#### National Oral Health Conference April 29, 2014

# Senior Oral Health: Using Data to Affect Policy

# Objectives

- Identify relevant data sources for senior oral health at the state, community, and national level to inform decision-makers in their state
- Demonstrate the ability to populate a fact sheet or infographic template with data specific to their state
- Identify potential partners and resources for obtaining senior oral health data (e.g. existing surveys, sources of funds for state-specific BRFSS questions, etc)
- Describe how and what data to use that will have the desired policy impact



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### Filling in the Boxes – Appropriate Quotes

- Got Data? California Milk Processor Board
- Spare Me the Details, Just Give Me the Score – The Offspring (the first part, anyway)
- Just the facts, Ma'am Joe Friday (Dragnet), but actually not
- He Must Be Hopped Up on Goofballs me? or about me? but inspired by Dragnet

### **Oral Health Status of Older Adults**



 Start with demographic data to find out about your state population





40,000

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40,000

The Older Population Congressional Apportionment Housing Characteristics The White Population The Black Population The Hispanic Population

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# Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)

#### www.cdc.gov/brfss

- 2012 data is not comparable to other years
- Oral Health data collected in "even" years
- Use data to 2010 for trends



#### Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System



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### **BRFSS: Oral Health Questions**



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Adults aged 65+ who have had all their natural teeth extracted

	Yes	No
%	13.3	86.7
a	(11.8-14.9)	(85.1-88.2)
n	433	2939

Percentages are weighted to population characteristics.

Use caution in interpreting cell sizes less than 50.

 $N/A \Rightarrow Prevalence escimate not available if the unweighted sample size for the denominator was <math display="inline"><$  50 or the Relative Scandard Error (RSE) is >0.3 or if the state did not collect data for the calendar year.

See States conducting surveillance, by year.

#### Adults aged 65+ with all natural teeth extracted Michigan - 2012



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"If you see that a question is not available for a banck ular year, it is because the question was dropped or changed. Check the category of interest for that year to find s in liar terms.

"Denominator includes all respondents except those with missing, don't know, and refused answers.

"All respondents 65 years old and older."

### **Trend Charting**

#### Adults aged 65+ with all natural teeth extracted Michigan - All Available Years Response = Yes



		Michigan		
Year:	% CI n			
1999	22.1	<b>22.1</b> (17.9-26.3) 98		
2002	18.5	<b>18.5</b> (15.6-21.4) 200		
2004	<b>17.2</b> (14.8-19.6) 197			
2006	<b>17.3</b> (15.1-19.5) 243			
2008	<b>15.6</b> (14.1-17.2) 450		456	
2010	<b>13.1</b> (11.8-14.4) 466			

% = Weighted Percentage, CI = Confidence Interval, n = Cell Size (Numerator) Use caution in interpreting cell sizes less than 50.

#### State Added Questions: <u>https://www.ark.org/brfss\_questions/default.aspx</u>

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### **State Older Adult Surveillance**

- ASTDD Older Adults
- www.astdd.org
- Members section or links on the home screen
- www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/stat
   e\_programs/states/index.htm

(lists state reports – check for older adult survey reports) <image>

• Key Finding #3: Untreated tooth decay is a significant problem for vulnerable older adults in CT; especially for those living in long-term care facilities.

- 53% of the LTC facility residents with teeth had untreated tooth decay.
- Of the adults with teeth screened at the congregate meal sites, 26% had untreated tooth decay.



# **Basic Screening Survey**



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National Organizations	Budget for the Basic Screening Survey

# **Basic Screening Survey**

#### ASTDD Basic Screening Survey for Older Adults Planning and Implementation Packet

#### Order Basic Screening Survey for Older Adults Packets Online

This packet, which consists of a CD and DVD, includes all the information you will need to plan and conduct a Basic Screening Survey of high risk older adults at congregate meal sites or long-term care facilities. We recommend that each organization conducting a BSS order 1 complete packet. The CD and DVD may be replicated if you need additional copies.

