

# Partnerships for a Healthier Charles County Action Plan- Healthcare Access

## Dental Health Services

**Goal: Ensure the communities have access to oral health prevention in Charles County**

**Maryland Vision Area 6 Goal:** Increase the proportion of low income children and adolescents who receive dental care. (56.3%\*\*\*)

**Healthy People 2020 Goal: OH-8:** Increase the proportion of low-income children and adolescents who received any preventive dental service during the past year. (29.4% or 10% improvement\*\*)

\*\*Healthy People 2020 Objective Topic Areas

\*\*\* SHIP Target Objectives for 2014

### Target Objectives:

A. Increase the proportion of Medicaid children and adolescents who received any dental services in the past year from 53.4 to 56.3%

Strategies	Action Plan				
	Who? Will do What? By When?			Resources Needed?	Who Should Know?
<b>OBJECTIVE A:</b> Increase the proportion of Medicaid children and adolescents who received any dental services in the past year from 53.4 to 56.3%					
Strategy	Activities	Outcome	Responsibility	Resources	Tracking Measures
<b>X Providing Information</b>	Additional parental outreach programs at elementary schools that have been identified as access being a problem	Providing services to more children	Public Info Officers of Health Department and Charles County Public Schools	Public Info Officers of Civista and DSS	Number of programs
	Request for reoccurring funding to provide additional mobile resources for all schools	Increased participation of care	Health Department Non-profits providing services	Health Partners Greater Baden Medical Services Health Department Bel Alton Comm.	Funding obtained Number of students given care based on funding.
<b>X Enhancing Access/ Reducing Barriers</b>					

<p><b>X Modifying/Changing Policies</b></p>	<p>Institute a dental component to the registration process of children entering into Charles County Public Schools starting with a pilot program for 3's Program, Head Start Programs, Pre-K and K grades.</p>	<p>Process implemented in 2013/14 school year</p>	<p>Charles County Public Schools  Health Department</p>	<p>Center  Charles County Public Schools  Health Department</p>	<p>Number of children identified needing dental services from the pilot program</p>
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**OBJECTIVE B:** Increase the proportion of children and adolescents who received any dental services to 56.3%

Strategy	Activities	Outcome	Responsibility	Resources	Tracking Measures
<p><b>X Reducing Barriers</b></p>	<p>Explore the feasibility of additional funding to support the staffing to ensure an increase in the proportion of care, the Charles County Health Department should request from the state the staffing of at least one additional merit dentist, one additional merit hygienist, and one merit assistant.  Coordination of county</p>	<p>Funding request</p>	<p>Health Department</p>		<p>Receipt of additional funding  Increased number of dental professionals.  Number of children receiving dental care through grant program.  Information source</p>

<p><b>X Providing Support</b></p>	<p>programs and services of all free or reduced fee dental clinics.</p>	<p>Building a central information source for getting clients to the correct service provider</p>	<p>PHCC Ad hoc committee for information sources</p> <p>LMB</p>	<p>Health Partners</p> <p>CC Department of Health</p> <p>Greater Baden Medical Services</p> <p>Bel Alton Community Center</p>	<p>developed</p> <p>Access to available services</p>
<p><b>X Enhancing Access/ Reducing Barriers</b></p>	<p>Provide additional mobile oral examinations and fluoride applications visits to facilities including the Judy Centers, 3's program, PK and K on Title I Schools and Head Start program.</p>	<p>Providing dental services to targeted schools in Charles County</p> <p>Increased participation of care</p>	<p>Non-profits providing services</p>	<p>Health Partners</p> <p>Greater Baden Medical Services</p> <p>Bel Alton Community Center</p> <p>Health Department</p>	<p>Number of mobile examinations.</p>

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