



Prevention & Education Programs in Arkansas Dental Public Health

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Objectives

- State the intended action plans as related to legislation from 2011 Arkansas General Assembly
 - Act 89
 - Act 90
 - Act 197
- Endorse the development of an Oral Health Zone under the leadership of National Children's Oral Health Foundation

Topical Fluoride Varnish

- **Act 90**
 - Fluoride varnish to strengthen teeth
 - Medical colleagues looking at teeth, not past them
 - Risk assessment of oral health
 - start the dialog for dental care & connect people to a dental home
 - Referral to area dentist for professional follow-up
- Local Health Units
 - Pilot program started in fifteen units
 - Expansion to all 95 within next two years

Community Water Fluoridation

- **Act 197**

- PWS serving 5,000+ to begin adjusting fluoride levels to ADH approved levels (0.7-1.2 ppm)
- Arkansas baseline in 2008 was 64.5%
 - 2020 goal to reach 70.9%
 - YTD.....**72.78%**
 - Strong likelihood may reach 80.1% by 2020
 - National average goal is 79.6%
- DDFA grants totaling >\$6.1 million for start ups
- ADH provide block grant funds up upgrades

Oral Health Zone

- National Children's Oral Health Foundation
 - aka, ToothFairy program
 - DDFA funded a three year grant to start up Oral Health Zone
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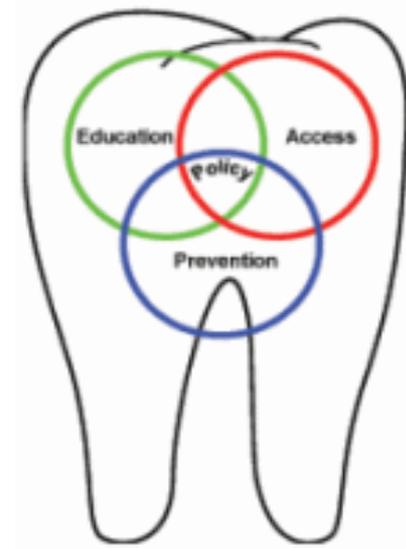


- Community based approach
 - Raise awareness of oral health importance
- Implement NCOHF Programs
 - increase oral health literacy
 - Expand access to education & preventive services



Arkansas Oral Health Coalition

- **Smiles: AR, U.S.**
- Volunteer non-profit organization
 - Formulate oral health policy
 - Increase awareness
 - Promote initiative for prevention
- Activities
 - ARMOM
 - Governor's Oral Health Summit
 - Act 197 of 2011 General Assembly



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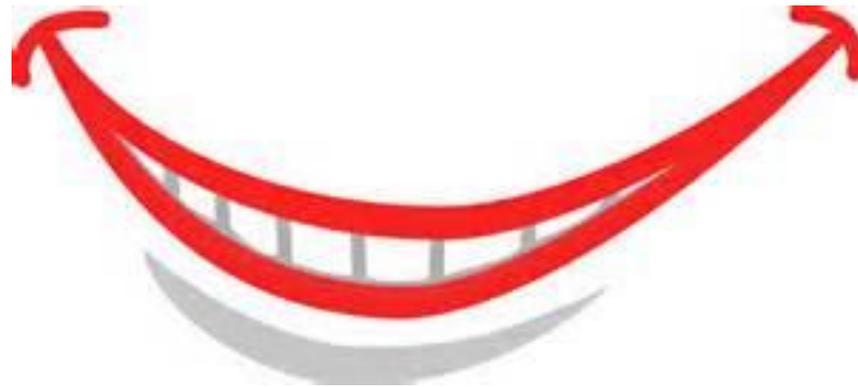
- **Arkansas Mission of Mercy**

- May 15-16th
- Treat upwards to 2,000 people
- \$1 million of dental services performed
- 143 DDS/83 RDH/170 RDA/1 MD
- 19 Nurses/6 pharmacists/192 lay volunteers
- 8 years provided \$7.1 million of service





**Be true to your teeth,
Or they will be false to you!**



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