

THE IMPORTANCE OF STATE ORAL HEALTH PLANS

THE NEED FOR PROGRAM PLANS IS OUTLINED IN

10 ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES TO PROMOTE ORAL HEALTH



#5: Develop, champion and implement policies, laws and systematic plans that support state and community oral health efforts.

ASTDD COMPETENCIES FOR STATE ORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS



Engage community members and partners to develop strategic plans and program workplans for the oral health program.

OBSERVATIONS & CHALLENGES



States are more likely to have plans if required by a funder



More states have a sustainability plan, and the percentage of states receiving 75-100% of funding from just one source has decreased



Few states have a quality improvement plan despite resources and training devoted to evaluation

WHERE STATES STAND IN FULFILLING THESE ROLES

NUMBER OF STATES WITH A CURRENT COMPREHENSIVE STATE ORAL HEALTH PLAN

33 2019  **39** 2024

NUMBER OF STATES WITH OTHER TYPES OF PROGRAM PLANS

	2019	2024	
FLUORIDATION	24	27	↑
DENTAL SEALANTS	21	22	↑
COMMUNICATION	20	26	↑
QUALITY IMPROVEMENT	8	11	↑
SUSTAINABILITY	4	19	↑

RESOURCES TO HELP STATES

For more information, view ASTDD's state oral health improvement plan webpage or contact Chris Wood, cwood@astdd.org



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Where oral health lives

The Association of State & Territorial Dental Directors

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