



MAPOC Women and Children's Subcommittee

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"We Care About Your Dental Health"

Our Mission: Enable all HUSKY Health members to achieve and maintain good oral health, by:

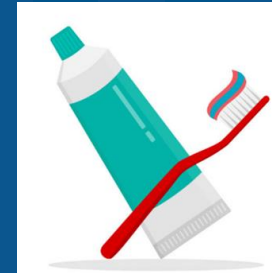
Member Service and
Care Coordination

Respectful and Culturally
Sensitive Communication

Collaborating

Making it
easy

Focusing on
Prevention



Did you know about Connecticut HUSKY Dental Plan.....

**2nd Highest rate of
preventative
dental services
for HUSKY Health
members ages
1-20**

**#1 Highest rate of
Oral Evaluation
among ADA
Dental Quality
Alliance State
Report (29 States
from T-MSIS)**

**Above National
Sample Average
in Caries Risk
Documentation
and Topical
Fluoride
Application**

CMS Source

State Infographics (ada.org)

May 21, 2021: Source: National Academy for State Health Policy: State
Medicaid Coverage of Dental Services for General Adult and Pregnant
Populations – The National Academy for State Health Policy (nashp.org)

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As easy as

A,B,C – Access to Baby Care

Oral Health Assessment and
Fluoride Varnish application at
WELL-CHILD VISITS

- Compliance with EPDST Schedule
- Medicaid Reimbursed
- Bridge to Dental Home



Review: HRSA Grant & Perinatal and Infant Oral Health Quality Improvement Project 2013–2018

History of the Grant

- DSS and CTDHP, representing Connecticut, was one of three states awarded a pilot PIOHQI grant in September 2013 along with West Virginia and New York. A week later the Federal Government shut down for 16 days. A year later 13 additional states received awards.
- The purpose of the grant was to provide a coordinated approach across Connecticut that addressed the comprehensive oral health needs of pregnant women and infants most at risk.
- The project worked with Community Partners, OB/GYN, pediatric and dental offices as well as directly with perinatal women. CT Voices for Children was the project evaluator. A Perinatal and Infant Oral Health Work Group including ACOG, AAP, CSDA and other stakeholders advised the project.
- Connecticut was a leader in working with other states and HRSA and was able to increase and maintain oral health utilization for perinatal women and young children past the March 2018 end date of the grant.

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Aim: Improve the oral health of perinatal women and young children (PW&YC) in HUSKY Health

Strategies: Increase dental utilization by:

- Recruit/train dental offices to provide services to perinatal women
- Outreach to OB/GYN's to educate their patients about oral health/make referrals
- Outreach to pediatricians to educate their patients about oral health make referrals
- Outreach to community partners so that they will educate their PW&YC clients about oral health and make referrals

Outcomes:

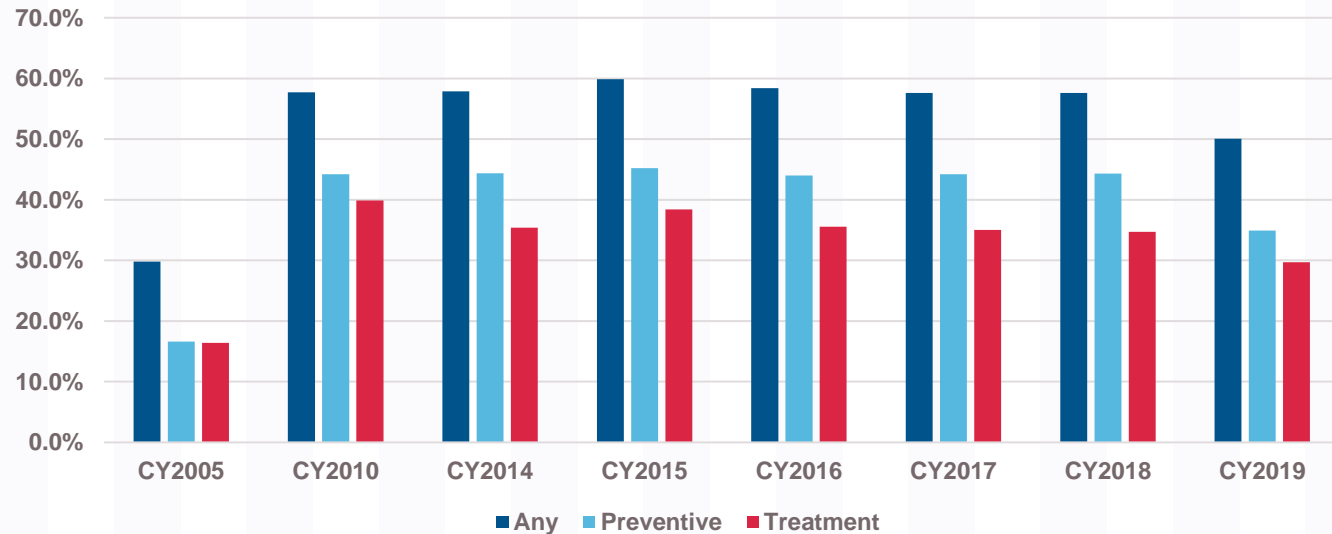
- Developed materials including oral health kits for PW&YC
- Developed methodology to measure dental utilization for perinatal women
- Increased the number of dental offices seeing perinatal women
- Increased and maintained dental utilization for PW&YC

