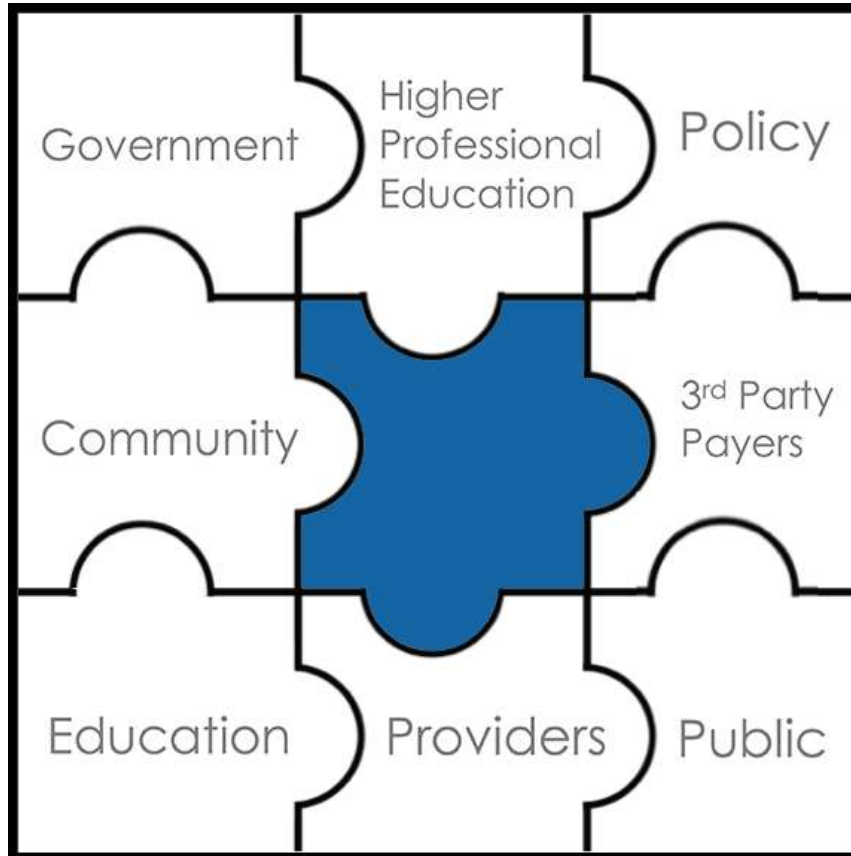


# Oral Health Coalitions: The Collective Voice of Oral Health



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# What Is Michigan Oral Health Coalition?



**Mission:** improve oral health in Michigan by focusing on prevention, health promotion, oral health data, access and the link between oral health and overall health.

# Local Oral Health Coalitions

## Michigan Oral Health Coalition

Eaton  
Genesee  
Grand Traverse  
Holland  
Kent  
Macomb  
Oakland  
Saginaw  
Wayne



# Michigan Policy Priorities

## Better Oral Health by 2020

- Increase access for Michigan residents by improving payments for Michigan providers.
- Improve integration between medical and dental care providers.
- Increase fluoridation across the state.
- Improve oral health literacy and understanding.
- Increasing access to oral health care for at risk communities.

### MICHIGAN POLICY PRIORITIES BETTER ORAL HEALTH BY 2020



Poor oral health is linked to an increased risk for cardiovascular and other chronic diseases. The dangers of poor oral health are especially serious for pregnant women and their children, and have been associated with pre-term birth and low birth weight. Access for low-income residents also remains inadequate.

Michigan Oral Health Coalition supports policies that assure all Michigan residents have equitable, affordable and timely access to oral health knowledge and care. Michigan Oral Health Coalition has identified 5 key policy priorities to make that happen by 2020.

**GOAL #1: Increase access for Michigan residents by improving payments for Michigan providers.** Increasing and standardizing reimbursements for patients—especially adult Medicaid patients—will open the door to care for thousands of Michiganders a year.

**GOAL #2: Improve integration between medical and dental care providers.** Our Michigan Oral Health Coalition members are already hard at work to better ensure coordination of medical, dental and behavioral health communities and will continue to expand this impact by increasing collaboration and educational opportunities by 10 percent.

**GOAL #3: Increase fluoridation across the state.** Michigan Oral Health Coalition will work to support efforts to increase the number of communities accessing fluoridated water by 10 percent, and will publicly engage when needed to protect communities from anti-fluoridation efforts.

**GOAL #4: Improve oral health literacy and understanding.** Michigan Oral Health Coalition is working to increase the proportion of Medicaid beneficiaries receiving at least a yearly preventative dental visit by at least 10 percent, by better providing access to culturally sensitive promotional and educational programs and messages.

**GOAL #5: Increasing access to oral health care for at risk communities.** Michigan Oral Health Coalition will build a stronger oral health safety net by securing at least one new funding source or programmatic opportunity for residents with the least access to care.