The CD contains:

- BSS Manual; A step by step guide for the process of conducting an oral health survey of older adults.
- Information on the impact of HIPAA and IRB review on oral health surveys. This is a short synopsis that gives general guidance and resources on IRB review and HIPAA compliance in terms of oral health surveys.
- The Basic Screening Survey A tool for Oral Health Surveillance not Research. A short description of the BSS tool and its use in oral health surveillance.

The DVD contains:

Examiner training video for dental professionals

### http://www.astdd.org/state-programs/



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#### State Oral Health Programs

Governmental Oral Health Programs in each state are diverse in size, location in the bureaucracy, funding, staffing and focus. This page provides links to separate pages for each state that include:

1) Contact information for the state dental director or ASTDD representative

- 2) Description of the oral health program and links to various state profiles
- 3) Links to a website, newsletters and oral health plan if available

4) Links to dental summit and Head Start oral health forum reports and other state-specific reports

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#### www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/state\_programs/states/index.htm

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# NOHSS (National Oral Health Surveillance System)

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United States Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Division of Oral Health

### **Oral Cancer Data**

- American Cancer Society
- NIH National Cancer Institute
- CDC National Program of Cancer Registries
- U.S. Cancer Statistics
- State contact and state vital statistics
- (links in Older Adult Surveillance Data Template)

# **National Cancer Institute**

#### http://statecancerprofiles.cancer.gov

Dynamic views of cance	cer Profiles r statistics for prioritizing e nation, states, and counties Help us improvel <u>Contact us with</u> <u>feedback</u> .	CDC
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awareness of cancer prevention strategies

learn more...

#### Links

State Registry Contacts US Cancer Statistics: 2009 Incidence Resources for Cancer Control; Cancer controlplanet cancer.gov Cancer Progress Report - 2009/2010 Update Annual Report to the Nation CDC's National Program of Cancer Registries NC's SEER - Surveillance. Epidemiology.

### **Oral Cancer Data**

- <u>http://statecancerprofiles</u>
   <u>.cancer.gov</u>
- NIH National Cancer Institute



# **Nursing Homes/Residents**

- American Health Care Association
- www.ahcancal.org Research and Data tab, LTC Stats (OSCAR data), Nursing Facility <u>Operational</u> and <u>Patient</u> reports
- The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation: <u>http://kff.org/other/state-</u> <u>indicator/number-of-nursing-</u> <u>facility-beds/</u>
- Check your state (e.g. Michigan report updated March 2014 on MI DCH website)



# **Nursing Facility Data**



Table 4: Nursing Facility State and Median Occupancy Rate for Certified Beds, December 2013

State	Facilities	Patients	Beds	State Occupancy*	Median Facility Occupancy
US	15,659	1,371,818	1,665,969	82.3%	85.7%
AK	17	498	671	74.2%	87.8%
AL	228	22,779	26,685	85.4%	89.1%
AR	230	17,777	24,419	72.8%	74.8%
AZ	146	11,376	16,479	69.0%	72.6%
CA	1,225	102,220	120,215	85.0%	88.6%
CO	211	15,957	20,359	78.4%	82.2%
СТ	231	24,636	27,841	88.5%	91.1%
DC	19	2,569	2,706	94.9%	94.8%
DE	46	4,214	4,986	84.5%	88.9%
FL	687	72,664	82,848	87.7%	90.0%
GA	358	33,924	39,883	85.1%	89.5%
HI	47	3,714	4,065	91.4%	92.7%
IA	444	24,952	31,333	79.6%	80.0%
ID	77	3,915	5,930	66.0%	71.2%
IL	769	72,877	94,018	77.5%	76.7%
IN	516	38,776	50,515	76.8%	73.7%
KS	345	18,389	22,797	80.7%	77.8%