Perinatal Oral Health

Dental care utilization by HUSKY Health Perinatal Women has stayed high since 2010.

Note: 2019 data preliminary

HUSKY Health Perinatal Dental Utilization



CY2005 & 2010 Mothers identified by Connecticut Voices for Children using vital records linked with HUSKY enrollment data and claims.

CY2014-2019 Mothers identified by Connecticut Dental Health Partnership analysts using claims and enrollment records.

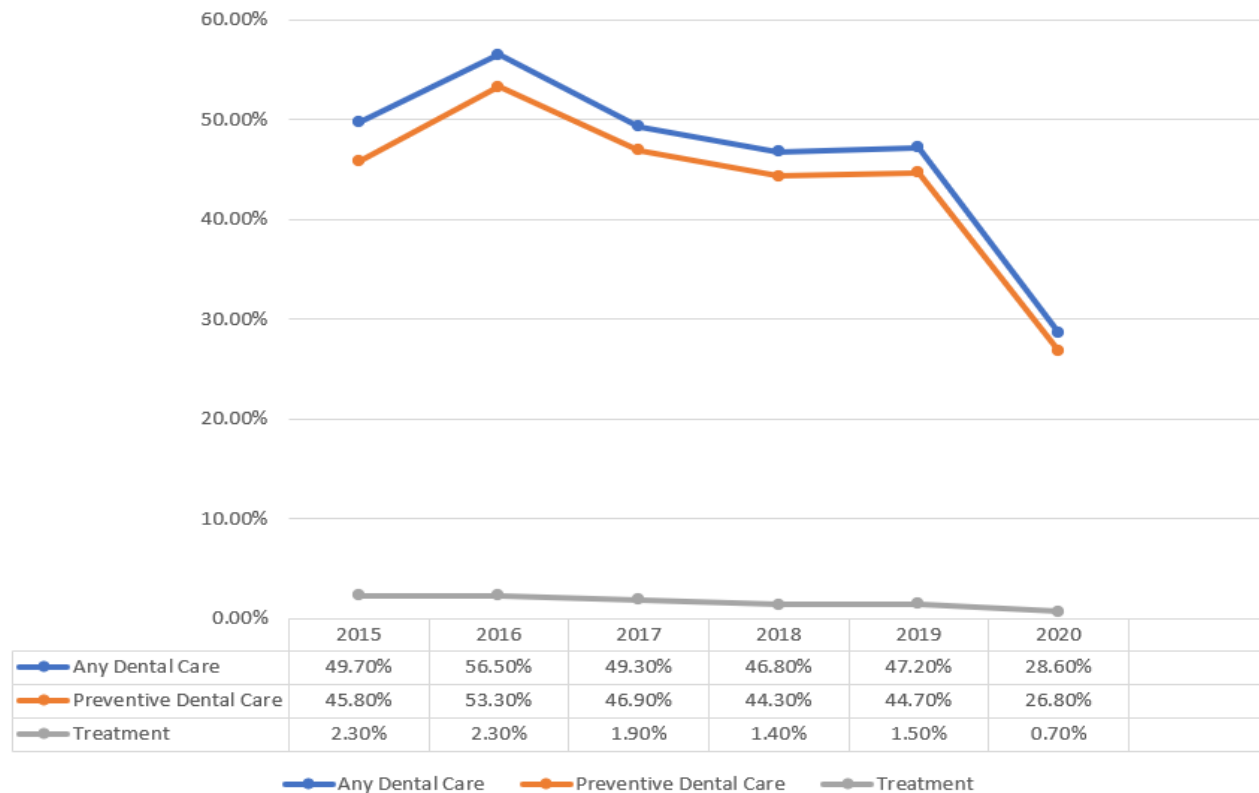
Perinatal period in this study is defined as 6 months before and 12 months after giving birth.

