

# Michigan

Michigan received a CDC cooperative agreement from 2003 until 2018. They used the funds to support a school-based dental sealant program staff person. They conducted three Basic Screening Surveys during this time and developed a robust oral health surveillance plan. The SEAL! Michigan school-based dental sealant program started in 2006 and has increased the number of students who have received sealants. In 2006, only 27% of 3<sup>rd</sup> graders had dental sealants. In 2016, over 40% of 3<sup>rd</sup> graders had dental sealants. The funds also helped to support the Michigan Oral Health Coalition and the three State Oral Health Plans (SOHP) that have been developed. The Coalition and SOHP have increased the awareness of the importance of Oral Health. Due to the loss of CDC funding, staff and programs are in jeopardy of not continuing.

Oral diseases, which include cavities, gum disease, and oral cancer, are considered chronic diseases just like diabetes, hypertension (high blood pressure), asthma, and breast and other cancers. Oral diseases impact almost everyone who lives in the U.S. sometime during their lives. Not only do oral diseases negatively affect overall health, they can also cause people to miss time from work and school, go to the emergency department for relief of pain, and impact some people's ability to get a job or enlist in the military. And yet, while the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides funding to every State Health Department for cancer, diabetes, and heart disease and stroke prevention programs, it funds less than half the states for prevention programs for oral diseases. Every five years, states that want CDC funding must submit applications and compete for funding. In 2018, 45 states applied but only 20 were funded. This means that some states have never received CDC funding, while other states that used to receive funding, no longer do so.

Currently Funded States	Previously Funded States	States that Have Never Been Funded
Arkansas	Alaska	Alabama
Colorado	Hawaii	Arizona
Connecticut	Illinois	California
Florida	Maine	Delaware
Georgia	Michigan	DC
Idaho	Mississippi	Indiana
Iowa	Nevada	Kentucky
Kansas	New York	Massachusetts
Louisiana	Oregon	Montana
Maryland	Texas	Nebraska
Minnesota	Wisconsin	New Jersey
Missouri		New Mexico
New Hampshire		North Carolina
North Dakota		Ohio
Pennsylvania		Oklahoma
Rhode Island		South Dakota
South Carolina		Tennessee
Vermont		Utah
Virginia		Washington
West Virginia		Wyoming

The CDC Division of Oral Health, which is located in the CDC National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, currently receives only \$19M from Congress to distribute to states for

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prevention programs for oral diseases. To fund all states for an oral health program, Congress needs to appropriate an additional \$17.5M above their current appropriations of \$19M. Of the additional \$17.5M, \$11.5M would go towards funding 30 more states, \$3.5M would support the provision of program technical assistance and support for surveillance, evaluation, policy and communication activities, and \$2.5M would go towards research, epidemiologic analysis, translation of science to action, infection prevention, and prevention guidance.

## Organizations endorsing call to action

Arcora Foundation (Washington)	Missouri Coalition for Oral Health
American Association of Public Health Dentistry	Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services
American Dental Hygienists' Association	National Dental Association
American Network of Oral Health Coalitions	National Network for Oral Health Access
Arkansas Oral Health Coalition	New Jersey Department of Health
Asian Americans Advancing Justice	New Jersey Oral Health Coalition
Asian Pacific Health Care Venture, Inc. (California)	New Mexico Community Dental
Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors	New Mexico Oral Health Coalition
Children's Dental Health Project	New Mexico Primary Care Association
Community Action Partnership Sonoma County (California)	Ohio Asian American Health Coalition
Connecticut Oral Health Initiative, Inc.	Opportunity Alliance (Maine)
DentaQuest Partnership for Oral Health Advancement	Oral Health Advocacy Taskforce (OHAT Coalition Massachusetts)
Families USA	Oral Health Connections (Washington)
ForsythKids	Oral Health Kansas, Inc.
Future Smiles (Nevada)	Oral Health Ohio
GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare	Partnership for Children's Oral Health (Maine)
Hawaii Public Health Institute	PDI Surgery Center (California)
Health Care for All (Massachusetts)	Pennsylvania Oral Health Coalition
Hispanic Dental Association	Piedmont Regional Dental Clinic (Virginia)
Idaho Oral Health Alliance	Ready Set Smile (Minnesota)
IFLOSS Coalition (Illinois)	Rhode Island KIDS COUNT
Indiana Oral Health Coalition	Santa Fe Group
Justice in Aging	Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law
Kentucky Oral Health Coalition	Southern Nevada Health District
Klamath Basin Oral Health Coalition	Special Care Dentistry Association
Latino Coalition for a Healthy California	Team Placement Services Inc.
Maine Oral Health Coalition	Texas Oral Health Coalition
Maternal and Child Health Access (California)	The LA Trust
Maryland Dental Action Coalition	Utah Oral Health Coalition
McNary and Associates, LLC (Kentucky)	Virginia Oral Health Coalition
Medicaid-CHIP State Dental Association	West Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association
Minnesota Oral Health Coalition	West Virginia Oral Health Coalition