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Improving Oral Health Care
Delivery Systems through
Workforce Innovations
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Special Issue Purpose



- 1) Highlight the oral health needs of specific population groups,
- 2) Identify successes and challenges of current oral health care delivery;
- 3) Propose workforce innovations that would overcome access challenges; and
- 4) Present policy considerations aimed at advancing delivery system improvements

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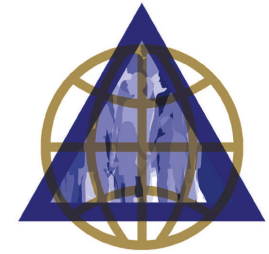
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Designing systems around populations' needs



People in Institutions

- Paul Glassman and Paul Subar

Rural Populations

- Susan Skillman, Mark Doescher, Wendy Mouradian, Diane Brunson

Key Findings



- 1) Increasing population diversity will require more responsive and flexible delivery system
- 2) Both the private and public sector delivery systems have successes and challenges which need to be considered when designing new options

Key Findings



3. Workforce innovations offer one set of strategies to improve access and reduce oral health disparities
4. Better evaluation of all workforce configurations is needed, as well as change in financing, policy and dental education to support innovative solutions for improving the nation's oral health



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Thank you!