

Virginia Department of Health Dental Health Program

Oral health *is* health!

VDH Dental Health Program

Program activities include:

- Educational activities and resources to a wide variety of partner groups to promote proper oral hygiene and support prevention services and access to dental care to all Virginians
- Direct clinical preventive services and assistance with establishing a dental home
- Quality assurance reviews to assure a competent public health oral health workforce
- Surveillance and evaluation activities to monitor and track dental disease rates and trends and for program assessment and planning

Population Specific Programs

- Community Water Fluoridation
- Bright Smiles for Babies
- Disabilities and Chronic Conditions Oral Health Program
- Adult Oral Health and Chronic Disease Program
- Oral Health Workforce Program
- School Based Preventive Services Program

Community Water Fluoridation Program

- Education and support to local waterworks operators to ensure proper water fluoridation
- Technical assistance on issues of fluoridation to citizens and communities
- Maintaining a Virginia fluoride monitoring system including monthly reports and community data
- Data is used to generate annual summary reports for CDC Population Census Reports and annual compliance awards and is uploaded to public websites: [Oral Health Maps](#) and [My Water's Fluoride](#).



FY24 Funding Sources:

CDC Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,

CDC Oral Health Outcomes Improvement Grant U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Project Period 09/01/2018 – 08/31/2024

Bright Smiles for Babies Fluoride Varnish Program

- Eases barriers to care by providing preventive services such as oral health screenings, fluoride varnish and dental referrals in non-dental settings where parents of young children are seeking other services
- Trainings for public and private health professionals to raise awareness for early intervention and to equip with the knowledge and skills necessary to provide clinical preventive services

FY24 Funding Sources:

CDC Oral Health Outcomes Improvement Grant U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Project Period 09/01/2018 – 08/31/2024

Title V MCH Block Grant Maternal Child Health Title V Block Grant, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration

State General Funds SFY24 funding

Disabilities and Chronic Conditions Oral Health Program

- Improve access to dental services for individuals with Disabilities and Chronic Conditions through a current web-based listing of over 2,300 dental providers, currently representing approximately 30% of licensed dental providers in Virginia
- Provide oral health presentations and educational materials for medical/dental professionals, dental/dental hygiene students, lay health workers, caseworkers, teachers, caregivers, etc.



FY24 Funding Sources:

Title V MCH Block Grant (Maternal Child Health Title V Block Grant, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration): Salary Only

CDC PHHS Block Grant (Public Health and Human Services): Program Costs

Adult Oral Health and Chronic Disease Program



- Oral Health education for older adults and caregivers, linking oral health to overall health
- Oral Health education for training programs such as Medical Assistants, CHWs and other allied health professions
- Education and support of health care providers to integrate medical and dental services for whole person wellness through collaborative partnerships in safety net settings across Virginia

FY24 Funding Sources: *CDC Oral Health Outcomes Improvement Grant* U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Project Period 09/01/2018 – 08/31/2024

Oral Health Workforce Program

- Focus is underserved areas of Virginia facing workforce challenges
- Enhances data used by VDH and other stakeholders to inform programs statewide, improving oral health in underserved areas
- Mentorship, technical assistance, and grants promote and facilitate medical-dental integration by enabling safety net clinics in Dental HPSAs to improve equitable access to care

FY24 Funding Source:

HRSA Oral Health Work Force Grant U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Bureau of Health Professions, Division of Medicine and Dentistry, Project Period 09/1/2022 – 08/31/2026

School Based Preventive Services Program

- Program is offered to high-risk schools that have at least 50% of their students participating in the National School Lunch Program; all students in grades Pre-K to sixth grade are eligible for preventive dental services
- Priority goal is to refer child to a local dentist for routine comprehensive care
- Parents receive a list of area dental practices/community clinics for referral for treatment needs and to assist in establishing a dental home



School Year 2023-2024 Funding Sources:

