Oral Health: A model for community partnerships

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SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH ALLIANCE
Redefining Health for Kids and Teens
not all children and teens are thriving

persistent disparities in access to quality outcomes of health are inequitable/unjust for children & teens
we believe
TRANSFORMATIONAL POWER
intersection
health & education
Missed Days of School → Lost Learning Time → Future At Risk
School Performance

- Children with poor oral health status were 3x more likely to miss school as a result of dental pain*

- Absence due to pain was associated with lower performance while absence due to treatment was not*

- Children with poorer oral health were more likely to experience pain, miss school, and perform poorly*

- 2007 MA survey found 1 in 10 children at school in pain
Why oral health in schools?

- Accessible, quality care
- Reduced out-of-seat time
- Reinforced health messages and positive, healthy behaviors and practices
- Opportunity for young people to improve and own their health care
Oral Health 2020 Network

DentaQuest Foundation:

• 2011 systems change strategy

• Oral Health 2020: lasting change - collective action - shared vision:

  To eradicate dental disease in children and improve oral health across the lifespan
School Oral Health Learning Community

**Develop Strong Partnerships**
Engage education, public health, providers, families, youth and other community partners in advancing school oral health

**Support Enabling Policy and Infrastructure**
Support the advancement of local/state policies that support the integration of community oral health programs and those services offered within the school setting.

**Advance High Quality Practice**
Focus on increasing the utilization of available school oral health services by increasing positive consent

**Explore Sound Business Models**
Explore and develop business models based on financial planning strategies and on a diversity of stable/predictable sources that maximize third party revenue, and right-size role of grants to support operations.
Goal of the Learning Community:

Increase consent rates!
Oral Health in School Systems

- School district policy
  - School committee/board/taxpayer support
  - Federal and State Department of Education policy
  - Teachers union support
  - Policy guidance
- School administration and staff engagement
  - School champion
  - Staff education/development curriculum
  - Value proposition
- Financing mechanism
  - Flexibility of payer administration/policy to allow maximum billing for services rendered
  - Self-sustaining/budget-appropriate program model
- Community/school partner engagement
  - Community organization advocacy leadership
- Family engagement
  - PTA Support
  - Parental education and outreach
- Provider/care access/network
  - Defined, ongoing role of community Medicaid providers for basic elements of program
  - Alternative workforce models
  - Functioning referral network for more advanced care
  - Financing to incent and support provider participation
- Oral health education for students and families
  - Curriculum development and engagement program

10 of the largest school districts have oral health incorporated into their systems
School Oral Health Learning Community

Chicago Public Schools
Clarendon School District One
Clarendon School District Two
Clark County School District
Dillon School District
Hillsborough County Public Schools

Houston Independent School District
Los Angeles Unified School District
Miami-Dade County Public Schools
Manning School District
Montgomery County Public Schools
New York City Department of Education

NYC Department of Education