



Project Directors' Meeting

CDA Resources

Reducing barriers to dental care

California Dental Association: Phased Strategies for Reducing Barriers to Dental Care in California



Phase 1		
Establishing State Oral Health Leadership and Optimize Existing Resources (Years 1-3)		
Objective	Strategy	Rationale
1. State oral health infrastructure	<p>a. Assist the state to hire a state dental director and staff responsible for developing, funding, and coordinating oral health activities. The dental director and his/her staff will be responsible for achieving the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Developing a comprehensive and sustainable state oral health action planii. Securing funds to support infrastructure, and statewide and local programsiii. Advancing and protecting the importance of oral health within the Administrationiv. Encouraging private and public collaborationv. Promoting evidence-based approaches to increase oral health literacyvi. Establishing a system for surveillance and oral health reporting	<p>To effectively build and execute statewide oral health activities, the state needs a dental director, preferably a dentist with public health experience, an oral health epidemiologist, an administrative assistant, an analyst, and a program coordinator. Key to the success of this effort is sufficient staff to carry out essential functions of the office, including surveillance, program coordination and fund development. Additionally crucial is the strategic placement of the dental director within the state structure, ensuring the dental director is part of the executive team, intimately involved in the decision making process, and able to work across programs to ensure oral health inclusion.</p> <p>This recommendation is made first as it provides the foundation for key Phase 2 objectives.</p>
2. Expand capacity within dental public health	<p>a. Encourage and support dental professionals to obtain advanced degrees in public health</p>	<p>Dental public health leaders are needed to plan and implement programs, and advocate for the oral health of Californians. As the infrastructure at the state is rebuilt, more dental public health leaders will be needed to fill key roles at the state and local level in addition to filling advocacy roles at the federal level.</p>

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Local Dental Societies

CDA's membership structure includes the state's 32 component dental societies who serve the needs of the local dental community and the public in the promotion of oral health care as part of overall general health.

To contact a dental society, please enter your zip code and we'll locate the nearest society. Or, select a dental society from the drop-down menu.

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The screenshot displays the CDA website's navigation bar with the following links: Member Login, About CDA, Member Resources, Advocacy, **Public Resources** (circled in orange), and News & Events. A search bar is located to the right of the navigation bar.

The main content area features a large banner with the text "Find a Dentist" and "Read more". Below this, there are three columns of links:


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Arrows point from the "Public Resources" link in the navigation bar to the "Community Resources" and "Children's Oral Health" sections. A "2MIN2X" logo is also visible next to the "Children's Oral Health" section.

On the right side of the banner, there is a section titled "Kids' Healthy Mouths" with the URL "2min2x.org" and an image of a toothbrush. Below this is a "Disaster Relief Grant" section with the text: "To help dental professionals in need, the CDA Foundation has established a Disaster Relief Grant for those affected by the 2018 California Wildfires. For assistance with recovery efforts, submit the individual grant application."

The bottom of the banner features a "What's New" section.

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Oral Health Fact Sheets

From preventing cavities to how to pay for treatment, we've compiled information on some of the most common issues affecting dental patients of all ages.

Some of the most popular:

- **Xylitol**—the decay-preventive sweetener
- **Gum Disease**—a guide to periodontal disease
- **Receding Gums**—potential sign of periodontal disease
- **Early Childhood Caries**—also known as baby bottle tooth decay
- **Oral Piercings**—are there risks to getting an oral piercing?

Find answers to your questions about oral health with our patient fact sheets, now available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Russian, Hmong and Vietnamese.

Amalgam

Dental amalgam has been studied and reviewed extensively, and has established a record of safety and effectiveness.

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Bad Breath

There are many reasons for bad breath. Mouth odor, also called halitosis, is a common condition and sometimes a source of embarrassment.


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Cosmetic Dentistry

Is something keeping you from smiling? It could be that whatever it is can be fixed easily and relatively




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Kindergarten Oral Health Requirement

Lack of access to dental care is a problem for many California children. Dental disease is one of the most common reasons for school absence, and children in pain, even when they attend class, are unable to concentrate and learn. The kindergarten dental checkup requirement, AB 1433 signed into law in 2005, is one way schools can support children's school readiness and success – by identifying children suffering from untreated dental disease and helping parents establish a dental home for their children.

For parents: AB 1433 requires your child receive an assessment of his or her oral health as part of school readiness activities for kindergarten entry (or first grade if this is your child's first year in public school). An oral health assessment conducted the year prior to kindergarten, or by May of your child's kindergarten year satisfies this requirement. Check with your child's school for details, as each school notifies parents and distributes the required form, which includes information about the law, consistent with school district policies.


For schools: AB 1433 funding is included in [categorical program funding](#) schools receive through the Local Control Funding Formula. Schools are urged to include AB 1433 activities when developing their Local Control and Accountability Plans. In particular, these funds can be used to notify parents and legal guardians of the oral health assessment requirements and support data reporting. Schools can find resources on this website or by [visiting the CDE](#).

