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# **Fulfilling the Potential of State Oral Health Programs: Coalitions**

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# Why Have Coalitions?

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# Arkansas Oral Health Coalition, Inc.

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# Members of the Arkansas Oral Health Coalition

**Arkansas Academy of General Dentistry**  
**Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families**  
**Arkansas Cancer Research Center**  
**Arkansas Center for Health Improvement**  
**Arkansas Commission on Child Abuse, Rape and Domestic Violence**  
**Arkansas Dental Assistants' Association**  
**Arkansas Department of Education, Office of Comprehensive Health Education**  
**Arkansas Department of Health, Office of Oral Health**  
**Arkansas Department of Health, Office of Rural Health and Primary Care**  
**Arkansas Department of Human Services**  
**Arkansas Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Services**  
**Arkansas Department of Higher Education**  
**Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care**  
**Arkansas Head Start Association**  
**Arkansas Health Care Access Foundation**  
**Arkansas School Nurses Association**  
**Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners**  
**Arkansas State Dental Association**  
**Arkansas State Dental Hygiene Association**  
**Arkansas Minority Health Commission**  
**Community Dental Clinic (Ft. Smith)**  
**Community Health Centers of Arkansas, Inc.**  
**Delta Dental Plan of Arkansas**  
**Donald W. Reynolds Center on Aging**  
**Healthy Connections, Inc.**  
**Interfaith Clinic of El Dorado**  
**Partners for Inclusive Communities**  
**Pulaski Technical College Dental Assisting Department**  
**UALR Share America**  
**UAMS College of Public Health**  
**UAMS Dental Hygiene Department**  
**UAMS Regional Programs (AHECs)**

# The Usual Suspects

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- Dental, Dental Hygiene and Dental Assistants' Associations
- Departments of Health, Human Services, Education, Higher Education
- Insurers
- Universities
- Foundations
- Advocates
- Free Clinics



# The Unusual Suspects

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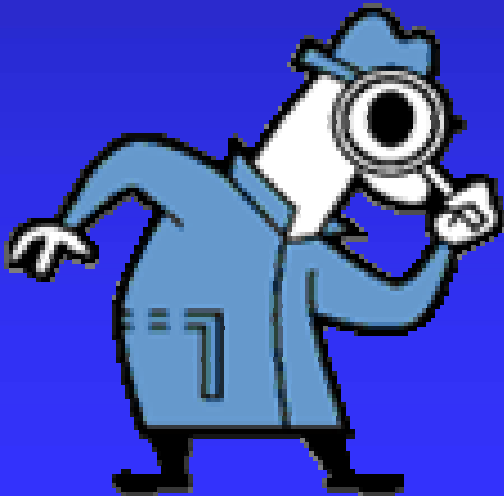


- **Minority Health Commission**
  - **Cancer Research**
- **Family Violence Agencies**
- **Community Health Centers**
  - **Centers on Aging**
  - **Dental Board**