### **Dental Insurance Data (Medicaid)**

- (Nat'l Academy for State Health Policy) <u>http://www.nashp.org/publication/medicaid-</u> <u>coverage-adult-dental-services</u>
- ADA (Barbara)
- Individual state data
   SOHP
   State Medicaid

### **Dental Insurance Data (Medicaid)**

MEDICAID COVERAGE OF ADULT DENTAL SERVICES

M ND ns. NE NV CD 64 KS MO TN AZ. AR OK AL. None (6) Emergency Only (16) Exclude at Least One Service Category (13) Include All Service Categories (16)

FIGURE 1: STATE MEDICAID COVERAGE OF ADULT DENTAL BENEFITS FOR ALL COVERED ADULTS, 2007

Note: As reflected in Table 1, some states provide enhanced coverage to only specific adult populations.



#### More Coloradans Over Age 65 Lack Dental Insurance

Dental Uninsured Rates by Age, 2008-2009 and 2011



### **Two More Data Sources**

#### HRSA Uniform Data Set

- By state information on percent of patients 65+, counts of dental visits and dental services at funded Community Health Centers
- ASTDD/CDC State Synopses
  - Workforce, infrastructure and policy indicators, including: number of dentists/hygienists, number of dentists accepting Medicaid, Medicaid dental coverage for adults, number of community based oral health programs, .....

ASTDD State Older Adult Surveillance Data Template (Rev	: 4/14)
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Hint: To open Web pages in a browser window-> CTRL+Click

Topic/Group	Description of Indicator	NOHSS Indicator	HP2020 Indicator	Data Source	Comments:
Older Adults	Demographics			US 2010 Census Data: http://www.census.gov/2010census/	Basic demographic data available at state, county, and community levels. Background document on older adult health – Older Americans 2012 – Key Indicators of Well-Being http://www.agingstats.gov/Main_Site/Data/2012_Docum ents/docs/EntireChartbook.pdf
Older Adults	Community health, living resources, and quality of life			Community Assessment Survey for Older Adults: http://www.n-rc.com/what-we-do/survey- products/community-assessment-survey-for-older-adults/	States may have completed a CASOA survey.
Adults	Percent of adults with any dental visit in the past year (aged 18 years and older - can look by age for 65+ estimates) Percent of adults with diabetes having a dental visit in the past year	Added in 1999 Added in 2012	OH-7	Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) www.cdc.gov/brfss The BRFSS has included oral health and diabetes questions in even years since 2002. They are part of the Rotating Core questionnaire. Optional questions can be added at state level — requires SOHP effort. More information may be available from the public use data sets than from the BRFSS web-based data query tools. Data also presented in: Oral Health Maps (Adult Tab): <u>http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/gisdoh/adult.aspx</u> NOHSS www.cdc.gov/nohss	Note: for state specific BRFSS information, state contacts and links to state websites might be found at: http://www2.cdc.gov/nccdphp/brfss2/coordinator.asp Exact question wording available from BRFSS Web site Questionnaires and from the Dental, Oral and Craniofacial Data Resource Center (DRC) Web site, Survey Questions section. http://drc.hhs.gov_and from http://www.cdc.gov/brfss_links to "Questionnaires" National data are available from MEPS: www.meps.ahrq.gov/mepsweb/ HP indicator is for children, adolescents and adults (2+years) who received any dental service. Dental, Oral and Craniofacial Data Resource Center http://drc.hhs.gov/dqs.htm Can query "Dental Visits", which provides access to MEPS (national) data (to 2009) to query on different types of services and population subgroups. More detail available from queries on "Dental Services", other indicators in DQS.

### **ASTDD Resource**

http://www.astdd.org/docs/oral-health-data-used-for-policy-05-12-2012.pdf



#### Using Oral Health Data to Inform Decisions and Policy Development May 2012

#### **Oral Health Survey Reports**

Oral health data obtained through in-mouth surveys using the Basic Screening Survey (BSS) methodology can provide the framework for a powerful policy development tool (<u>www.astdd.org/basic-screening-survey-tool/</u>). Using this type of data to inform decisions and policy, however, requires a clear and concise presentation to make the information both understandable and meaningful for a non-dental professional. Following are some tips for the use and presentation of complex oral health data.

