

A 6-month checkup on Florida's Action for Dental Health

In 2014, there were **163,906** ER visits in Florida for dental problems, many from preventable conditions such as cavities, which cost more than **\$243 million**.¹

Florida's Action for Dental Health is a comprehensive effort developed by the Florida Dental Association to improve the oral health and resulting overall health of Floridians.

The following are **highlights** of the successes achieved to date.

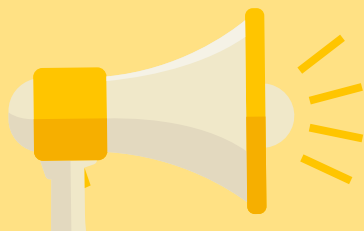
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"We looked at a comprehensive approach to try to promote attainable dental care for uninsured and underinsured people in Florida."

– WUSF News

Collaborated to secure dental care services for foster children in **8 counties**.

Launched Florida's 1st **Community Dental Health Coordinator** program at Mattia College – only 2nd in the U.S.

Supports legislation to increase dental care access and relieve dental student loan debt.

\$250K

AVG. DENTAL STUDENT LOAN DEBT

Supports statewide community water fluoridation.

\$1 invested = \$43 in savings²



\$5 MILLION

IN FREE CARE PROVIDED TO FLORIDA'S MOST VULNERABLE. Proposed increased capacity for Donated Dental Services.

300+ CHILDREN

REFERRED TO LOCAL DENTISTS FROM WOLFSON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN 2014. Supported ER referral programs.

1. US Health and Human Services, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Available at: <http://www.ahrq.gov/>

2. Journal of Public Health Dentistry: An Economic Evaluation of Community Water Fluoridation. Available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/fluoridation/pdf/griffin.pdf>