Source: Analyses of Connecticut's HUSKY Program enrollment and claims data by Connecticut Dental Health Partnership (2014-19) and Connecticut Voices for Children (2005, 2010).

Utilization for Very Young Children – 3 and Under

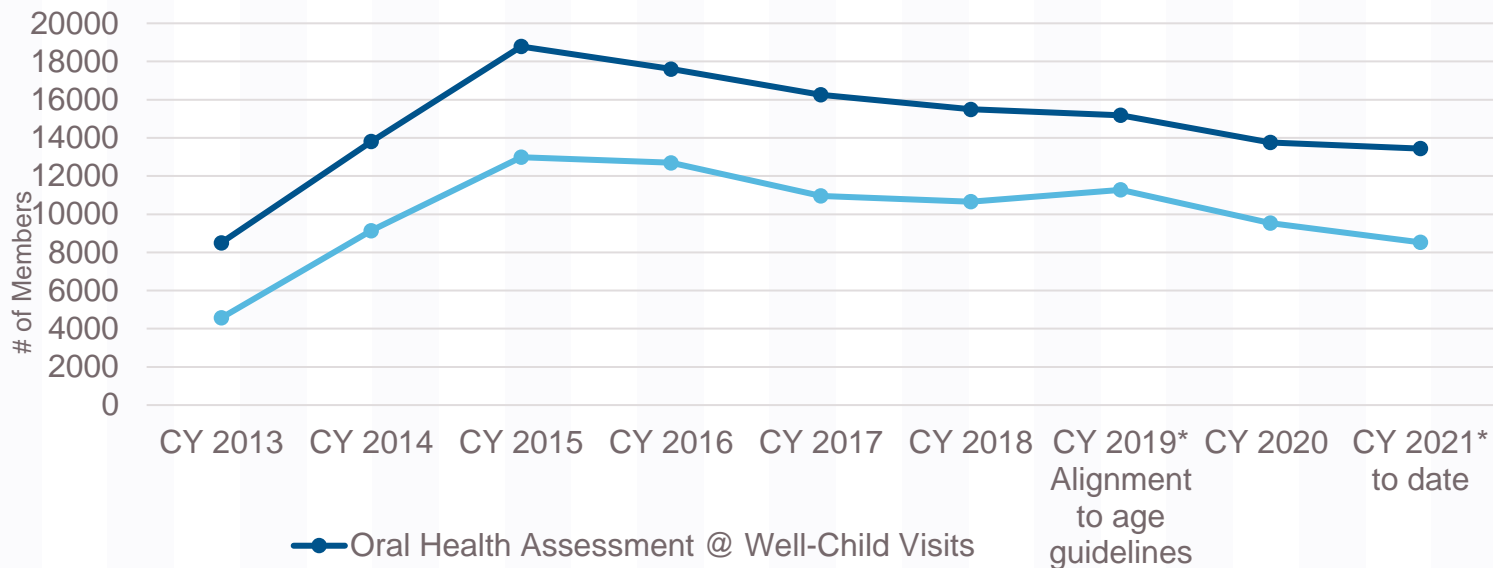
- Standard of Care for children is first visit by age 1.
- Average Preventative Care Rate Children >3 per year since 2015 is 44%
- Good News! Treatment rates LOWERING year over year- trending to zero.
- Children's utilization rates are rebounding from CY 2020.

