



Oral Health

TOOLBOX



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Navigating the Coalition Toolbox

This toolbox was developed with input from the efforts of the South Carolina Oral Health Coalition (SCOHC) staff, for new and existing partners of SCOHC committed to strengthening and promoting oral health across the lifespan.

This toolbox is in the form of a resourceful handbook for SCOHC mission, target objectives, membership and engagement as an advocacy member group. You will find cataloged information about the SCOHC and its members, the SC State Oral Health Plan, and much more! **This toolbox is intended to have an extended shelf life and content included will likely be enhanced overtime, but will serve as a great resource for new and existing members.

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What is the South Carolina Oral Health Coalition?

- **HISTORY**

The South Carolina Oral Health Coalition (SCOHC) was formed in November 2003 with the purpose of developing oral health promotion and disease activities at the state and community levels. These activities are intended to support the objectives in the South Carolina State Oral Health Plan (SCSOHP) and address lifespan oral health problems and issues affecting the state's population. Over the last 12 years, through key partnerships, the SCOHC has expanded their state-wide network of stakeholders, consistently received funding to forward oral health improvement objectives, and have contributed to the success in reducing children's oral health complications by addressing key priorities of the SCSOHP.

- **COALITION OBJECTIVES**

The primary objectives of the coalition are:

- Developing work plans for oral health activities;
- Guiding the implementation of oral health work plans;
- Evaluating the outcomes of oral health work plans; and
- Identifying funding resources to achieve and sustain oral health work plan objectives and activities.

- **MISSION**

To sustain a statewide collaborative amongst South Carolina stakeholders to promote oral health across the lifespan.

- **VISION**

We envision a South Carolina where every person enjoys optimal oral health as a part of total well-being, and:

- Prevention and education are priorities;
- Treatment is available, accessible, affordable, timely, and culturally competent;
- Responsibility is shared among patients, parents, providers, employers and insurers; and
- Collaboration by government, higher education, and the private sector ensures resources, quality, and patient protection.

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Who are the members of the SC Oral Health Coalition?

- **MEMBERSHIP**

The SCOHC is comprised of a multifaceted group of stakeholders interested in improving the oral health of South Carolina's citizens. Group members include stakeholders from public health, private practice, academia and health educators, community and business leaders who are familiar with behavioral and practice issues related to oral health care. South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Division of Oral Health (DOH) staff also works directly with the SCHOHACC as support and defined as a part of the oral health infrastructure in South Carolina.

What are the benefits?

- **Networking opportunities** with local, regional and national oral health stakeholders
- Connections with a **community of key champions** around improvements in oral health for South Carolina
- **Opportunities to increase advocacy** around oral health equity across the lifespan for Carolinians

How can I become a member of the Coalition?

- **JOINING THE COALITION IN 4 STEPS:**

Step 1. Be able to commit to membership eligibility requirements, which include:

- Consistent attendance at Quarterly Advisory Summits (QAS) and workgroup meetings
- Workgroup Meetings—*usually quarterly*
- Commitment to participation in at least one SCOHC priority workgroup – *in alignment with State Oral Health Plan priorities*
- Participate and support coalition sponsored events

Step 2. Complete a membership form – *and share the other half with other friends or community members interested in joining!*

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Step 3. Submit the form to the Coalition Coordinator or designated SCOHC Staff or scan/email the completed form to scoralhealthcoalition@gmail.com

Step 4. Get connected to your coalition by joining a workgroup of your area of interest!



SCOHC PRIORITY WORKGROUPS

