

ORAL HEALTH ACTION COALITION



ABOUT US

OHAC-IE is a non-partisan coalition of oral health advocates dedicated to improving the oral health of vulnerable populations in the Inland Empire region. The coalition convenes health care providers, institutions and advocates for peer-to-peer learning and to leverage resources to collectively impact oral health programs and policies in the region.

MISSION STATEMENT

To improve oral health of vulnerable populations in the Inland Empire Region of Southern California.

ORAL HEALTH FACTS

- ▶ **The dental workforce of the Inland Empire is overburdened and lacks diversity:** The region has one Denti-Cal provider for every 1,244 Denti-Cal eligible residents. While Latinos represent 52% of the population in San Bernardino and 48% in Riverside, only 7% of the dentists in the region are Latino.
- ▶ **Missed opportunities for early caries prevention:** Only 19.3% of all 0-3 year old Denti-Cal beneficiaries in the region, received a preventive dental visit. Furthermore, nearly 50% of parents with 0-3 year old children thought that their child was not old enough for a dental visit.
- ▶ **Poor oral health outcomes among older adults:** The San Bernardino-Riverside-Ontario region has one of the highest rates (45.1%) of tooth loss among older adults. The region also has a rate of total edentulism - complete tooth loss (11.4%) higher than the state average of 9%.

INLAND EMPIRE

SUBCOMMITTEES

Advocacy

▶ The **advocacy** subcommittee supports development and implementation of evidence-based public policy recommendations to improve access to oral health for all.

Data & Surveillance

▶ The **data and surveillance** subcommittee supports all data needs of the coalition by developing and maintaining a database of relevant and current oral health data. As well as monitoring programs and policies to improve cost, care, and delivery of oral health care.

Direct Services

▶ The **direct services** subcommittee collaborates with providers throughout the Inland Empire, to actively improve care integration and interprofessional education.

Public Awareness & Communications

▶ The **public awareness and communications** subcommittee develops and implements strategies to improve knowledge and foster positive attitudes and behaviors related to oral health among community members.

OUR HISTORY

Launched in October 2014, the Oral Health Action Coalition - Inland Empire (OHAC-IE) started as a grassroots joint effort of Kaiser Permanente and the Center for Oral Health to mobilize and organize local resources to increase access to oral health care and improve health outcomes for the residents of the Inland Empire Region of Southern California.

OUR PARTNERS

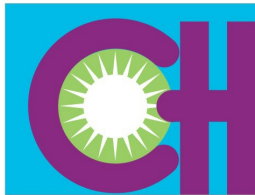
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