Montana Grants to States to Support Oral Health Workforce Activities

Year One Grant Outcomes
September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023

Goal 1: Encourage and support State innovation that will increase oral health services for populations living in dental health professional shortage areas (HPSAs).

Montana Office of Rural Health/Area Health Education Center

7 Dental educational sites reviewed for stackable credentials toolkit

Interprofessional Training

- 87 health profession students completed 8 hours of Smiles for Life training as part of the Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Scholars Program
- 547 Head Start preventive dental encounters were provided by MSU-College of Nursing students and faculty and dental providers
Digital oral health literacy material displayed in 52 American Indian settings throughout Montana

Montana Oral Health Workforce Assessment
- 4 stakeholder meetings
- Dental provider surveys collected and analyzed

Report to be released in 2024

Goal 2: Encourage and support the strategic use of evaluation to improve program performance, assess program impact, and address the concerns and needs of key stakeholders and decision makers
- Annual Survey of partners and communities in development
- Comprehensive evaluation plan completed
- Dental screening data collection Years 2-4

Goal 3: Develop ways to sustain those programs that increase the accessibility and quality of oral health services within Dental HPSAs
- Sustainability planning
- Annual Summary Report

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