



Oral Health Vision, Mission and Guiding Principles for Contra Costa

Vision



Children and youth, including those with special healthcare needs, and pregnant women in Contra Costa County will have optimal oral health.

Mission

Oral health is integrated as part of overall health for pregnant women, children, youth and their families through education, prevention, direct service and local policies.



Guiding Principles

- Oral health is integral to overall health
- Partnerships are a strength and necessary to achieve good oral health for all
- Every child and youth has a right to preventive and accessible oral health services
- We will prioritize health equity in our community
- We will strive to provide services with cultural awareness and humility
- We believe that our systems and policies can support conceptual and programmatic integration of oral health
- We believe that prevention and upstream community-based approaches can improve oral health.
- We will build oral health infrastructure with an eye to accessibility, sustainability and flexibility
- We will use data, evidence-based practices, and evaluate our work when possible
- We will use technology to maximize the quality and delivery of oral health care



Community Oral Health Program