

Summary of TSFF Oral Health Initiative Grantees

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The Community Foundation of the Bay Area

Project Name	Contra Costa Oral Health Access Project
County	Contra Costa
Lead Agency	Contra Costa Health Services
Grant Amount	\$120,000
Time Period	April 2006 – March 2009
Grant Type	Implementation
Collaborative Partners	Community Health Alliance and the Irwin N. Lebow Memorial Children's Dental Health Foundation
Project Summary	Since 2000, Contra Costa Health Services has worked with the Contra Costa Dental Health Action Group to develop and implement a strategic plan to improve access to oral health prevention and treatment services. This effort seeks to increase the number of low-income children receiving dental services through better coordination of services and case management, higher levels of participation in care by local providers, and expansion of services through the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile. Through the effort, a centralized intake system will be created and staffed by a dental health coordinator and efforts to recruit more dentists willing to care for children with Denti-Cal and Healthy Families, and those without dental coverage will be enhanced.
OHI Priority Areas	Access to care

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Project Name	Geriatric Oral Health Access Program
County	San Mateo
Lead Agency	California Dental Association Foundation
Grant Amount	\$105,000
Time Period	April 2006 – March 2009
Grant Type	Implementation
Collaborative Partners	San Mateo County Dental Society, California Dental Association, California Dental Hygiene Association, San Mateo County Aging and Adult Services Division, Burlingame Long-Term Care Facility, Ombudsman's Services of San Mateo County Inc., and the San Mateo County Dental Coalition
Project Summary	The California Dental Association Foundation (CDAF) is leading a collaborative effort to build a model of care to deliver oral health care services to elderly residents of long-term care institutions. Nursing homes and other long-term care institutions have limited capacity to deliver needed oral health services to their residents, most of whom are at increased risk for oral diseases. Currently, oral health assessments for the elderly residing in long-term care facilities are generally performed by nursing staff that lack the necessary dental training to properly assess dental needs. This leads to an omission of needs in the original assessment, an incomplete patient care plan, and subsequent lack of treatment. Under this project, Registered Dental Hygienists in Alternative Practice (RDHAP) will be introduced into the long-term care setting to perform comprehensive oral evaluations, train facility staff in oral health protocols, improve access to care, and facilitate treatment. The pilot site for this effort is the Burlingame Long-Term Care facility in San Mateo County.
OHI Priority Areas	Access to care; Delivery system; Education and promotion; Policy and advocacy; Provider training

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Project Name	Healthy Kids, Healthy Teeth Expansion
County	Alameda
Lead Agency	Alameda County Public Health Department
Grant Amount	\$105,000
Time Period	April 2006 – March 2009
Grant Type	Implementation
Collaborative Partners	None (single agency)
Project Summary	<p>The Office of Dental Health within the Alameda County Public Health Department will expand a model program that links low-income children ages 0–5 to dental services through outreach, case management, and recruitment and training of dentists. In 2003, the Office started a federally-funded demonstration project, <i>Healthy Kids, Healthy Teeth (HKHT)</i>, to increase access to oral health care for low-income children ages 0–5 on Medi-Cal. The program has been very successful. Approximately 70% of HKHT children have visited a dentist—a dramatic contrast to the 27% rate for children in the general Medi-Cal population. In addition to increasing dental visits, a key component of the program is ensuring that children and families are connected with other health and social services if they are needed. TSFF funding will specifically be used to pay for services provided to children who are not eligible for Medi-Cal, but who are in need of dental prevention and treatment services.</p>
OHI Priority Areas	Access to care; Education and promotion; Provider training

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Project Name	Marin County Oral Health Coordination Project
County	Marin
Lead Agency	Marin County Department of Health & Human Services
Grant Amount	\$90,000
Time Period	April 2006 – March 2009
Grant Type	Implementation
Collaborative Partners	None (see project summary that follows)
Project Summary	<p>While Marin County has nearly twice as many dentists per capita as the State average, the county-run Marin County Dental Clinic in San Rafael is one of the few providers that accepts publicly funded dental insurance. There is a six-month wait for routine services. As a result, low-income residents have very poor access to dental services. The Marin County Board of Supervisors recently approved expansion of the County's dental services to address increasing demand. This grant will help implement the <i>Marin County Oral Health Coordination Project</i>, which will provide needed coordination to a variety of oral health programs and serve a range of underserved populations needing oral health services throughout the County. A designated coordinator will increase the ability of the County to provide treatment, augment ability to provide preventive services, increase access to the resources of volunteer dental professionals, and enhance funding. While this Marin County application was not submitted as a collaborative effort, the County routinely coordinates with the following on oral health: Children's Oral Health Advisory Committee, First 5 Marin, the Marin County Dental Society, the Redwood Dental Hygienists Society, the College of Marin, University of the Pacific School of Dentistry, UCSF School of Dentistry, the Marin Children's Health Initiative, and the Marin Community Foundation.</p>
OHI Priority Areas	Access to care; Delivery system; Education and promotion; Provider training

