



Endorsement Policy

The American Association for Community Dental Programs (AACDP) values the pursuit of innovation, collaboration, leadership, research, and advocacy to prevent and treat oral diseases in the United States, especially in underserved populations. AACDP will consider endorsing organizations, initiatives, programs, meetings, reports, and other causes that strive to improve oral health through promoting prevention programs, increasing access and efficacy, controlling costs, and improving the quality of care. In determining what to endorse, AACDP's executive committee will use the following guidelines:

- The public health and evidence-based soundness of the endorsee initiative or program (e.g., community water fluoridation).
- The principles, professional standing, and reputation of the endorsee organization.
- Clearly articulated policy positions of the endorsee concerning the organization, financing, delivery, and quality of oral health based upon sound research, preferably having appeared in the peer-reviewed literature.
- Clearly articulated policy positions of the endorsee that align with the principles of health reform, particularly with regard to accountability, cost control, and emphasis on comprehensive preventive primary care.
- Clearly articulated policy positions of the endorsee organization that demonstrate innovation in prevention and delivery of oral health care through integration with general health care; efficient use of the dental workforce; and financing mechanisms in the provision of care, including capitation and global budget arrangements.

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