

Optimal Oral Health for Idahoans

2017 REPORT

What are the PERCEPTIONS around opportunities, barriers, and collaborative efforts for improving the oral health, and thus whole health of Idaho's citizens?

Policy Makers

Where are Idaho's Oral Health Champions?

47% local public health districts

41% Idaho Department of Health & Welfare

12% Legislature



64%

reported knowing someone who has had difficulty accessing oral health care due to cost, lack of insurance, limited Medicaid appointment availability, and/or transportation.



96%

feel that childcare centers & elementary schools should include an oral health curriculum.



93%

believe Community Water Fluoridation should be implemented in Idaho per scientific recommendations by the National Office of Health & Human Services.**



Oral Health Screenings for children entering elementary school

56% think it should be mandatory.

41% think it should be optional.



Dental Insurance Facts

45% of Idaho adults did not have dental insurance in 2014^.

49.2% of Idaho children ages 18 & under qualified for Medicaid in 2017^^.



59% of respondents don't believe that Idahoans view or value oral health as part of whole health.



Survey issued to 2,000 emails of members of organizations who partner, in some way, with the Idaho Oral Health Alliance.

405 individuals responded in Sept. 2017.

**Scientific recommendations for water fluoridation at www.hhs.gov

^BRFSS survey completed by Idaho Department of Health & Welfare in 2014.

^^Medical Care Bureau, Division of Medicaid, Idaho Department of Health & Welfare, Staff.

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