



South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control

Perinatal Infant Oral Health Quality Improvement Regional Presentation

Perinatal Infant Oral Health Quality Improvement Grant

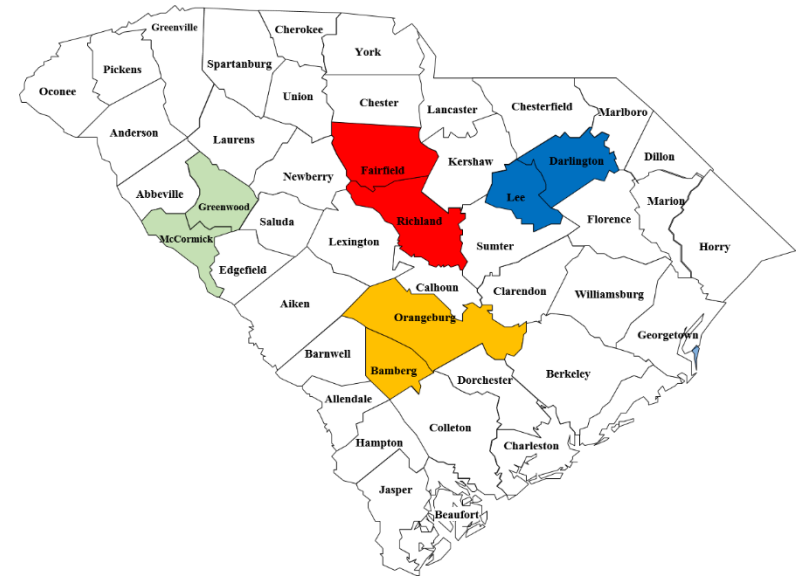
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Establish a **statewide evidence-based framework** for the **integration** of oral health assessment and services into **early childhood** and **perinatal care systems**.

Develop and revise **practice** and **policy guidelines** for inter-professional dental disease prevention, dental treatment, and population-based surveillance.

Target Populations

- Pregnant women
- Infants 0-3



Grant Goals Related to DHEC Health Regions

- Internal and external integration of oral health messages for pregnant women and infants (targeted at community-based groups, primary care provider practices and public health personnel)
- Helping to create opportunities for dentists to learn of best practices for treating pregnant women and infants
- Help primary care practices acquire the training and know-how to provide preventative oral health care for pregnant women and infants in primary care setting (for OB/Gyns., Ped)

Today we will hear from the regions...and celebrate their success!!

- Lowcountry
- Pee Dee
- Midlands
- Upstate

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Lowcountry Region – Orangeburg and Bamberg County

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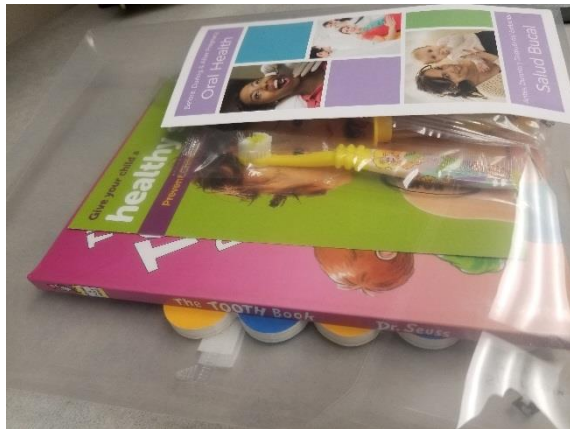
How the *Lowcountry Region* is addressing oral health

- Displaying oral health and fluoridation posters in health clinics throughout the region
- Providing education and resources to community partners and providers
- Creating and distributing oral health packets to target population and community partners that work with the target population
- Providing oral health updates during our Regional Management Team meetings to ensure integration within our regional health clinics

Challenges and Successes

- Challenges

- Not being received by medical and dental providers



- Successes

- Internal

- Oral health posters displayed in health clinics
- Oral health packets created and distributed
- Collaborating with NFP, WIC, and NBHV staff to disseminate oral health resources to moms and caregivers

- External

- Family Solutions of the Lowcountry (serves Orangeburg, Bamberg, Allendale, and Hampton)
- Bamberg First Steps
- Rural Health Network
- DentaQuest
- Dr. Garris with Santee Dental Care

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Midlands

How *the Midlands* is addressing oral health

Internal Integration

- Health Departments and WIC



External Integration

- Community Partnerships
 - Palmetto Healthy Start
 - First Steps Fairfield County
 - In Progress: North Main Library
- Medical Partnerships
 - John A. Martin

Challenges and Successes

Challenges

- Finding a community partner that targets the right population
- Time- coordinating everyone's schedules for the training

Successes

- With the help of health department administrative staff we were able to quickly put together 1,400 packets to be distributed at WIC clinics
- Some groups have been very open to working with us

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Pee Dee Region – Darlington and Lee Counties

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How *Pee Dee Region* is addressing oral health

- Provided training to community agencies/organizations, Head Start programs (4Cs+D), Newborn Home Visit Staff, and dental and medical providers about oral health messages and oral health best practices
- Successfully integrated Oral Health messages and education into Health Department clinical services (e.g. posters, etc.)
- Created packets to distribute to mothers/caregivers and for staff to provide educational opportunities
- Delivered materials and resources to medical providers, dental providers, and community agencies/organizations

Challenges and Successes

• Successes

- Community and clinic buy-in is great
- Bag and packet distribution a driving force
- Discuss Oral Health education with NBHV staff for clients during their visits

• Successes

• External Integration

- BabyNet
- CareSouth Carolina
- FirstSteps of Darlington County and Lee County
- McLeod Nurse-Family Partnership
- Pee Dee Healthy Start
- Wateree Headstart
- Churches in Darlington and Lee Counties
- Darlington County Coordinating Council and Lee Interagency/RLI Coalition

• Challenges

- Creating and sustaining partnerships with dental and medical providers



Integration

Mrs. Patterson of Bishopville/Lee County Childcare Center receiving her items for distribution

Pee Dee Region

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Upstate Region – Greenwood and McCormick County

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How *Upstate Region* is addressing oral health

- Created packets to give out to mothers (first-time and those with infants)
- Provided training to community organizations and human services organizations about the benefits of good oral health practices
- Sent resources out to medical providers, dental providers, and community organizations
- Successfully integrated Oral Health education into Health Department clinical services without disrupting clinic flow

Challenges and Successes

- Challenges

- Developing partnerships with medical and dental providers

- Success

- Engaged over 500 individuals in the targeted counties through bag distribution and presentations
- Internal Integration
 - Oral Health Packets developed
 - WIC, Preventive Health, and Immunization programs discuss Oral Health education with clients during their visits
 - Oral Health Posters displayed in each health department
 - DVD's with Oral Health Messages for parents and kids
- External Partnerships Developed
 - McCormick DSS
 - Lakelands Rural Health Network
 - McCormick, Greenwood, and Abbeville County First Steps
 - Abbeville County Adult Ed
 - Churches in Abbeville, Greenwood, and McCormick
 - Abbeville Healthy Coalition (serves the Lakelands area)

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Children ages 0-3



Pregnant women

Hats off to the Regions and their efforts to integrate and address oral health across the state!!