# Who's Still Missing?

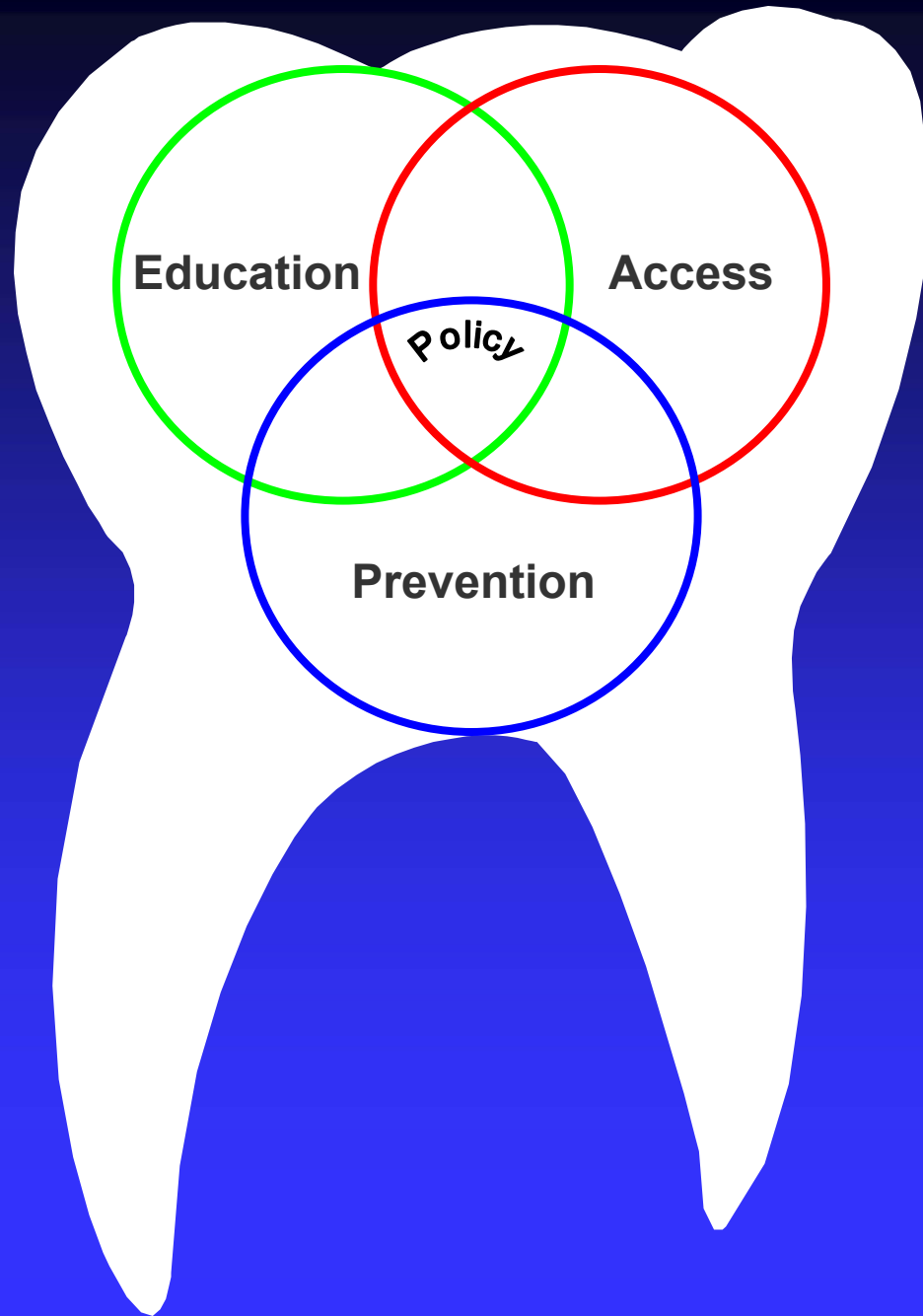
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- Faith-based organizations
- Corporations
- Minority Professional Associations
- Consumers
- Voluntary Organizations / Service Clubs





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# Education (Policy)

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- **Act 1216 of 2003 –  
Mandated Oral  
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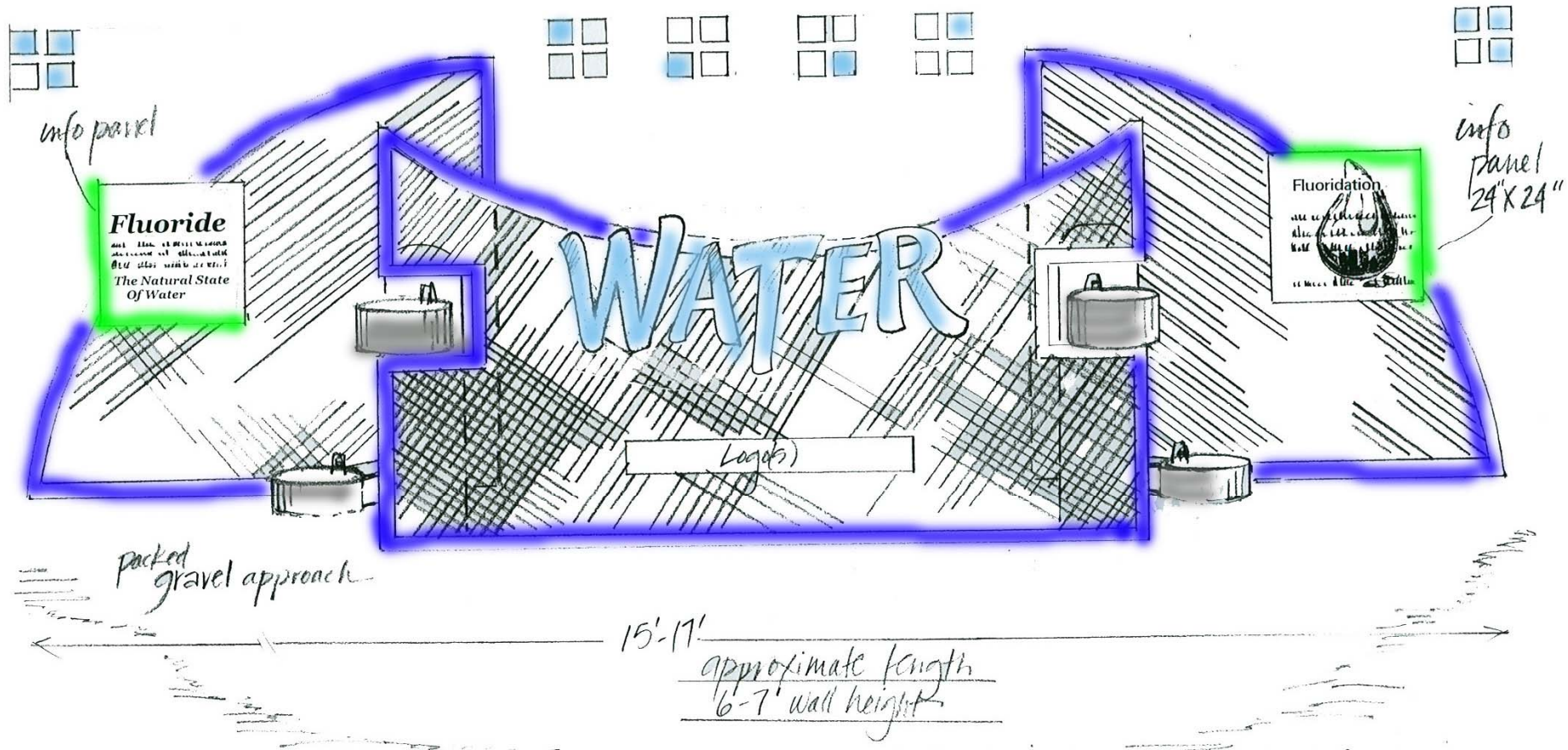
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# Fluoride: The Natural State of Water