#### ORAL HEALTH FACTS

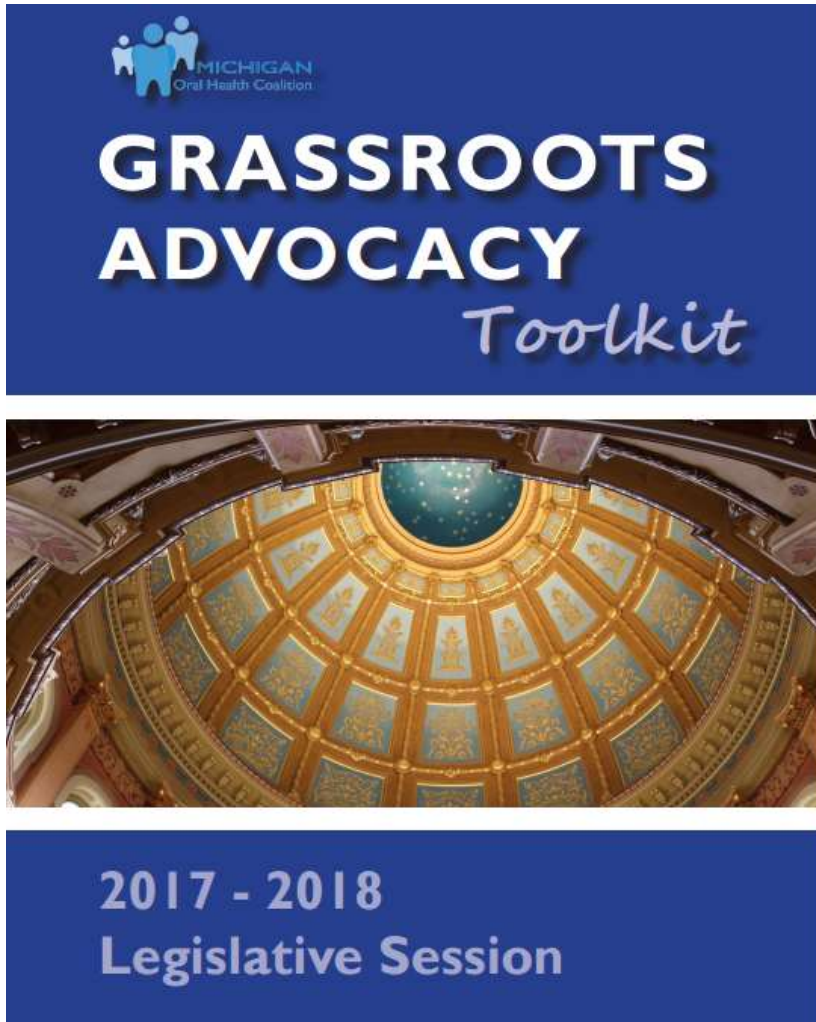
While poor oral health can occur across all age, ethnic, and income groups, some Michigan populations are at particular risk.

-  **55.3%** of Michigan families earning less than \$20,000 annually had no preventative dental care in the last year.
-  **51.9%** of kids age 5 and under had no preventative dental care in the last year.
-  **37%** of Hispanic adults and 45% of African-American adults received no preventative dental care in the last year, compared to only 29% of Caucasian adults.
-  Low-income seniors are **3x** more likely to have lost 6 or more teeth due to tooth decay and/or gum disease.

For more information about Michigan Oral Health Coalition and our policy priorities, please visit [www.mohc.org](http://www.mohc.org).

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# A New Member Resource



Key Senate Committees

Key House Committees

Approaches to Connect w/ Legislators

Budget Timeline

Social Media in Your Advocacy Efforts

Legislator Feedback Form

# What are the Assets & Challenges We Face?

- How can we change the picture in our communities?
- Who are the ones working to make positive impact?
- What keeps people from obtaining optimal oral health?
- Do the people we serve have access to care?
- Do people understand the importance of oral health care?
  - For young adults
  - For adults
  - For children
  - For the aging

# Regional Oral Health Summits

## **Northern Region Oral Health Summit**

Local Host Coalitions: Grand Traverse Region Oral Health Coalition  
and

Saginaw Oral Health Coalition

Date: October 27, 2017

Location: Grayling

Registration begins at 9:00

## **Western Region Oral Health Summit**

Local Host Coalitions: Kent County Oral Health Coalition, Lakeshore  
Oral Health Coalition and Eaton County Oral Health Coalition

Date: November 17, 2017

Location: Grand Rapids

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

## **Southeastern Michigan Oral Health Summit**

Local Host Coalitions: Macomb County Oral Health Coalition, Coalition  
for Adults with Disabilities and Wayne County Oral Health Coalition

Date: December 1, 2017

Location: Detroit

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

# About the Reinventing Oral Health: A Midwest Collaborative





# Initiative Activities

- Learning Collaborative
  - Webinar Series:

TUESDAY  
November 14, 2017  
Advocacy: Making  
Your Voice Heard!  
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

TUESDAY January  
16, 2017 Health  
Equity: Advancing  
Oral Health for All  
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

TUESDAY March 13,  
2017 Evaluation:  
What Do We Know  
and Where Do We  
Need to Go?

