

# ACCESS TO CARE AND THE ROLE OF WORKFORCE

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# Maximize Momentum

2000

Oral Health in America  
A Report of the  
Surgeon General

Department of Health and Human Services  
U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

2003

## A National Call to Action to Promote Oral Health

*A Public-Private Partnership  
Under the Leadership of  
The Office of the Surgeon General*

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

2009

## THE U.S. ORAL HEALTH WORK IN THE COMING DECADE

WORKSHOP

INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE  
OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMIES

2010

*"Promoting and Enhancing the Oral Health of the Public"*

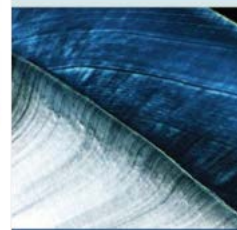


## HHS ORAL HEALTH INITIATIVE 2010



2011

## Advancing Oral Health in America



INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE  
OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMIES

2011

## Improving Access to Oral Health Care for Vulnerable and Underserved Populations



INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE and  
NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL  
OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMIES

2014

## Integration of Oral Health and Primary Care Practice

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# Factors that Impact Oral Health Access

- Oral health – peripheral to health care and health care policy
- Financially out of reach for many
- Dental providers – distribution and potential relative shortages
- Health care workforce receives little training in oral health



# Factors that Impact Oral Health Access (cont.)

- Low oral health literacy; most vulnerable suffer the most significant oral problems
- Lack of advocates for people with dental problems
- Policy-makers not engaged



# Investing in the Health Care Workforce



# Addressing Provider Shortages

- National Health Service Corps
- Title VII workforce programs
- State Oral Health Workforce Programs
- Teaching Health Center GME
- Expanding competencies of oral health providers



# Non-dental Providers and Oral Health Training

- Interprofessional Oral Health Core Clinical Competencies and Pilot Project
- AAMC curriculum
- American Academy of Pediatrics
- Nurse practitioners, physician assistants, physicians, nurse midwives, pharmacists



# Integrating Oral Health and Primary Care





# Integration of Oral Health and Primary Care

- Oral health is an integral part of overall health and therefore, oral health care is an essential component of comprehensive health care.
- Oral health promotion and disease prevention are essential to any strategies aimed at improving access to care.



# Oral Health Care in Health Centers

- 926 health centers provide on-site oral health care services
  - 4.4 Million Patients Served
  - 11 Million Dental Patient Visits
  - >3,400 FTE dentists and >1500 FTE dental hygienists are working in health centers



# Improving Oral Health Care

- Improve access
  - Expanded Services Opportunity
    - FY 14- nearly 300 health center grantees received funds to expand oral health services
    - FY15 plan to award \$255 M for expansion, including oral health services
  - New Access Points
    - FY15 plan to award \$100 M, may include oral health services
    - FY16 President's budget- \$50 M to support 75 health center new access points, may include oral health services



# SUMMARY



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