with partners in communities across the United States, connecting key stakeholders, raising awareness, and supporting solutions.
- Achieves mission by investing efforts in four systems -- **Policy, Funding, Care and Community.**

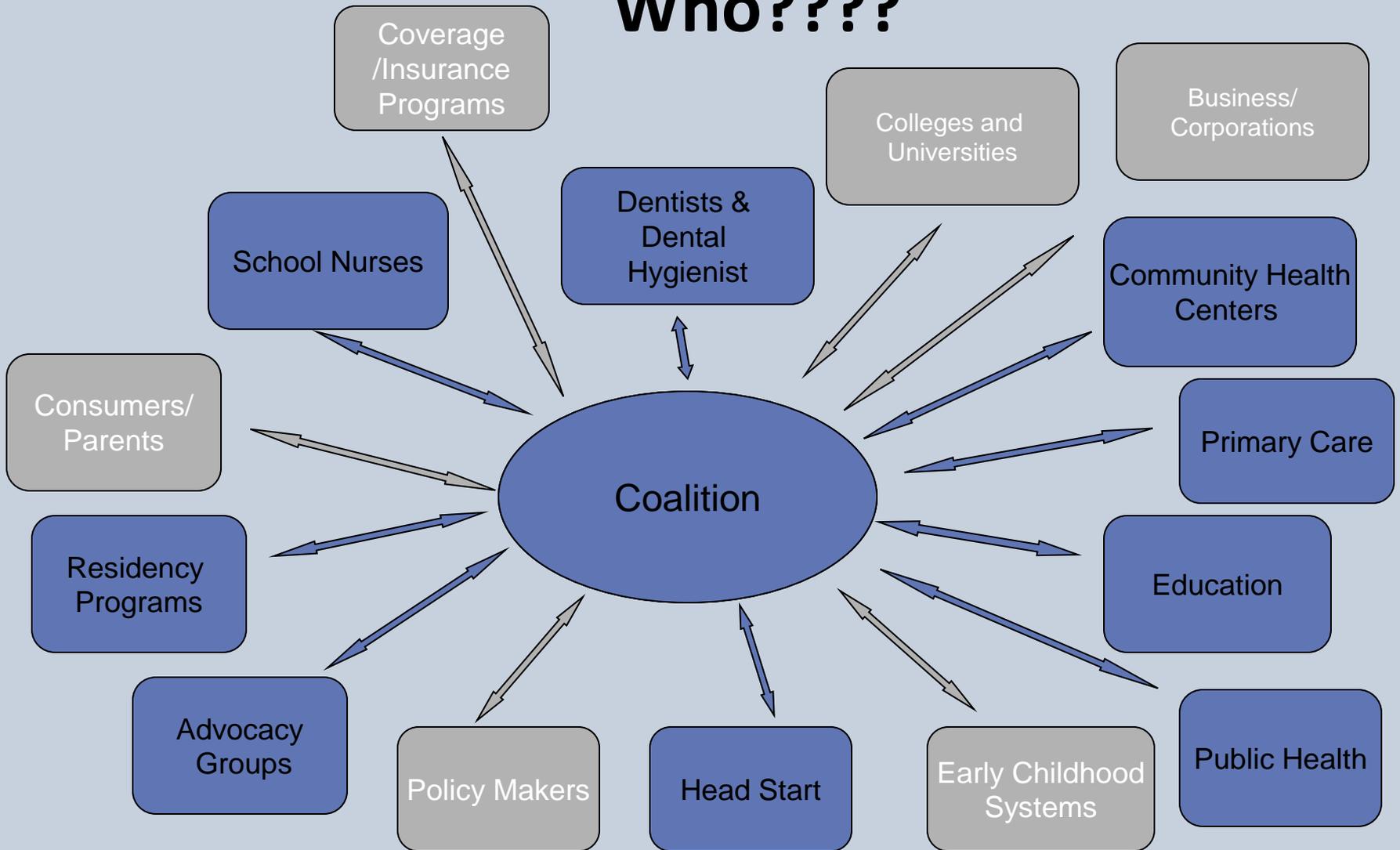
# **Delaware Oral Health Coalition**

- ❖ Reconstituted June, 2014**
  - ◆ Board of Directors; 12 Directors**
  - ◆ General Membership > 60 Members**
- ❖ Delaware Oral Health Plan Ownership**
- ❖ Partnership with Division of Public Health**
- ❖ Oral Health Summit- June, 2014**
  - ◆ Organizational Structure and Mission**
  - ◆ Oral Health Plan Release**

# **DOHC Board of Directors**

- **Broad Representation of Stakeholders**
  - **12 Directors**
- **August 1, 2014- Initial Meeting**
- **Selection of Prioritized Goals**
  - **Action Groups**
    - **Older Adults and People with Disabilities**
    - **Children**
    - **Oral Health Literacy**
    - **Partnerships**

# Who????



All Delawareans  
Seeking Optimal  
Oral Health Across  
the Lifespan



Grassroots  
Advocates &  
Partner  
Organizations



DOHC General  
Membership  
Working through  
**Action Groups**



DOHC Board  
and DPH

# **DOHC Goals**

## **Action Groups**

- **Improve Access to Oral Health Care and Disease Prevention for Aging Adults and Persons with Disabilities**
- **Improve Access to Oral Health Care and Disease Prevention for Children**
- **Increase the Oral Health Literacy of All Delaware Residents**
- **Increase Partnerships and Collaborations to Build and Maintain a Coordinated Advocacy Initiative to Improve Oral Health Systems in Delaware**

