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**2015 REINVENTING
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Community Grantee Profiles



ABOUT MICHIGAN ORAL HEALTH COALITION

The Michigan Oral Health Coalition is comprised of primary care clinicians, oral health clinicians, dental benefit providers, advocacy and provider organizations, state and local government officials, and consumers working together to improve oral health in Michigan. The Coalition has developed a comprehensive Oral Health Plan for Michigan and members of the Coalition work daily to meet oral health goals by addressing recommendations outlined in the plan.

The Michigan Oral Health Coalition's mission is to improve oral health in Michigan by focusing on prevention, health promotion, oral health data, access, and the link between oral health and overall health.

Data Sources: The county facts on pages 4, 5, 6, and 7 come from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation program's County Health Rankings & Roadmaps (www.countyhealthrankings.org), and the State of Michigan, Department of Human Services 2015 Green Book Report of Key Program Statistics (www.michigan.gov/documents/mdhhs/2015_03_GreenBook_487798_7.pdf).



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Oral health is an essential component of comprehensive health care. Accessing oral health care services is critical for staying healthy. The Michigan Oral Health Coalition is committed to increasing access to care and improving the oral health of Michigan's children and adults through its statewide action plan, the Oral Health 2020 initiative. This initiative supported by the DentaQuest Foundation is a bold step forward in ensuring our state's prosperity and quality of life today and for years to come.

The goal of this effort is for community networks to align data and resources, and create successful approaches for preventing and managing oral disease. The Coalition's overarching goal is for communities across the state to be able to replicate these models to improve the overall oral health of their residents.

In January 2015, the Michigan Oral Health Coalition announced its 2015 Community Mini-Grant Program to assist communities in developing and engaging local coalitions as they establish a foundation for catalyzing social change to improve oral health. This approach provides each community the opportunity to determine the most impactful and effective solutions to their unique health challenges.

In March 2015, the Coalition announced the recipients of its 2015 Community Mini-Grant Program: Holland Free Health Clinic, Kent County Oral Health Coalition, Saginaw Health Plan, and Tri-County Dental Health. The four community grantees were selected based on their potential for program development, broad community involvement, and the needs of their community. Each grantee received \$1,875 to support coalition-building strategies, in addition to training and services valued at \$20,000. The achievements of these grantees are highlighted on the following pages.

2015 COMMUNITY GRANTEES

- Holland Free Health Clinic
- Kent County Oral Health Coalition
- Saginaw Health Plan
- Tri-County Dental Health

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OTTAWA & ALLEGAN COUNTY FACTS

Population

OTTAWA: 272,701

ALLEGAN: 112,531

2015 County Health Ranking

OTTAWA: 1st of 83

ALLEGAN: 13th of 83

Medicaid-enrolled Residents

OTTAWA: 27,991

ALLEGAN: 17,276

Uninsured Residents

OTTAWA: 13%

ALLEGAN: 13%

Dental Health Professional Shortage Area

OTTAWA: No

ALLEGAN: Yes

Medicaid Dental Coverage

OTTAWA: Healthy Kids Dental
Fee-for-Service, Adult

ALLEGAN: Healthy Kids Dental
Fee-for Service, Adult

PRIORITY AREA

Access to care and oral
health improvement

GRANTEE PROFILE

Holland Free Health Clinic (HFHC) is the first and only free dental clinic in Ottawa County. HFHC has formed a network of 30 local dental professionals who volunteer their time to help meet the oral health needs of individuals who are uninsured, or who have Medicaid coverage and cannot find a Medicaid provider.

Seven dental hygienists provide regular screenings, and three dentists provide restorations and extractions within the Holland Free Health Clinic. An additional 20 dentists in the network donate services in their own offices where they perform more complex restorations, extractions, root canals, and oral surgery.

The care that Holland Free Health Clinic's network of volunteers provides goes beyond treatment. They place a great deal of emphasis on prevention and education to help patients understand the importance of a healthy lifestyle and empower them to take control of their health.

Funding from the Michigan Oral Health Coalition's 2015 Community Mini-Grant Program is enabling the Holland Free Health Clinic to create a community coalition for Ottawa and Allegan counties. This network of community partners and dental professionals will help improve access to dental care for local residents in need.