 Oral health survey data should be reported within 6-12 months of data collection; the sooner the better. Advocates and legislators want current information.

Useful Resource: *Making Data Talk – A Workbook* www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/cancerlibrary/MDT-Workbook.pdf

 Develop a written communication plan that clearly describes when and how the information will be distributed. The National Association of City and County



#### Examples of How SOHPs Address Older Adults' Needs

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One of **North Dakota**'s SOHP priorities is to increase the percentage of seniors who receive dental services.

In **Colorado**, the SOHP sets goals for seniors in areas such as financing, systems of care and health promotion.

The **Alaska** SOHP devotes a full section to both the data on and the challenges faced by people ages 65 or older.

**Kansas'** SOHP calls for strengthening oral health efforts among two populations that include many seniors — those with disabilities and those trying to prevent or manage diabetes, heart disease or stroke. Connecticut's SOHP has a separate Oral Health Action Plan that targets the needs of older adults.

One of **Georgia**'s 8 recommendations is improving access to adults "with special physical and mental healthcare needs."



#### **CDHP Resources:**

The Oral Health Policy Profile is a template to assist state oral health programs in monitoring and tracking state oral health policies in three areas:

➢Professional policies

>Public policies in laws, regulations, other (*e.g.*, statewide fluoridation mandate)

➢Programmatic policies

https://www.cdhp.org/resources/306-oral-health-policy-profile

The State Oral Health Plan Comparison Tool allows you to search 24 content areas and make cross-state comparisons through a relational database. <u>https://www.cdhp.org/resources/307-state-oral-health-plan-comparison-tool</u>

### What is the Eldercare Locator?

Public service of U.S. Administration on Aging (AoA)

Provides a single toll-free number (1-800-677-1116) and website (<u>www.eldercare.gov</u>) to get connected with the aging network


# Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)

PACE provides comprehensive long term services and supports to Medicaid and Medicare enrollees.

### PACE Eligibility

Individuals can join PACE if they meet certain conditions:

- Age 55 or older
- Live in the service area of a PACE organization
- · Eligible for nursing home care
- · Be able to live safely in the community

The PACE program becomes the sole source of services for Medicare and Medicaid eligible enrollees. Individuals can leave the program at any time.

# **Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)**

### PACE Benefits

PACE benefits include, but are not limited to, all Medicaid and Medicare covered services:

 Primary Care (including doctor & Adult Day Care nursing services) Recreational therapy Hospital Care Meals Medical Specialty Services Dentistry Prescription Drugs Nutritional Counseling Nursing Home Care Social Services Emergency Services Laboratory/X-ray Services Home Care Social Work Counseling Physical Therapy Transportation Occupational Therapy

# **American Dental Association**



ADA American Dental Association®

- Suite of 9 initiativesExamples
  - Reduce ER use for dental problems
  - Reduce barriers to provider participation in Medicaid
  - Expansion of community water fluoridation

# Long-term Care Initiative

### December 09, 2013 Action for Dental Health: Long-term care initiative launched

By Craig Palmer, ADA News staff

Washington—Dr. Merle Nunemaker was quick to report the launch of ADA's Long-term Care Dental Campaign, an Action for Dental Health Initiative.

# Action for DENTALHEALTH

ADA American Dental Association®

# Dentists Providing Care to Nursing Home Residents

- participate in nursing home care and
- prevention programs
  - through local community outreach
  - continuing education
  - training to work in long-term care



ensure every nursing home resident who wants and needs dental care is able to get it



 At least <u>ten state dental associations</u> <u>committed to implementing a long-term care</u> <u>program</u> to improve the oral health of nursing home residents by 2015.