In 2018, the law was updated to provide the state dental director with more oversight for the program, including data collection. The grant funding to local health jurisdictions, authorized by Proposition 56 (2016), encourages coordination and reporting on kindergarten oral health assessment and is one of the deliverables ([Document D, Scope of Work](#)). California Schools are urged to watch for notifications from the Department of Education and the Department of Public Health with updates, training opportunities and advisories on AB 1433 and data reporting. Data collected and reported include:

- The total number of pupils who are subject to the requirement
- The total number who presented proof of an assessment
- The number who are assessed and found to have untreated decay
- The number who are assessed and found to have experienced dental disease (measured as either treated or untreated dental decay)
- The number who could not complete an assessment due to financial burden
- The number who could not complete an assessment due to lack of access to a licensed dental professional
- The number who could not complete an assessment because of lack of parental consent
- The number who did not return either the assessment form or the waiver request to the school

More on AB 1433

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Assessment Forms

- [Sample Notification Letter - English](#)
- [Notification Letter Translations](#)
- [Sample Assessment/Waiver - English](#)
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2011 - 17 Reported Data

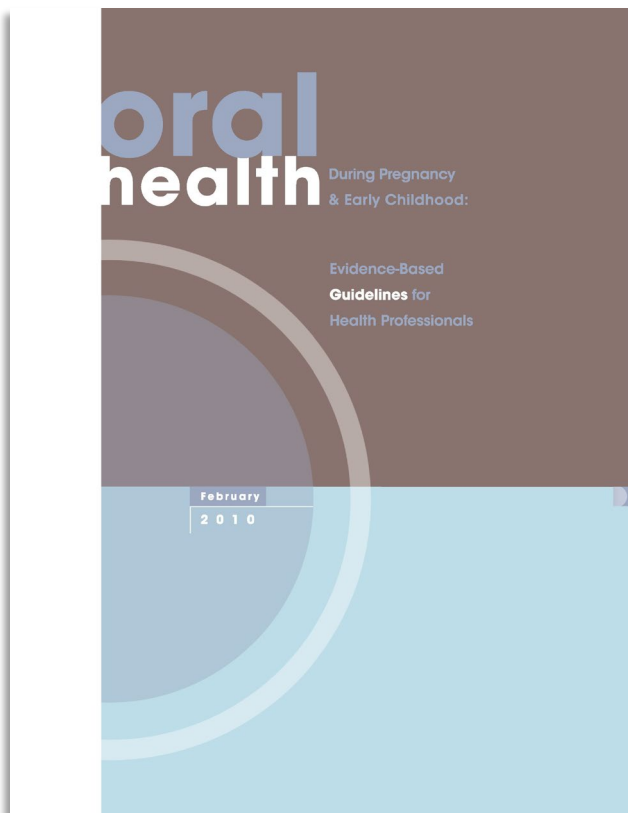
Low-Cost or Free Dental Services

CDA and our 27,000 member dentists across California are pleased to provide assistance in locating a source of low-cost dental care.

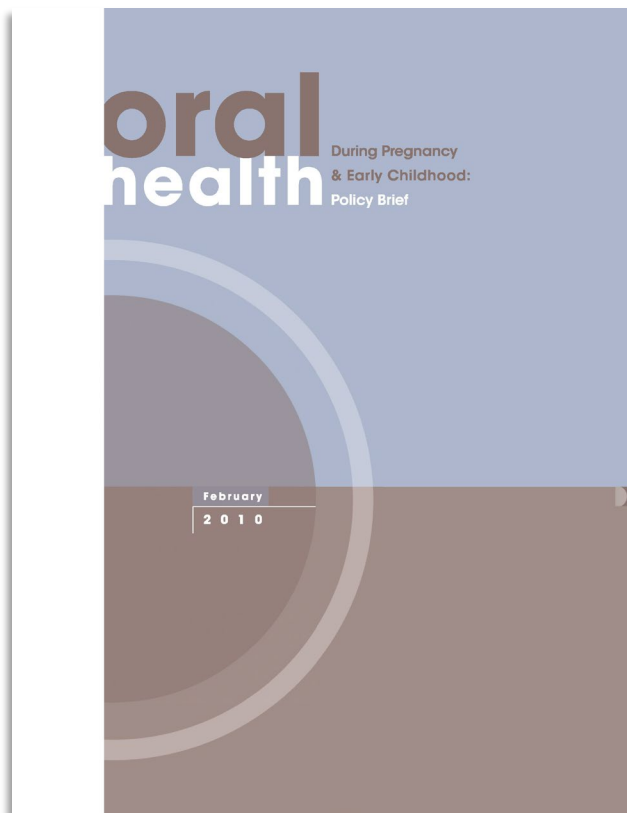
Search for clinics that offer free or discounted dental services.

The California Dental Association Foundation, CDA and national partner America's Dentists Care Foundation, host CDA Cares, providing free dental care and education. Find the **details and location of the next CDA Cares**

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Community Oral Health Resources

From infancy into adulthood, there are always ways to improve and maintain your oral health. Each step of the way, you can trust CDA to provide you and your family with important and relevant information. From figuring out the best age for dental sealants to locating affordable dental care for seniors, CDA has you and your loved ones in mind.

Cancer Prevention

Oral Cancer

This year, approximately 30,000 American will be diagnosed with oral or pharyngeal cancer. Learn more about these diseases by visiting:

- Learn about mouth and throat cancer, including common symptoms at MouthHealthy.org (American Dental Association)
- [What You Need to Know About Oral Cancer](#) (National Cancer Institute)
- The Human Papillomavirus (HPV) can cause cancers in your mouth - most commonly in areas that are difficult to see, in the back of the throat, the base of the tongue, and tonsils. Find out more on the [US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) fact sheet](#).
- The [Oral Cancer Foundation](#) is a national public service, non-profit entity designed to reduce suffering and save lives through prevention, education, research, advocacy, and patient support activities.

Tobacco Cessation

- Tobacco use causes death and disease worldwide. Learn how to quit at [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), the [U. S. surgeon general's tobacco cessation web page](#), or [Smokefree.gov](#). You can also call 800.QUIT.NOW (800.784.8669) or 800.NO.BUTTS (800.662.8887) for phone support and to set up a personal plan to quit.
- The Food and Drug Administration has launched "[The Real Cost](#)," a campaign to help teenagers avoid the harmful effects of smoking tobacco.

Children's Oral Health

- Baby Teeth Matter and Kick the Can, available in both English and Spanish, are great resources for communicating the importance of maintaining good oral health, including avoiding sugary drinks and

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