The Community Guide to Adult Oral Health Program Implementation

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Project Overview

- In October 2014, with funding from the Department of Health and Human Services’ Office on Women’s Health, ACL entered into a three-year contract with The Lewin Group to identify and promote vetted, low-cost, community-based oral health programs for older adults.

- Lewin will develop a Community Guide to Adult Oral Health Program Implementation that highlights promising oral health programs and provides key steps for communities interested in starting their own program.
Key Project Components

1. **Environmental scan** of community-based oral health programs for older adults
2. **Identification** of promising programs
3. **Searchable registry** of promising programs on ACL’s website
4. **Community guide** on how to start an oral health program
Environmental Scan

Systematic internet review
- Reviewed national, state, local level organization websites
- Conducted searches using pre-determined list of keywords

Program submission form
- Disseminated to over 500 stakeholders; received over 200 submissions

Key informant interviews
- Interviewed 11 individuals

In-depth program information research
- Collected all available programmatic online information
- Contacted each program to request additional information
Programs Identified, by State (n=207)
Searchable Registry of Programs

- The ACL website will have a searchable registry of oral health programs for older adults. Searchable categories for the programs may include:
  - Geographic classification
  - Setting type
  - Target population
  - Access
  - Services delivered
  - Integration with other services
  - Payment for care
  - Funding
  - Staffing
- The registry will include the programs identified in the environmental scan
- Promising programs will include profiles with additional information
Community Guide for Program Implementation

- Guidance for communities interested in starting, enhancing, or replicating an oral health program for older adults
- Will include resources on:
  - Assessing community needs
  - Setting goals
  - Partnering for impact
  - Designing the program
  - Gaining funding
  - Implementing the program
  - Evaluating the program
  - Conducting quality improvement
  - And more!
Thank You!

Have questions?

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