Dental Care for Very Young Children in the CT HUSKY Health Program: 2015-2020



ABC Program – Oral Health Assessment & Fluoride Varnish Outcomes

- 9 year average is 6% oral health assessment and 4% fluoride varnish.
- CY 2021 (8 mos. of data) promising, almost at total volume in CY 2020– suggests rebound.
- CTDHP reorganized effort in CY 21– dedicated staff and CMS Oral Affinity Group.



Grant Sustainability Today: **Adoption to “Standard Work”** at CT Dental Health Partnership

Strategy	Effort	Outcomes
Education & Outreach to OBGYN Practices	Communicate with OBGYN practices to promote oral health and CTDHP services.	Outreach Activities 2019: 135 2020: 119 2021: 42 (to date) Special “Medical Director” letter sent 2,000 OBGYN/CNMs in 2021
Oral health information and tools to Pregnant Women	<p>Provide Prenatal Oral Health Kits and Prenatal Oral Health materials to community partners that work with Pregnant women including OBGYNS</p> <p>Call Prenatal Women to promote CTDHP Services</p>	Oral Health Kits & Materials 2019: 9,575 Kits & 1,186 Materials 2020: 16,092 Kits & 623 Materials 2021: 7,351 (to date) & 215 Materials CTDHP Prenatal Telephone Calls: 2018: 3,171 Calls Attempted 2019: 9,028 Calls Attempted 2020: 8,037 Calls Attempted 2021: 7,682 Calls Attempted

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Linking the OBGYN to Dentist during prenatal period	Providing "Prescription Pad" Referral Form from OBGYN to Dentist to dental evaluation and care to pregnant mom.	Prescription Pad 2019: 152 2020: 113 2021: 2,016* As Part of "Medical Director" letter

To Be Completed by Your OB/GYN Physician

R Prenatal Care Provider: _____ Phone: _____

Patient Name: _____

DOB: _____ Estimated Delivery Date: _____

This patient may have routine dental evaluation and care, including but not limited to:

- Oral health examination
- Root canal treatment
- Dental x-ray with abdominal and neck lead shield
- Local anesthetic with epinephrine
- Restoration (amalgam or composite) fillings
- Dental prophylaxis
- Extraction

Known Allergies: _____

Precautions: ☐ None ☐ Specify (If any): _____

Patient may **not** have: (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Acetaminophen with codeine for pain control
- ☐ Other: _____

Patient may have: (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Pain control medication (Specify):
- ☐ Penicillin
- ☐ Clindamycin
- ☐ Erythromycin (Not estolate form)
- ☐ Amoxicillin
- ☐ Cephalosporins

DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL WITH QUESTIONS

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For help in finding a HUSKY Health Dentist call
1-855-CT-DENTAL
 Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-5:00 PM



CTDHP Interventions: Partnerships

Partnership	Effort
DPH WIC /DSS/CTDHP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Training WIC Staff• Member Referral Pathway to Care Coordination• Data Sharing on Outcomes• MOU to be executed
DCF /DSS/CTDHP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MOU executed• Training to SWs, Health Care Advocates, CAFAF (in works)• Data Share on Children in Care without Dental Visit• Quarterly DCF Health Care Advocate & CTDHP DHCS
OEC /DSS/CTDHP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nascent conversation in 2021- lots of opportunity!
CHNC CT /CTDHP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data feed for Prenatal Member Engagement Calls• Co-Management in design/discussion phase• All ICM RN's trained on CTHDP services and cross referrals happening regularly

CTDHP Interventions: COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts

- Distributed 40,749 Oral Health Kits in 2020 – 10,000 to Foodshare
- 2 Newsletters to Members on COVID-19 and Oral Health sent to 310,000 English Speakers and 63,500 Spanish Speakers
- *“You Don’t Have to Wait Until It Hurts”* messaging in kits, social media, call center.
- CTDHP Call Center conducted outbound calls for At-Risk Husky Health Members and tagged COVID-19 Vaccine Information to all inbound calls.
- CTDHP.Org Dr. Tooth Fairy Blog launched
- **March 2020 Children’s rate matched pre-pandemic rate for first time.**





QUESTIONS? THANK YOU

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