



Oral Health Colorado (OHCO) is a non-profit network of advocates that represent a wide range of public, private and non-profit organizations committed to advancing oral health, and ensuring health equity throughout Colorado. OHCO creates strategic connections with individuals, organizations, and partners to achieve collective impact for improved health.

About Oral Health Colorado

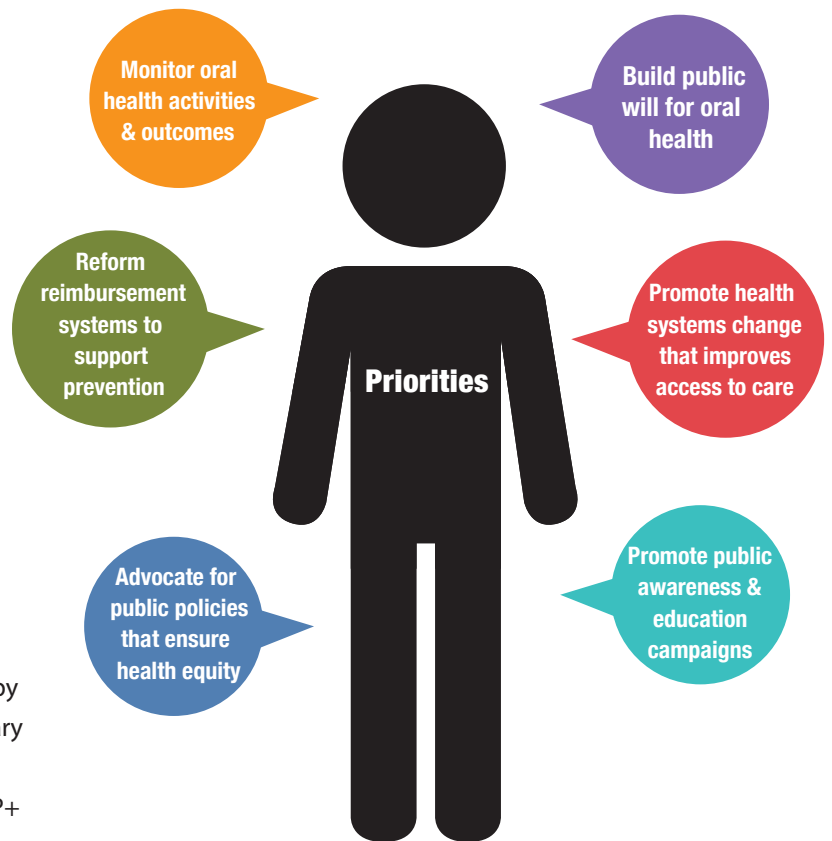
OHCO is committed to ensuring access to comprehensive oral health care, educating about preventive oral health strategies and reducing the burden of oral disease in our state. OHCO develops and promotes strategies that achieve optimal oral health for all Coloradans through a variety of activities:

- Develop and support public policy initiatives that lead to health equity
- Educate network constituents and the public
- Increase access to comprehensive oral health care
- Support strategies that increase provider access
- Share best practices in a variety of provider settings

Accomplishments

Together with our dedicated partners we:

- Defeated efforts to end community water fluoridation in Denver
- Passed legislation to expand access to dental services by allowing qualified dental hygienists to place a temporary filling on a tooth under remote supervision through a “tele-dentistry” model and requiring Medicaid and CHP+ to reimburse providers for the services
- Successfully lobbied for Medicaid rate increases for dental services in the approved State Budget
- Championed the passage of legislation that ensures consistency of pediatric dental insurance purchased through the health benefits exchange (Connect for Health Colorado) with requirements for coverage purchase outside of the exchange
- Passed legislation adding a Medicaid adult dental benefit and subsequent addition of a separate benefit for dentures
- Enhanced CHP+ dental benefit for kids to comply with federal law, adding certain services and increasing the annual cap from \$600 to \$1000
- Supported financial incentives for dental providers who participate in the Medicaid program (\$5M)
- Continued implementation of the DentaQuest funded “Smart Mouths Smart Kids” in-school initiative to increase access for Colorado children to preventive services and a dental home



OHCO Partners

OHCO's network of partners includes organizations such as:

- 2040 Partners in Health
- Advocacy Denver
- Children's Hospital Colorado
- ClinicNet
- Colorado Association for School Based Health Care
- Colorado Business Group on Health
- Colorado Children's Campaign
- Colorado Coalition for the Medically Underserved
- Colorado Community Health Network
- Colorado Consumer Health Initiative
- Colorado Dental Association
- Colorado Dental Hygienists' Association
- Colorado Department of Education
- Colorado Department of Healthcare Policy and Finance
- Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
- Colorado Latino Leadership, Advocacy and Research Organization (CLLARO)
- Colorado Muslim Society
- Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation
- Executives Partnering to Invest in Children (EPIC)
- Healthier Colorado
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
- Stapleton Foundation
- University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine
- University of Colorado School of Public Health

Financial Support

The following partners provide financial and in-kind support to OHCO:

- Caring for Colorado Foundation
- Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment
- Delta Dental of Colorado
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- DentaQuest
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- Metro Denver Dental Society
- The Colorado Health Foundation

OHCO Committees

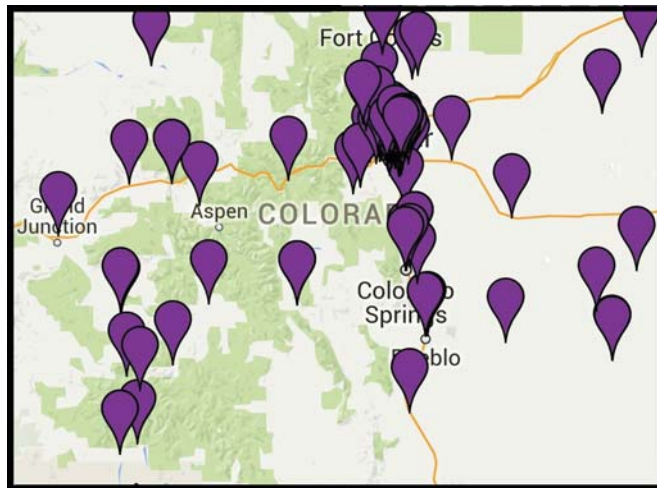
- Access to Care
- Policy
- Smarth Mouths Smart Kids



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