

Oral Health

Interim Program Report

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Summary of Child Health Requirements* (Ontario Public Health Standards, 2008):

Goal: To enable all children to attain and sustain optimal health and developmental potential.

Assessment and Surveillance

1. The board of health shall conduct epidemiological analysis of surveillance data, including monitoring of trends over time, emerging trends, and priority populations in the areas of:
 - **Positive parenting;**
 - **Breastfeeding;**
 - **Healthy family dynamics;**
 - **Healthy eating, healthy weights, and physical activity;**
 - **Growth and development; and**
 - **Oral health**
2. The board of health shall conduct surveillance of children in schools and refer individuals who may be at risk of poor oral health outcomes.
3. The board of health shall report oral health data elements.

Health Promotion and Policy Development

4. The board of health shall work with community partners, using a comprehensive health promotion approach, to influence the development and implementation of **healthy policies** and the creation or enhancement of **supportive environments** to address the identified topics.
5. The board of health shall increase **public awareness** of the identified topics.
6. The board of health shall provide, in collaboration with community partners, **parenting programs, services, and supports.**
7. The board of health shall provide advice and information to **link people to community programs and services** on the identified topics.
8. The board of health shall provide, in collaboration with community partners, **outreach to priority populations** to link them to information, programs, and services.

Disease Prevention

9. The board of health shall provide all the components of the **Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program.**
10. The board of health shall conduct **oral screening.**
11. The board of health shall facilitate access and support for families to complete **screening tools** to monitor their child's health and development, and provide a contact for families to discuss results and arrange follow-up.
12. The board of health shall provide the **Children in Need of Treatment (CINOT) Program.**

13. The board of health shall provide or ensure the **provision of the essential clinical preventive oral health services** at least annually.

Health Protection

14. The board of health shall review drinking water quality reports for its municipal drinking water supply(ies) where fluoride is added. These reports shall be reviewed at least monthly and, where necessary, action shall be taken.

Highlights:

- Portable Preventive Clinics were held in Erin and St. John Bosco during the final quarter.
- Much work was done to transfer Healthy Smiles Ontario and Children in Need of Treatment clients to the new Healthy Smiles Ontario program. Implementation, which had been delayed by the Ministry from August 1, 2015 took place on January 1, 2016. In addition, staff made many telephone calls to dental offices which have provided publicly funded care to children and youth referred by Public Health, informing them about the changes in the program, addressing rumours, and encouraging offices to submit their 2015 invoices in a timely manner. Such outreach is essential to ensuring that dentists continue to be available to offer care to vulnerable children and youth in our community.
- In December, five oral health staff began the Medical Device Reprocessing Techniques Course with a goal of achieving Canadian certification in the spring of 2016.

PROGRAM AREA	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD
The Oral Health Assessment and Surveillance accountability indicator is based on the percentage of all JK/SK and Grade 2 students screened in all publicly funded schools during the school year, September 2014 to June 2015. The quarterly statistics reflect the # children screened, and may include students from grades in addition to those in JK/SK and Grade 2.	4372	541	756	7005	12674
# of Publicly Funded Schools Screened in Quarter (Total # of Publicly Funded Schools = 87)	40	4	0	43	87
# of Private/Parochial Schools Screened in Quarter (Total # of Private/Parochial Schools = 38)	4	2	21	11	38
% of CINOT Eligible Children in School Screenings	2.01%	2.40%	1.61%	2.77%	2.45%
Preventive Clinic Screenings	339	221	306	251	1117
% of CINOT Eligible Children in Preventive Clinic Screenings.	23.30%	28.51%	22.55%	23.51%	24.17%
Fluoride Varnish Applications in Schools (7)	645	700	0	1293	2638
# of Calls Answered on Dental Line	555	398	376	380	1709
Percentage of calls referred to CINOT	3.06%	4.77%	3.19%	5.26%	3.98%
#HSO Clients enrolled (currently active)	1001	962	1017	1036	Not Cumulative
# New HSO Cards Issued	171	97	117	109	494
# of HSO Reapplications	64	135	74	84	357
# of HSO Claims	386	429	286	554	1655

Variations or discrepancies: Yes No