Solving the Consent Conundrum

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We are
The national SBHC advocacy, technical assistance and training organization based in Washington DC, founded in 1995

Our Mission
To improve the health status of children and youth by advancing and advocating for school-based health care

Our Goals
1. Support strong school-based health care practices
2. Be the national voice
3. Expand and strengthen the SBHC movement
4. Advance policies that sustain SBHC
not all children and teens are thriving
persistent disparities in the access and quality outcomes of health
inequitable/unjust distribution of health resources among children and teens
we believe
TRANSFORMATIONAL POWER
intersection
health & education
Why Oral Health in Schools?

Every day a child misses school for any reason is a day lost for learning.

Every day lost to learning has the potential to hold that child back from achieving their full potential, putting their future and ours at risk.
Why Oral Health in Schools

• Time when critical health behaviors, beliefs, and attitudes are formed
• Time of receptivity of youth
• Time to reinforce health messages
• Time to learn to make healthy decisions and adopt healthy behaviors
What the data says:

- **73%** of students with no access to oral health care missed 2 or more school days
- **51 million** HHS estimate of schools hours missed due to dental problems
- **60%** of children are affected by tooth decay making it one of the most common chronic childhood diseases
School Performance

- Children with poor oral health status were 3x more likely to miss school as a result of dental pain*

- Absence due to pain was associated with lower performance while absence due to treatment was not*

- Children with poorer oral health were more likely to experience pain, miss school, and perform poorly*

- 2007 MA survey found 1 in 10 children at school in pain
Oral Health 2020 Network

DentaQuest Foundation:

- 2011 systems change strategy
- Oral Health 2020: lasting change - collective action - shared vision:

To eradicate dental disease in children and improve oral health across the lifespan
Our communities thrive because oral health is valued as essential to wellbeing. Equitable opportunities ensure that everyone realizes their full potential.
The shared goal of the school oral health learning community has been to increase consent rates and utilization of school oral health services in their school oral health programs.
Learning Community School Districts:

Chicago Public Schools
Clarendon School District One
Clarendon School District Two
Clark County School District
Hillsborough County Public Schools

Houston Independent School District
Los Angeles Unified School District
Miami Dade County Public Schools
Montgomery County Public Schools
New York City Department of Education
Oral Health in School Systems

10 of the largest school districts have oral health incorporated into their systems
Structure:

• Adapted the IHI Breakthrough Series model
• Core and field team in each school district established
• Learning webinars on change ideas/topics
• Monthly group conference calls
• Monthly 1-on-1 calls
• Tools – Socious and data portal
• Baseline measures and work plans developed
• Launched in September 2016
Lessons from the Field

Innovation, Design, Test, Try it on

Increase consent and utilization

School Engagement
Family Engagement
Community Engagement
Oral Health Education
Data Collection and Use
Other Drivers
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