



# ENHANCED DENTAL TEAMS GRANT

## A HRSA Oral Health Workforce Grant

### **Funder:**

**Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA)** funds this 3-year grant to improve the accessibility of the oral health workforce to underserved geographic areas and populations.

► **Grant # T12HP14995**

### **Grantee:**

**Arizona Department of Health Services  
Bureau of Women's and Children's Health  
Office of Oral Health**



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## Purpose of the Grant

**Increase availability of the oral health workforce and accessibility of oral health services to underserved populations and underserved areas in Arizona.**



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## Goal of the Grant

**Promote and develop enhanced dental teams to improve workforce capacity, diversity and flexibility for providing oral health services to underserved populations and underserved areas.**



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## What are enhanced dental teams?

### The traditional dental team in the private sector:

- A dentist employs one or more dental hygienists and dental assistants to form a provider team to deliver dental preventive and treatment services.
- This is the dominant care delivery model for the solo and group practices in Arizona and across the nation.



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## What are enhanced dental teams?

Enhanced dental teams utilize available technology and workforce resources to:

- increase community outreach
- reduce access barriers for dental care
- improve triage and entry into care system
- establish dental homes
- increase productivity in delivering care
- better meet needs of communities/families



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## What are enhanced dental teams?

**Enhanced dental teams may utilize one or more of the following:**

- **Teledentistry technology**
- **Affiliated practices**
- **Community dental health coordinators**
- **Higher-level integration with medical and child care systems**
- **Community resources to improve access to dental care services**



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## Objectives of the Grant

1. **Build regional/local infrastructure**
2. **Train providers in utilizing teledentistry, affiliated practice, and other options to build enhanced dental teams**
3. **Increase awareness of enhanced dental teams**
4. **Increase number of enhanced dental teams**
5. **Share resources & lessons**



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## The Grant:

- **Advocates public health**
- **Improves oral health and reduces disparities of underserved populations and populations living in underserved areas**
- **Establishes public-private partnership**
- **Develops partnership, collaboration, coordination and linkage with public health programs and the private sector**



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## The Grant:

- **Supports replicating/adapting successful practice models**
  - **Develops & tests practice models in the field with support of public & private partners.**
- **Promotes evidence-based & best practices**
  - **Evaluates models & builds field evidence.**
- **Works on sustainability beyond the grant funding period**
  - **Builds infrastructure for long-term benefits.**



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## The Grant:

- **Relies on community assets**
  - Local strengths for local solutions.
- **Promotes a workforce with flexibility, diversity & capacity**
  - For rural communities & inner city neighborhoods.
- **Enlists partners & stakeholders for support**
  - Helps improve dental care access.



# ACTIVITIES of the GRANT

## Infrastructure:

- **Build leadership and partnerships**
- **Train providers **for** workforce development**



# ACTIVITIES of the GRANT

## Demonstration practice models

### Currently establishing models for:

- **Preschool/Head Start children**
- **School age children**
- **Pregnant women and new mothers**



### Will promote:

- **Dental and medical integration**
- **Dental homes and health homes**



# ACTIVITIES of the GRANT

## Communication

- **Educate & increase awareness of program administrators, funders & policymakers on improving dental care access through enhanced dental teams**
- **Share resource materials & lessons**



# STAFF & PARTNERS of the GRANT

## Office of Oral Health

- **Grant Administrator, Manager & Advisor**

## Arizona Counties

- **Regional Coordinators**



## State, Regional & Local Providers

- **Partners for demonstration practice models (enhanced dental teams)**
- **Advisory Committees**

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## Become a partner:

- **The grant needs your support**
- **Help improve access to oral health care for underserved communities and families**
- **Contact a Regional Oral Health Coordinator to explore opportunities**





# Thank you!

## Enhanced Dental Teams Grant

### Developing Dental Care Access for Underserved Communities and Families

