

# Oral Health Facts

## Oral Health Program Accomplishments – 2012-2013

**December 2012**

- Completed the five-year burden document and state plan – *Oral Health in North Dakota: Burden of Disease and Plan for the Future (2012-2017)*.
- Completed both the Orthodontic Screening Guide for North Dakota Health Tracks Nurses and the Orthodontic Screening for North Dakota Health Tracks Nurses – Test Booklet.
- Completed a Basic Screening Survey for Older Adults in skilled long-term care facilities throughout the state.
- Worked with Bridging the Dental Gap to implement the Elderly Care Direct Services Program which provides direct dental care for residents at long-term care facilities.
- Worked in conjunction with Bridging the Dental Gap and the Ronald McDonald House Charities Care Mobile project to schedule events for the Care Mobile.
- Received a two-year continuation of a grant from the DentaQuest Foundation to participate in its Oral Health 2014 Initiative. Primary goals for the grant will be to increase medical-dental collaboration and increase prevention and public health infrastructure.
- Began promoting the Smiles for Life online oral health curriculum, whereby health-care providers can become trained in fluoride varnish application and geriatric oral health care. Once trained, they can apply fluoride varnish to children in a clinical setting.
- Assisted in the revision of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Oral Health Surveillance System.
- Collaborated in tracking sealant application cost-benefit ratio for the CDC.
- Assisted in the revision of the Health Resource, Services, and Administration's Chronic Disease Indicators.
- Collaborated with Tobacco and Cancer programs to create a brochure about the effects of tobacco on oral health and oral cancer.
- Published two issues of *Focus On Oral Health*, a newsletter for North Dakota's oral health community.
- Integrated North Dakota's Oral Health activities and accomplishments into the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) database using their Management Overview for Logistics Analysis and Reporting (MOLAR) system.
- Provided regular program updates in the North Dakota Dental Association newsletter to keep local dentists informed of Oral Health Program activities.
- Updated the Oral Health Program website.
- Updated the Directory of Dental Access Programs, Public Health Hygienists, Prevention Programs and Programs and Services fact sheets on the website.

- Provided direct services at schools of fluoride varnish through the Healthy Smiles Fluoride Varnish Program and dental sealants through the *Seal!* North Dakota Program.
- Provided training to health-care providers and pediatrician clinics in how to apply fluoride varnish. These providers are now able to apply varnish to children at office visits.
- Assisted with providing free dental services to more than 350 people in Hazen, N.D., during a Carousel of Smiles event sponsored by the Jahraus Dental Clinic.
- Jointly sponsored the Dakota Oral Care Workshop, bringing together tribal community members to discuss and create pathways to improving oral health in tribal communities.



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