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KENT COUNTY FACTS

Population
621,700

2015 County Health Ranking
17th of 83

Medicaid-enrolled Residents
106,934

Uninsured Residents
13%

Dental Health Professional Shortage Area
Yes

Medicaid Dental Coverage
Fee-for-Service, Adult
Fee-for-Service, Child

GRANTEE PROFILE

Since 2001, the Kent County Oral Health Coalition (KCOHC) has been growing its collaborative network of people and organizations that believe sustainable change is needed to improve the oral health of Kent County residents. The list of community partners—including dental health and primary care providers, other local professionals, public health agencies, managed care organizations, hospitals, nonprofits, and businesses—continues to grow.

As the result of a 2013 comprehensive assessment of local oral health needs, the KCOHC established two goals for the Kent County community—increase access to high quality, affordable oral health care, and increase oral health literacy and knowledge to prevent disease. KCOHC has successfully engaged over 50 organizations and 110 individuals committed to collectively inspire change. They volunteer their time to participate in coalition meetings and task forces, and to deliver programs, health education, and outreach in Kent County.

KCOHC is using the Michigan Oral Health Coalition grant funds to develop and deliver oral health education training to home visiting staff, early childhood educators, and non-traditional early childhood service providers through the BRUSH! curriculum. This curriculum was developed by the McMillen Center for Health Education and Delta Dental of Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and North Carolina.

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PRIORITY AREA
Clinical access and
education/prevention

Saginaw Health Plan

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SAGINAW COUNTY FACTS

Population

196,542

2015 County Health Ranking

72nd of 83

Medicaid-enrolled Residents

42,406

Uninsured Residents

12%

Dental Health Professional Shortage Area

Yes

Medicaid Dental Coverage

Healthy Kids Dental
Fee-for-Service, Adult

GRANTEE PROFILE

Saginaw Health Plan (SHP) is a community supported non-profit program designed to provide health care coverage to the uninsured residents of Saginaw County. It has formed a growing network of local health care providers and public and private entities working collectively to address local unmet oral health needs and to help ensure that residents have access to care.

Treatment of oral health conditions is the number two reason SHP members access the emergency room. Many individuals who lack dental insurance, or who are underinsured, either delay seeking care or go without regular preventive care altogether. What could have been prevented or handled in the dentist office often ends up requiring costly emergency care.

SHP has provided \$100,000 a year over the past four years to help members pay for emergency oral health treatment. This unpublicized program creates a yearly waiting list of people who are desperate to get relief for such conditions as massive oral abscesses and infections.

The Michigan Oral Health Coalition grant funding will be used to refine and improve Saginaw County's oral health system of care for low-income uninsured and underinsured residents. By identifying the unique contribution of each organization within the system, how the organizations interface, and the services and populations for which gaps in the system remain, SHP will develop an understanding of how the gaps can be reduced or eliminated.

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PRIORITY AREA Access



Tri-County Dental Health

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WAYNE COUNTY FACTS

Population

1,775,273

2015 County Health Ranking

82nd of 83

Medicaid-enrolled Residents

473,458

Uninsured Residents

16%

Dental Health Professional Shortage Area

Yes

Medicaid Dental Coverage

Fee-for-Service, Adult
Fee-for-Service, Child

GRANTEE PROFILE

Tri-County Dental Health, a program of Jewish Vocational Services (JVS), is committed to improving access to oral health care services. It connects Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne County residents who are low-income, have disabilities, and/or rely on Medicaid, with oral health information and dental health professionals.

Tri-County Dental Health has formed the Oral Health Coalition for Adults with Disabilities to increase access and utilization of dental services for adults with disabilities. It is creating systems change through education and training of dental and community mental health professionals so they understand the behavioral and oral health needs of these individuals. Coalition members represent local dental and mental health organizations.

People with disabilities are more likely to have active dental disease and periodontal problems, as well as missing teeth. Despite the fact that most have dental coverage under the Medicaid program, many go without care because they are unable to find a dentist who will accommodate their challenging behaviors or who will accept Medicaid reimbursement.

Tri-County Dental Health is using the Michigan Oral Health Coalition grant funding to continue the forward momentum of the Oral Health Coalition for Adults with Disabilities by expanding activities they started in Oakland County to Wayne County.

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PRIORITY AREA

Access to care for adults with developmental disabilities



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