National Primary Oral Health Conference

"ENVISIONING A BETTER FUTURE FOR ORAL HEALTH"

Fundamentals of Leading an Oral Health Program
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The National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) represents Community and Migrant Health Centers, as well as Health Care for the Homeless and Public Housing Primary Care Programs and other community-based health centers.

Founded in 1971, NACHC is a nonprofit advocacy organization providing education, training and technical assistance to health centers in support of their mission to provide quality health care to medically underserved populations.
The NACHC Mission

To promote the provision of high quality, comprehensive and affordable health care that is coordinated, culturally and linguistically competent, and community directed for all medically underserved populations.
NACHC’s Role in Oral Health Care

- Finance
- HIT
- Integration of Oral Health and Primary Care
- DentaQuest Strengthening the Oral Health Safety Net Initiative
• Developed billing reimbursement guidelines for oral health
• Integrated oral health into the Maximizing Revenue Trainings
• Worked with NNOHA on their Billing Manual
Health Information Technology

• Support with integration of EDR and EMR
• Created a national dataset of dentist in community health centers
• Work closely with the EDR vendors and support user groups
Integration of Oral Health & Primary Care

• AT Still University Dental School
• HIV Testing in Dental Clinics
  – Data
  – Tools
  – Resources
  – Training
• New Medical Director Training
• Educational Sessions at:
  – NNOHA Conferences
  – NACHC Conferences
• DentaQuest Grant
DentaQuest Strengthening the Oral Health Safety Net Initiative

• Implement a national program to promote oral health access at community health centers

• NACHC has partnered with National Network for Oral Health Access and the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers to increase awareness and capacity for oral health on the national, state and community levels.

• The strategy of this project is to improve oral health practice and sustainability and promote state and national advocacy campaigns by:
  – Building capacity
  – Building partnerships
  – Building national models
The following five Primary Care Associations (PCAs) were also provided grants from the foundation:

- Arizona
- Georgia
- Illinois
- Kansas
- Pennsylvania

The PCAs will receive oral health technical assistance and leadership development to expand capacity in oral health.

Direct practice improvement technical assistance to the community health centers.
For further information about NACHC and America’s Health Centers visit us at www.nachc.com

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