

# Nevada

Oral diseases, which include cavities, gum disease, and oral cancer, are considered chronic diseases just like diabetes, hypertension (high blood pressure), asthma, and breast and other cancers. Oral diseases impact almost everyone who lives in the U.S. sometime during their lives. Not only do oral diseases negatively affect overall health, they can also cause people to miss time from work and school, go to the emergency department for relief of pain, and impact some people's ability to get a job or enlist in the military. And yet, while the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides funding to every State Health Department for cancer, diabetes, and heart disease and stroke prevention programs, it funds less than half the states for prevention programs for oral diseases. Every five years, states that want CDC funding must submit applications and compete for funding. In 2018, 45 states applied but only 20 were funded. This means that some states have never received CDC funding, while other states that used to receive funding, no longer do so.

Lack of current CDC funding has been devastating for Nevada. Without CDC funds, Nevada is unable to implement preventive programs or surveillance activities, and the State Oral Health Program is annually on the brink of closure. The lack of current data and epidemiologist staffing hinders Nevada from clearly understanding the statewide scope of need, from identifying initiatives to improve oral health, and from building a competitive application for federal funding.

Currently Funded States	Previously Funded States	States that Have Never Been Funded
Arkansas	Alaska	Alabama
Colorado	Hawaii	Arizona
Connecticut	Illinois	California
Florida	Maine	Delaware
Georgia	Michigan	DC
Idaho	Mississippi	Indiana
Iowa	Nevada	Kentucky
Kansas	New York	Massachusetts
Louisiana	Oregon	Montana
Maryland	Texas	Nebraska
Minnesota	Wisconsin	New Jersey
Missouri		New Mexico
New Hampshire		North Carolina
North Dakota		Ohio
Pennsylvania		Oklahoma
Rhode Island		South Dakota
South Carolina		Tennessee
Vermont		Utah
Virginia		Washington
West Virginia		Wyoming

The CDC Division of Oral Health, which is located in the CDC National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, currently receives only \$19M from Congress to distribute to states for prevention programs for oral diseases. To fund all states for an oral health program, Congress needs to appropriate an additional \$17.5M above their current appropriations of \$19M. Of the additional \$17.5M, \$11.5M would go towards funding 30 more states, \$3.5M would support the provision of program technical assistance and support for surveillance, evaluation, policy and communication activities, and

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\$2.5M would go towards research, epidemiologic analysis, translation of science to action, infection prevention, and prevention guidance.

### **Organizations endorsing call to action**

Arcora Foundation (Washington)  
American Association of Public Health  
Dentistry  
American Dental Hygienists' Association  
American Network of Oral Health Coalitions  
Arkansas Oral Health Coalition  
Asian Americans Advancing Justice  
Asian Pacific Health Care Venture, Inc.  
(California)  
Association of State and Territorial Dental  
Directors  
Children's Dental Health Project  
Community Action Partnership Sonoma  
County (California)  
Connecticut Oral Health Initiative, Inc.  
DentaQuest Partnership for Oral Health  
Advancement  
Families USA  
ForsythKids  
Future Smiles (Nevada)  
GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare  
Hawaii Public Health Institute  
Health Care for All (Massachusetts)  
Hispanic Dental Association  
Idaho Oral Health Alliance  
IFLOSS Coalition (Illinois)  
Indiana Oral Health Coalition  
Justice in Aging  
Kentucky Oral Health Coalition  
Klamath Basin Oral Health Coalition  
Latino Coalition for a Healthy California  
Maine Oral Health Coalition  
Maternal and Child Health Access (California)  
Maryland Dental Action Coalition  
McNary and Associates, LLC (Kentucky)  
Medicaid-CHIP State Dental Association  
Minnesota Oral Health Coalition

Missouri Coalition for Oral Health  
Missouri Department of Health and Senior  
Services  
National Dental Association  
National Network for Oral Health Access  
New Jersey Department of Health  
New Jersey Oral Health Coalition  
New Mexico Community Dental  
New Mexico Oral Health Coalition  
New Mexico Primary Care Association  
Ohio Asian American Health Coalition  
Opportunity Alliance (Maine)  
Oral Health Advocacy Taskforce (OHAT  
Coalition Massachusetts)  
Oral Health Connections (Washington)  
Oral Health Kansas, Inc.  
Oral Health Ohio  
Partnership for Children's Oral Health  
(Maine)  
PDI Surgery Center (California)  
Pennsylvania Oral Health Coalition  
Piedmont Regional Dental Clinic (Virginia)  
Ready Set Smile (Minnesota)  
Rhode Island KIDS COUNT  
Santa Fe Group  
Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty  
Law  
Southern Nevada Health District  
Special Care Dentistry Association  
Team Placement Services Inc.  
Texas Oral Health Coalition  
The LA Trust  
Utah Oral Health Coalition  
Virginia Oral Health Coalition  
West Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association  
West Virginia Oral Health Coalition