

Partnership for Integrating Oral Health Care into Primary Care Project

Orientation Packet

Project Goal

The goal of the *Partnership for Integrating Oral Health Care into Primary Care* project is for the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center (OHRC) at Georgetown University to work with select state Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) agencies to provide technical assistance and training to health professionals working in local primary care settings serving the MCH population on integrating the interprofessional oral health core clinical competencies into practice. The project is funded through a cooperative agreement from the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA's) Maternal and Child Health Bureau to OHRC.

Project Teams

The following teams have been selected to participate in the project. Project teams should include at least one state staff member working on national performance measure (NPM) 13 (e.g., dental director, designated staff) and at least two staff members from the primary care setting.

State	Title V MCH Agency	Primary Care Setting Organization	Population of Focus
Georgia	Georgia Department of Public Health	Albany Area Primary Health Care, Inc.	Pregnant women; children and adolescents ages 2–17
Illinois	Illinois Department of Public Health	Champaign-Urbana Public Health District	Pregnant women; adolescents and young adults ages 12–26
Maryland	Maryland Department of Health	University of Maryland Baltimore Women's Health Clinic	Pregnant women
Michigan	Michigan Department of Health and Human Services	Ingham Community Health Centers	Infants, children, adolescents, and young adults from birth through age 25
Rhode Island	Rhode Island Department of Health	WellOne Primary Medical and Dental Care	Pregnant women; children ages 1–5

All Team Members Responsibilities

- Participate in monthly check-in calls with OHRC staff and project team from January to June 2019.
- Participate in 1-hour kick-off webinar hosted by OHRC in January 2019.
- Participate in three 1-hour educational webinars (learning events) hosted by OHRC focused on dental/medical integration. Webinar dates are as follows:
 - February 5, 2019, 1:00–2:00 p.m. ET
 - March 5, 2019, 1:00–2:00 p.m. ET
 - April 2, 2019, 1:00–2:00 p.m. ET

- Participate in e-mail discussion list hosted by OHRC for sharing project-specific information.
- Participate in a final 1-hour webinar to share and celebrate project accomplishments in June 2019.

State NPM 13 Staff Member Responsibilities

- Mentor primary care health professionals in selected primary care setting.
- Liaise with Title V MCH agency staff to keep them informed about project activities and seek input on barriers to implementation of oral health integration in primary care setting.
- Identify opportunities for and reduce barriers to implementation of oral health integration in primary care setting.

Primary Care Setting Lead Staff Member Responsibilities

- Ensure that select primary care setting health professionals complete the free, online [*Smiles for Life: A National Oral Health Curriculum*](#) training, post-test, and 3-month follow-up post-test.
- Engage in activities to modify clinic workflows for oral health risk assessment, screening, preventive services, anticipatory guidance, and referrals and follow-up.
- Collect, track, and report data monthly to OHRC for an established set of outcome measures.
- Prepare summary (e.g., infographic, one-page brief) of accomplishments with assistance from OHRC.

Tips for Preparing for the Kick-Off Webinar

- Read orientation packet
- Review resources
 - [*A User's Guide for Implementation of Interprofessional Oral Health Core Clinical Competencies: Results of a Pilot Project*](#) produced by National Network for Oral Health Access
 - [*Integration of Oral Health and Primary Care Practice*](#) produced by Health Resources and Services Administration
- Review timeline
- Note questions that you want to ask during the webinar

Oral Health Training

As a project requirement, primary care setting health professionals must complete at least two modules of *Smiles for Life: A National Oral Health Curriculum* relevant to their project population of focus. The curriculum includes eight 60-minute modules covering core oral health areas (e.g., child health, pregnancy and woman's oral health, adult oral health). Primary care health professionals can obtain continuing education credit if they achieve a score of 80 percent or higher on the assessment for each module.

Primary care health professionals are required to submit post-module assessment certificates for modules completed to OHRC by January 31, 2019. Certificates should be e-mailed to Katy Battani at keb302@georgetown.edu. Primary care health professionals must also complete a 3-month follow-up post-test survey from OHRC by April 30, 2019. Projects are encouraged to supplement the *Smiles for Life* training with in-person oral health trainings and/or with other online trainings.

Note that some states have their own training requirements to be eligible for reimbursement by Medicaid for performing oral health services. There may be other requirements to be certified by the state Medicaid program. Projects should contact their state Medicaid officer to learn about state-specific requirements.

Data Reporting

To determine the outcomes of the project, each primary care setting will be required to collect, track, and report data monthly on a set of project-specific measures. OHRC will provide project teams with an Excel spreadsheet to complete monthly. The completed document should be e-mailed to Katy Battani at keb302@georgetown.edu by the 5th of each month. Monthly reminders will be sent to project teams.

OHRC will also assist project teams with summarizing accomplishments and promising practices to inform HRSA and national and state key stakeholders about their programmatic efforts and outcomes.

Discussion List

OHRC will host an e-mail discussion list for project teams to ask questions and share resources, as well as for OHRC to share project-specific information. To post to the e-mail discussion list, send your message to piohcpc@lists.mchgroup.org. General information about the discussion list is located at <http://lists.mchgroup.org/listinfo.cgi/piohcpc-mchgroup.org>. If you want to manage your subscription (e.g., switch to or from digest mode, change your password), visit the subscription page by following the link that appears in the footer of each list message.

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