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Project Name	Oral Health Policy Development
County	Bay Area
Lead Agency	University of the Pacific School of Dentistry
Grant Amount	\$90,000
Time Period	April 2006 – March 2009
Grant Type	Implementation
Collaborative Partners	None (see project summary that follows)
Project Summary	<p>In the last 18 months, the University of the Pacific (UOP) has brought together two statewide task forces to consider how to address the wide variety of oral health needs presented by people with special needs and the elderly. The result of this work has been the publication of background papers in the California Dental Association Journal and the development of a list of needed policy reforms that would expand access to care for these underserved populations. Policy reform issues were identified in the following major categories: (1) creating incentives for oral health professionals to increase their ability and willingness to work with people with special needs, (2) altering incentives for professional caregivers to increase attention to oral health needs of persons they care for, (3) integrating oral health with community health and social service systems, (4) filling gaps in data collected about special needs populations to assist in policy reform efforts, (5) enhancing training to include prevention and treatment of oral health problems for people with special needs, and (6) expanding oral health workforce to include levels of practitioners with expanded scope of duties to adequately address oral health of people with special needs. Under this grant, the UOP will be responsible for coordinating six working groups needed to advance the identified policy reforms, including the development of implementation plans, communications strategies and other activities. Underserved Bay Area residents will benefit from the statewide policy activities undertaken by UOP. While the UOP applied for funding as a single organization, its work will be undertaken as part of the California Statewide Task Force on Oral Health and People with Special Needs.</p>
OHI Priority Areas	Advocacy and Policy

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Project Name	Practice Management System
County	Alameda
Lead Agency	Alameda Health Consortium
Grant Amount	\$25,000
Time Period	April 2006 – March 2007
Grant Type	Planning
Collaborative Partners	Asian Health Services, Axis Community Health, La Clinica de la Raza, LifeLong Medical Care, Native American Health Center, Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center, Tri-City Health Center, and West Oakland Health Council
Project Summary	<p>The Alameda Health Consortium and its eight community-based health centers will undertake a yearlong, collaborative planning process to assess current dental practice management systems and develop recommendations and options for the implementation of a universal system for all the clinics. Currently, seven of the eight AHC clinics provide dental services—delivering approximately 49,000 dental visits to nearly 11,000 patients. However, the clinics use different information systems with varying degrees of sophistication. Implementing a common dental practice management system will increase access to dental care for low-income and uninsured residents of Alameda County, while at the same time result in an improved and cost effective dental delivery system for patients. The appropriate dental practice management system will streamline the dental delivery system (through patient registration, efficient inventory management, appointment scheduling, billing, insurance claims processing, recall reminders), and improve communication between caregivers or between patients and caregivers. The system will also provide clinics with a standardized central repository of information about the patient, including clinical data that will support clinic efforts to improve dental health outcomes.</p>
OHI Priority Areas	Delivery System

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Project Name	Pre- and Post-Natal Oral Health Project
County	San Mateo
Lead Agency	San Mateo Medical Center
Grant Amount	\$25,000
Time Period	April 2006 – September 2006
Grant Type	Planning
Collaborative Partners	San Mateo Medical Center, Sonrisas Community Dental Center, Ravenswood Family Health Center, Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County, University of the Pacific School of Dentistry, and the San Mateo County Health Department's Public Health Division
Project Summary	In October 2005, the pregnancy related Medi-Cal benefit was expanded to include certain non-emergency related dental benefits for pregnant women (Senate Bill 277). Recent studies show a strong link between poor oral health and poor birth outcomes bringing to the forefront the issue of dental services and oral health education for pregnant women. A planning grant will enable the collaborative to further define the pregnancy-related Medi-Cal population's oral health needs by: (1) conducting a data scan of the population's language and cultural demographics, primary care site, and regional residence, (2) conducting a survey of doctors to develop a profile of service needs and determine the feasibility of integrating pre- and post-natal medical and dental services, and (3) conducting a qualitative survey of Medi-Cal women to determine pre- and post-pregnancy health concerns and obstacles to dental care access.
OHI Priority Areas	Access to care; Advocacy and policy; Delivery system; Education and promotion; Provider training

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Project Name	San Francisco Kids and Infant Oral Care Program
County	San Francisco
Lead Agency	Native American Health Center
Grant Amount	\$120,000
Time Period	April 2006 – March 2009
Grant Type	Implementation
Collaborative Partners	Wu Yee Children’s Services and the San Francisco Department of Public Health’s Childcare Project
Project Summary	The Native American Health Center is one of three community-based clinics providing dental services to low-income San Francisco residents. This project will provide oral health education and promotion, ensure access to care, and undertake improvements in provider training and the oral health delivery system. This program is designed to increase access to dental services for young children ages one to four through enhanced parental education, expanded training opportunities for general dentists, and improved access to care.
OHI Priority Areas	Access to care; Delivery system; Education and promotion; Provider training