Access to Oral Health Care for Pregnant Women and Children

Oral Health Kansas Dental Champions IX

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= No Dental Provider in County as of 2011
“At least **57,000** Kansans live in Dental Care Service Deserts.”
- KDHE Bureau of Oral Health’s *Mapping the Rural Kansas Dental Workforce*, 2011

According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, Kansas needs an additional 103 Practitioners to achieve a population-to-dentist ratio of 5,000 to 1.
- Kaiser Family Foundation *Dental Care Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs)*, 2018

Only one in four dentists in Kansas accept Medicaid; only 10% see more than 100 Medicaid patients per year. The average age of dentists in Kansas is 50.
- ADA’s Health Policy Institute
Dental Deserts in Kansas
KS Dental Safety Net Clinics

- Counties with safety net dental clinics
- Los condados tienen clínicas dentales a bajo costos
Dental Desert Solutions?
Models of Medical-Dental Integration?

The National Maternal and Child Oral Health Policy Center has proposed a framework for medical-dental integration to describe potential health home models.

1) **Full medical-dental integration.** In this model, dental and medical providers are members of an interprofessional group practice at a single location.

2) **Co-location.** Medical and dental providers are located at the same facility but do not work in an integrated care team. Co-location enhances communication between providers and facilitates active referrals.

3) **Shared financing.** This payer model includes risk-based models of care such as ACOs, where medical and dental providers share financial risk.

4) **Virtual integration.** This model involves a shared EHR system, which facilitates bidirectional referrals and identification of high-risk patients.

5) **Facilitated referrals.** This is the least integrated model, where formalized referrals between medical and dental providers can facilitate follow-up. The programs and activities that we identified in this environmental scan frequently demonstrate elements from several of these models.

- The University of Iowa Public Policy Center, *Medical-Dental Integration in Public Health Settings: An Environmental Scan*, 2018
Discussion Questions

• What are your initial reactions or thoughts?
• What barriers do you see and how would you overcome these barriers?
• What role do you see yourself playing in the solution?