# Priority Recommendations

- **Oral health for children beginning at age one.**
  - ✓ Integration of oral health into primary care
    - ❖ Training for primary care providers on oral health evaluations, anticipatory guidance, and preventive care.
    - ❖ Promote referrals from primary care to dentists
    - ❖ Unified information campaign for parent
- **Oral health care coverage available to all Delawareans on Medicaid**
  - ✓ Stakeholder Engagement and Education
  - ✓ **Policy changes to include oral health in Medicaid coverage for eligible adults**  
**Innovation Model/Delaware Center for Health Innovation**  
**(SIM/DCHI)framework**
- Standard and unified messages on Oral Health
  - ✓ Develop a united message for all stakeholders to use
  - ✓ All stakeholders understand and deliver unified message



Sets priorities and agenda for, and receives recommendations from, DOHC Action Groups



Provides technical assistance to DOHC Action Groups and Board



Action Groups tackle DOHC priorities and agenda, working separately and together to accomplish Delaware Oral Health Plan Goals.

# **Delaware Oral Health Initiative 2020**

## **Accomplishments**

**Delaware Oral Health Coalition**

**Delaware Oral Health Plan**

**DOHC Website and Newsletter**

**Fluoride Varnish Reimbursement**

**Delaware Oral Health Forum**

**Action Group Meetings**

# **Delaware Oral Health Initiative 2020**

## **Accomplishments**

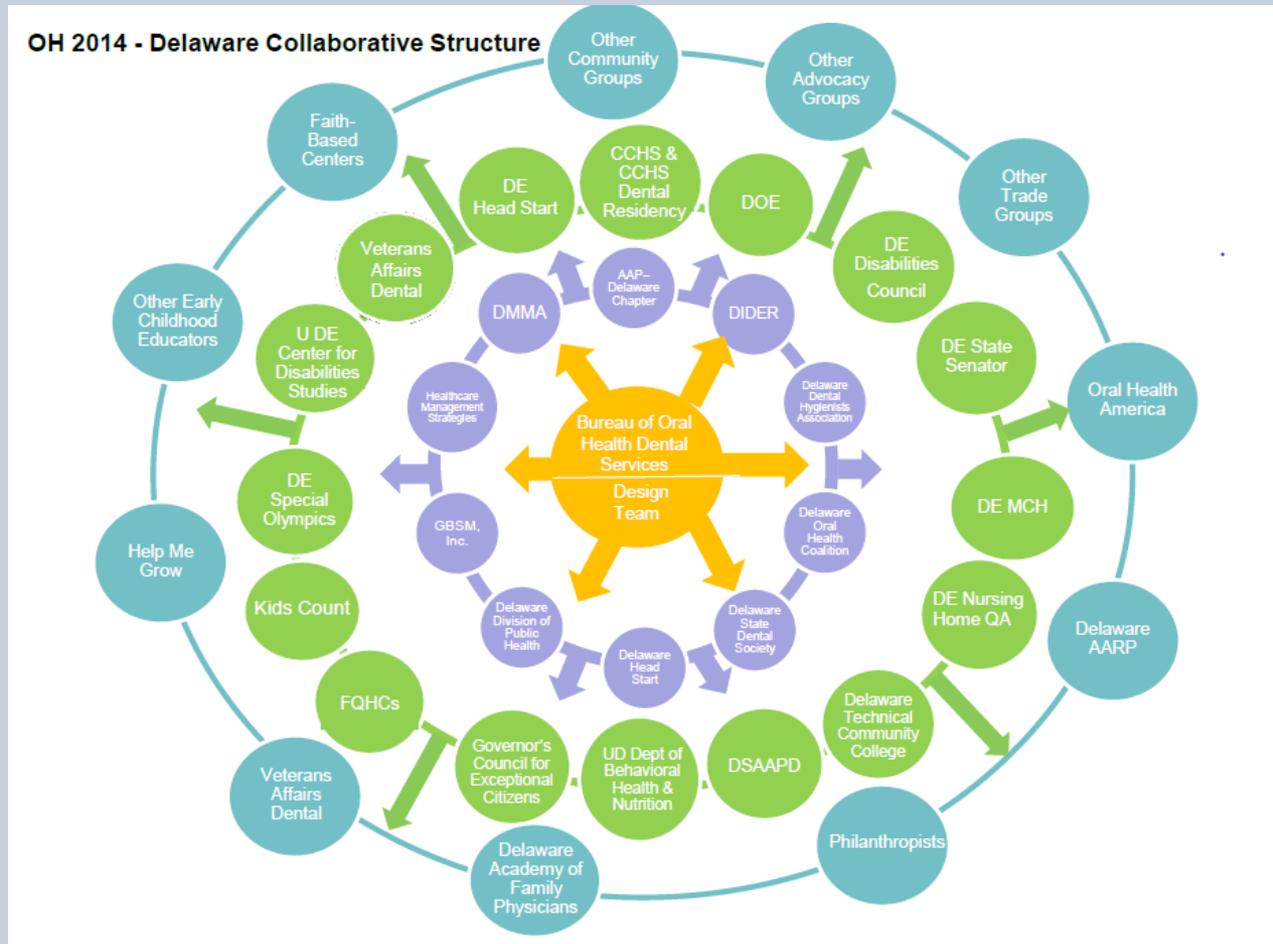
### **Oral Health Workforce Grant**

- **3 Years @ \$481,000 Each Year**
  - **Improve Access for People with Disabilities**
  - **Integration of Oral Health into Primary Care**
  - **Enhanced School and Community Outreach**

# We Need a Movement!



# That Will Lead to a Network



# To Create a Cultural Health Norm

- **Collective Impact**
- **Oral Health is Essential for General Health**
- **Remove Barriers**
- **Value**

# **We Need You!**

## **Delaware Oral Health Coalition**



***Thank You!***

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