

Does Your Office Support The Health Equity Action Team?

(IS IT A HEAT HUB? ↔ HERE'S AN ACTION GUIDE)

A. OPEN SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY WATER FLUORIDATION (CWF)

- Address optimally fluoridated water for equitable disease prevention
- All staff members Share the ABCs of CWF with Patients / Families

B. PROMOTION OF ORAL HEALTH CAREERS

- To diverse groups of junior high and high school students
- Help support school based oral health programs to decrease vaping and tobacco use

C. ADVOCATE FOR BETTER MEDICAID REFORMS

- Advocate to expand access to care for veterans and special needs populations
- Educate state legislators on issues of program integrity
- Participate to some extent in your state Medicaid program or support those who do with guided patient referrals (warm handoff)

D. REINFORCE THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF ORAL HEALTH IN OVERALL HEALTH

- “Dental 101” for local medical society and hospital ED Department
- Collaboration with local pediatricians for HPV vaccinations
- Promote oral health service needs for Age One infants and pregnant women with OB-GYN professionals

E. SUPPORT LOCAL DATA COLLECTION AND RESEARCH

- Work with local community programs to assist with grant applications
- Engage with school programs, long term care facilities and community clinics to determine unmet needs

F. SUPPORT CULTURAL COMPETENCY AND DIVERSITY IN DENTAL TREATMENT

- Support local dental society in cultural competency CE
- Help your community address dental needs for addiction recovery patients
- Engage dental team members in the Community Dental Health Coordinator (CDHC) program