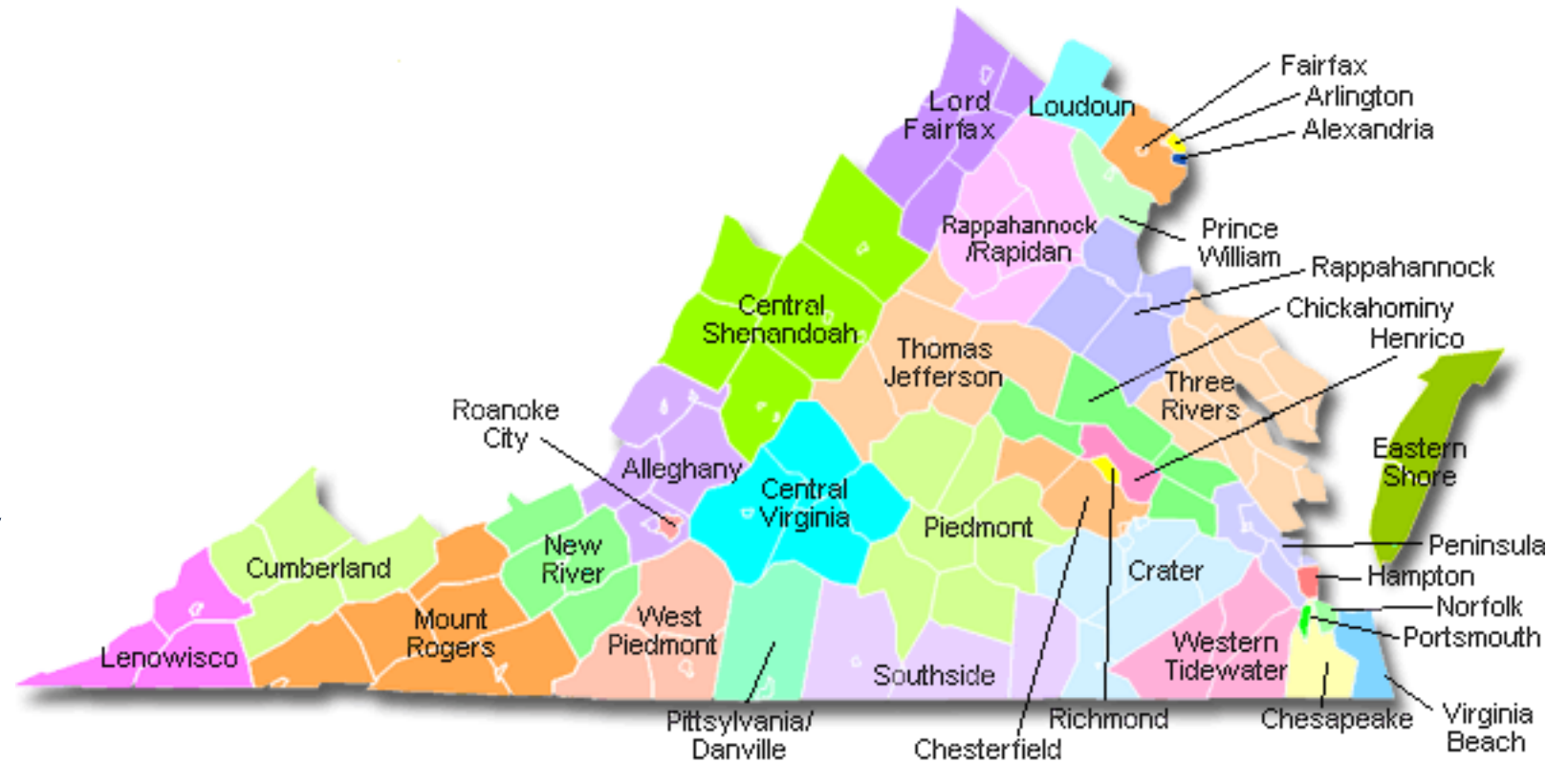
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As of September 2023, eight health districts are supported by VDH remote-supervised dental hygienists:

- Cumberland Plateau
- Lenowisco
- Southside
- Lord Fairfax
- Richmond City/Crater
- Peninsula/Hampton City
- Mount Rogers
- Three Rivers



Thank You!

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