### Goal # 2

 Through ADA continuing education, <u>train at</u> <u>least 1,000 dentists</u> to provide care in nursing homes by 2020, and increase the number of dentists serving on advisory boards or as dental directors of long-term care facilities.

# State Dental Association Examples: LTC initiatives



### **VIRGINIA: Access to Care Task Force**

- Dental Association
- Hygiene Association
- Oral Health Coalition
- Dental Association Foundation
- Health Care Association
- VCU Dental School
- Geriatric Collaborative of Central Virginia founder



### **VIRGINIA: LTC initiatives**

- Implementation of Teledentistry
  - Store & forward' technology to streamline care
- Pilot study: dental coordinator nursing home
  - Coordinate preventive & restorative care
- Give Seniors a Smile
  - Richmond area nursing facility
  - Screen residents and provide preventive services

# **MARYLAND: LTC initiatives**

3 phase Pilot project
State Dental Association
Dental Hygienists
Association
School of Dentistry
Office of Oral Health



- CE course to train dental health practitioners
- Training/calibration of dental personnel for statewide measure using BSS for Seniors
- Dental health fairs/ screening in LTC facilities

# **MARYLAND: LTC initiatives**

Rockville Nursing Home
Inaugural event
Provided free dental care
to residents & staff



Volunteers

# ADULT DENTAL BENEFITS IN MEDICAID: 2011 – 2019



### ADULT DENTAL BENEFITS IN MEDICAID: 2011–2019 Definitions

#### Definitions of Coverage Categories for Adult Dental Benefits in Medicaid

#### 0. None

- 1. Emergency (Emerg)
  - a. Relief of pain and infection (while many services might be available, care may only be delivered under defined emergency situation)

#### 2. Limited Mix (LM)

- a. A Limited Mix of services and/or a per-person annual expenditure cap of \$1,000 or less.
   Benchmark being less than 100 services out of the approx 600 recognized services (per ADA-CDT)
- b. VLM-Very Limited Mix describes states with exceptionally limited services

#### 3. Comprehensive Mix (CM)

a. A more comprehensive mix of services, annual spending cap per patient cap is reasonable (i.e. over \$1,000). Benchmark being over 100 services out of the approx 600 recognized services (per ADA-CDT)

#### 4. Full

a. No limits on services provided; full coverage

### ADULT DENTAL BENEFITS IN MEDICAID: 2011 – 2019 States "Snapshot"

ADULT <sup>i</sup> DENTAL BENEFITS IN MEDICAID: 2011 - 2019									
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<u>Alabama</u>		None							
<u>Alaska</u>	СМ								
<u>Arizona</u>	Emerg								
<u>Arkansas</u>	LM								
<u>California</u>	Emerg								
<u>Colorado</u>	Emerg*								
<u>Connecticut</u>	СМ								
<u>Delaware</u>	None								
<u>Florida</u>	Emerg								
<u>Georgia</u>	Emerg								
<u>Hawaii</u>	Emerg								
<u>Idaho</u>	Emerg								
<u>Illinois</u>	Emerg								
<u>Indiana</u>	LM								
<u>Iowa</u>	СМ								
<u>Kansas</u>	Emerg								
<u>Kentucky</u>	LM								

Updated: 4/2014 \*CO-enacted improvement (2014) - pending full adoption of program

### ADULT DENTAL BENEFITS IN MEDICAID: 2011 – 2019 States "Snapshot"

	2011	2012	2013	2014	
<u>New Mexico</u>	CM				
<u>New York</u>	СМ				
<u>N Carolina</u>	СМ				
<u>N Dakota</u>	СМ				
<u>Ohio</u>	СМ				
<u>Oklahoma</u>	None				
<u>Oregon</u>	CM				
<u>Pennsylvania</u>	LM				
<u>Rhode Island</u>	СМ				
<u>S Carolina</u>	Emerg				
<u>S Dakota</u>	CM LM				
<u>Tennessee</u>	None				
<u>Texas</u>	Emerg				
<u>Utah</u>	None				
<u>Vermont</u>	LM				
<u>Virginia</u>	LM				
<u>Washington</u>	Emerg LM			LM	

