

# NACDD's Partnership with the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD) to Integrate Oral Health and Chronic Disease

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## INTRODUCTION

- In 2016, NACDD established a memorandum of understanding with the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD) to identify emerging models of oral health and chronic disease collaboration/integration in state health departments.
- State oral health programs have an opportunity to demonstrate the added value they can provide in supporting a variety of chronic disease risk reduction and health promotion priorities by aligning their efforts with those being implemented by state/community chronic disease programs.

## PRIORITIES

- Establish a Chronic Disease Collaboration Workgroup to inform the development of tools and resources for ASTDD and NACDD members
- Align oral health risk reduction and health promotion strategies to the four chronic disease domains
- Develop joint oral health/chronic disease prevention messages so states can share messages about oral health and chronic disease with local communities and dental/medical providers
- Collect success stories and lessons learned from states - particularly the CDC-funded DP-16-1609 states (AK, CO, GA, MD, MN, and NY)
- Link ASTDD and NACDD consultants and committees
- Share relevant new research related to chronic disease and oral health

## IMPACT

- Awareness has increased among state oral health and chronic disease programs about opportunities that exist for collaboration
- Roundtables conducted at ASTDD's National Oral Health Conference provided an opportunity to talk with state oral health programs about current and existing opportunities to collaborate with state chronic disease programs
- Technical assistance on chronic disease and oral health integration and collaboration is available to states and partners
- Increased collaboration has occurred between NACDD and ASTDD consultants on joint priorities
- A joint ASTDD/NACDD General Member Webinar was conducted in October 2017 that featured the approaches taken by CT, TN, and Chicago to integrate oral health into CDC's Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child model

## OBJECTIVES

- Identify opportunities for oral health programs to contribute to chronic disease risk reduction and health promotion strategies
- Identify emerging and promising models of collaboration between oral health and chronic disease programs
- Promote the value-add of engaging oral health programs in chronic disease prevention efforts
- Provide technical assistance to state oral health programs and partners on chronic disease priorities and approaches



## OUTLOOK

- State models of collaboration will be featured at the ASTDD Member Sharing Session at the National Oral Health Conference in April 2018
- Tools and resources to promote oral health and chronic disease collaboration are being developed
- Success stories on oral health and chronic disease collaborations are coming soon