# Education (Policy)

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## Arkansas Body Walk



# Prevention (Policy)

## ■ HB2627 of 2005

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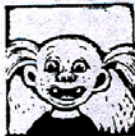
## Fluoride everywhere

*Except Hot Springs, Fort Smith, etc.*

SOME FOLKS in the sleepy Louisiana town in the Delta didn't know they *didn't* have fluoride in their water. Isn't adding fluoride just a part of the water purification process by now? Right after the all-important, highly technical process called Removing Icky Things?

So when the issue was brought up in the mid-1990s, the town council overwhelmingly said yes to fluoridation, but put it to a vote of the people because of the cost involved.

You can guess what happened. Lurking somewhere between the John Birch Society and MoveOn.org in that vast subconscious where our murkiest fears fester, you'll find the anti-fluoridationist impulse. A hairdresser with no medical training got on the Internet—where you can find the real truth, ya know—and found that fluoride was a poison. A poison! It would kill your kids! It's all a Communist plot! Hide



But we'll assume that the small type says not to eat the toothpaste. We'll also assume that that tube of toothpaste has a lot more fluoride in it than you'd ever get out of your kitchen faucet. So let's keep things in perspective, and remember that, in this debate, it's quantity that counts.

Another argument from the opposition, and, as Dave Barry used to say, WE'RE NOT MAKING THIS UP:

*Fluoridation is linked to a number of illnesses, including cancer, Alzheimer's and AIDS.*

Including AIDS? According to whom? Or rather, according to which Web site?

And, of course, the opposition will use the good ol' back-to-nature argument: *We want pure water in the Natural State, just like God intended.*

Uh huh. You want it complete with toadstools, too? For texture, how about some naturally occurring minnows? Or a whole

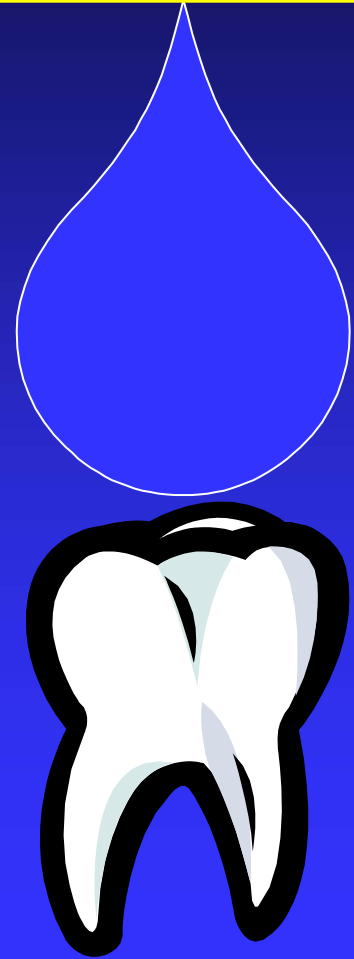




# Prevention (Policy)

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- **HB2627**
- **Awareness on  
Fluoridation and  
Dental Sealants**



# Access (Policy)

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- **General Supervision**
- **Clinic Networking and Grants**
- **Recruitment**

# Policy = Survival

- Act 785 of 2001
- and
- Act ?? of 2005

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**Best Practice Approaches  
for State and Community Oral Health Programs**

**I. Best Practice Approach**

**Statutory Mandate for  
a State Oral Health  
Program**

**Summary of Evidence Supporting  
Statutory Mandate for a  
State Oral Health Program**

Research	+
Expert Opinion	+++
Field Lessons	++
Theoretical Rationale	+++

See Attachment A for details.

**II. Description**

**C. Creating a Legislative Mandate**

Steps in creating a legislative mandate for the state oral health program vary from state to state

**A. State Oral Health Programs**

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# Where We Began

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# and just a little improvement

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