### ADULT DENTAL BENEFITS IN MEDICAID: 2011 – 2019 States Totals

	2011	2012	2013	2014
Full	0	0	0	0
Comp Mix	12	11	11	11
Limited Mix	15	16	16	17
Emergency Only	18	18	18	17
None	6	6	6	6

### ADULT DENTAL BENEFITS IN MEDICAID: 2011 – 2019 State Specific Resources

#### Massachusetts:

http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/laws-regs/masshealth/provider-library/providermanual/dental-manual.html (subchapter 6) https://masshealth-dental.net/ORM/MassHealth.pdf Return to Top

#### Michigan:

http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2945 42542 42543 42546 42551-150940--,00.html

Effective for dates of service on and after October 1, 2010, MDCH is reinstating the adult dental benefit for Medicaid beneficiaries age 21 and older. The Michigan Legislature approved the MDCH fiscal year 2011 budget with language that restores adult dental benefit services to the level of coverage that was available on October 1, 2002. Routine examinations, prophylaxis, restorations and dentures will now be covered. Some services may require prior authorization before treatment is rendered. Pages 325-337 of the Medicaid Provider Manual (pages 9-21 of Dental chapter) list all covered and non-covered services provided. *Return to Top* 

# **Data to Affect Policy Change**

- Brochure (template on ASTDD.org)
- Fact sheet (template emailed to participants)
- SOHP or Health Data website briefs?
- Messages: other chronic disease advocates
- Communication strategy depends on targeted audience (legislators, public, providers)
- Senior Summit
- Public Will building awareness, funds to conduct specific data collection
- Incorporate strategies in state oral health plan
- Evaluate efforts using data as baseline data





#### COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR STATE ORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS GOAL-SPECIFIC

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Prepare one plan for each goal.

Problem Statement	60% of seniors aged 65 and older do not have dental insurance.
Goal	Increase the number of seniors with dental insurance,
Target Audience(s)	Legislators, state oral health coalition, state dental and dental hygiene Assoc, local AAA's, foundation
Objectives	<ol> <li>Identify GF dollars to develop a senior-specific oral health benefit for low income seniors; 2. Identify potential legislative sponsor</li> </ol>
Key Messages	Seniors are retaining their natural teeth; oral health related to systemic health; <u>QoL</u> issues
Planned Channels and Materials	Newspaper editorials; tri-fold brochure, fact sheets; Day at the Capital
Plan for Pre-testing Messages and Materials	Oral health coalition lobbyist
Planned Activities and Timelines	Oral Health coalition convenes senior summit by end of 2014; draft legislation;
Evaluation Design, Methods and Measures	
Responsible Parties and Partnerships	
Budget/Persources Needed	

# **Completed Template - example**



#### **COLORADO SENIOR SMILES**

#### Key Facts about Senior Oral Health in Colorado

- Over 60% of seniors 65+ do not have dental insurance
- Over 50% of low-income seniors have lost all their natural teeth
- Seniors are the fastest growing segment of the population
- Oral health is vital to well-being and quality of life, but barriers exist





Age in and of itself is not a dominant or sole factor in determining oral health. However, certain medical conditions, such as arthritis in the hands and fingers, may make brushing or flossing teeth difficult to impossible to perform. Drugs can also affect oral health and may make a change in dental treatment necessary.

#### What Program/Policy Changes are Needed - Options

- Increase availability of dental insurance for low-income seniors and those on fixed incomes; add adult/senior dental benefits to Medicaid
- Connect local dentists with nursing homes in their practice areas to provide screenings, treatment, and staff/caregiver education