



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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