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Impact of California Tobacco Tax Proposition 56

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2009 - 2016

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Community Oral Health Improvement Plan

2019–2023
Planning Process by the Numbers

Over 100 Stakeholders Engaged

Nine Working-Group Meetings
Each group met 3 times
• Planning Process by the Numbers

Over **2,500** Hours of Stakeholder and Partner Work
A Service Planning Area (SPA) is simply a specific geographic region within Los Angeles County.

Due to the large size of LA County (4,300 square miles), it has been divided into 8 geographic areas. These distinct regions allow the Department of Public Health to develop and provide more relevant public health and clinical services targeted to the specific health needs of the residents in these different areas.
Implementation of OHCC activities within LAC Mega SPAs
(Service Planning Areas)

• Contractor will research and report strengths and challenges of each Mega SPA (Mega SPA Overview Report)

• Contractor will report social determinants of health within each Mega SPA and it's impact on OHCC objectives and activities

• Contractor will present the OHP with an action plan for implementing objectives for each MegaSPA justified by information within the Mega SPA overview report
Community Water Fluoridation Update for Los Angeles County
Los Angeles County Status of Community Water Fluoridation
Oral Health Program, 2019

Legend
Status
- Red: Non-Fluoridated
- Yellow: Partially Fluoridated
- Blue: Largely Fluoridated
- Green: Optimally Fluoridated

0 5 10 20 30 Miles

LA County
Dental Deserts: Oral Health Equity in Los Angeles County
What is a Dental Desert?

• Areas with:
  – High population density; AND
  – Low median household income; AND
  – No or insufficient dental services.

First Map done in collaboration with the CDA Analyst
Los Angeles County Smile Survey

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Los Angeles County Children’s Oral Health Needs Assessment also known as the “LAC Smile Survey”

• The LAC Smile Survey is a screening that was conducted on Kindergartners and 3rd grade students in Los Angeles County
• Previous LA Smile Survey was done in 2005
• UCLA was contracted to conduct the LA Smile Survey
  - Contractor screened children at 72 schools
  - 72 schools were comprised of 33 Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) and 39 non-LAUSD
• Screenings were completed in November 2019
• A report is expected to be released in June of 2020
Refresh Better for Oral Health Media Campaign

- Awareness campaign on drinking water for improved oral health outcomes for children in LA County
- Target Audience:
  - Parents of children 0-17 in LA County
  - Lower income households: <$50k and under
  - Geography: Dental Desert map and highest rate of soda consumption by health district and Service Planning Area (SPA) [LA County Health Survey, 2018]
- Campaign ran from October 7th through November 22nd, 2019

Billboard Coverage Map

Transit Coverage Map
Drink Water instead of sugary drinks. Your teeth will thank you.

Learn more at ChooseHealthLA.com

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The Oral Health Program is partnering with Lava Mae to provide temporary partial dentures to Lava Mae clients.
Thank you!