# University of Kansas COMMUNITY TOOL BOX

- Leadership Course
  - Two Day Learning and Relationship Building
- WorkStation and Check Box

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# Community Tool Box Free Resources

Website: <http://ctb.ku.edu/en>

**Mission Statement:** The mission of the KU Center for Community Health and Development is: supporting community health and development through collaborative research and evaluation, teaching and training, and technical support and capacity building.

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This page lists 46 Chapters through which you can obtain practical, step-by-step guidance in community-building skills. See also our related Toolkits, which offer short outlines for key tasks.

### OVERVIEW

An overview of the Community Tool Box and frameworks for guiding, supporting and evaluating the work of community and system change.

### CHAPTERS

[Chapter 1. Our Model for Community Change and Improvement](#)  
[Chapter 2. Other Models for Promoting Community Health and Development](#)

### RELATED TOOLKITS

[1. Creating and Maintaining Partnerships](#)

### COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT

Information about how to assess community needs and resources, get issues on the public agenda, and choose relevant strategies.

### CHAPTERS

[Chapter 3. Assessing Community Needs and Resources](#)

### RELATED TOOLKITS

[2. Assessing Community Needs and](#)

# GRAND TRAVERSE REGION ORAL HEALTH COALITION

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Emily Llore, MPH Coalition Coordinator

- **Mission:**
- The Grand Traverse Region Oral Health Coalition will operate to coordinate outreach, education, screening, prevention and treatment for all, with a special focus on low income and special populations.

- **Vision:**
- We envision a population that will understand the importance of good oral health, know where to seek preventative care and treatment, and assume a level of personal responsibility for maintaining good oral health.

Area: Benzie, Grand Traverse and  
Leelanau Counties  
exploring expansion for 2018



# Membership

- Grand Traverse County Health Department
- Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department
- Health Department of Northwest Michigan
- Dental Clinics North
- My Community Health Dental Centers
- Traverse Health Clinic
- Northwest Michigan Health Services, INC
- Leelanau County Senior Services
- Meals on Wheels of Northwest Michigan
- Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians
- University of Michigan School of Dentistry
- Munson Community Health
- Northwest Michigan College
- Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency
- Michigan Oral Health Coalition
- Rotary Charities of Traverse City
- Benzie Senior Resources
- Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan

# Year

## One:

- Collaborate with local partners and provide a venue for shared learning opportunities
- Increase knowledge, awareness and importance of preventative dental care
- Let local needs guide our work
  - Support LHDs with the implementation a WIC fluoride varnish program in all 3 counties
  - Introduce technology to ease sharing and referrals- MiDR
  - One Tooth/One Year Appointment Availability
  - Perinatal Appointment Availability



# Perinatal Efforts:

- Grassroots effort to disseminate **“During Pregnancy, the Mouth Matters: A Guide to Michigan’s Perinatal Oral Health”**

– Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

Targeted Education to: dental providers, local health departments, physicians, professional organizations and the greater community

- Develop and Strengthen Community Partnerships
  - Understand their challenges and service gaps
  - Provide assistance where needed
- Establish and Implement Policies **–Perinatal Fast-Track-**
  - Strengthen existing referral network
- Observe, collect data and optimize supports and referrals



# Policies Established & Adopted: Perinatal Fast-Track



- 8 Clinic Locations
- Pregnant patients will be given priority in scheduling and be seen within 30 days of call
- Initial appointments will include an exam and development of a treatment plan



- 3 Clinic Locations
- Pregnant patient must be seen the same week they call or their doctor calls
- Initial appointments will include an exam and development of a treatment plan
- This protocol guarantees pregnant women will have access to a dentist/dental provider within 1 week of calling. The provider will determine what needs to be done, how urgent it is (mother and baby's health) in accordance with perinatal dental care standards

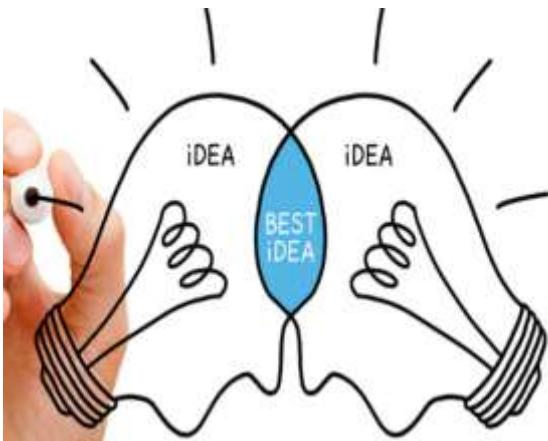
# Next Steps:

- Collect Perinatal Fast-Track Data
  - Continue to work with participating sites to collect data
  - Share with participating sites, GTROH coalition and the community
- Educate Community Partners and public of Fast-Track availability
- Advocate and Educate additional clinics/private commitments have access



# Questions, Comments, Collaboration, Ideas: Connect with us!

We are new and would love your ideas, suggestions, and insights to strengthen our programs and partners.



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# Join Us!

- Embed video

# Questions?

