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# Future Oral Health Workforce:

**Oral Health Equity Through Workforce Design**

March 14, 2024



# Welcome & Who We Are

Statewide, nonprofit, policy analysis and advocacy organization working to shape policies to improve health, welfare and human services for all New Yorkers, especially children and families experiencing poverty and impacted by inequity.

## Agenda

- Project vision and goals
- Overview of the project
- Engagement
- Next Steps

## Speakers

**Kate Breslin**, President and CEO  
Schuyler Center

**Bridget Walsh**, Senior Policy Analyst,  
Schuyler Center

**Lara Kassel**, Coordinator  
Medicaid Matters NY

**Jean Moore**, Director  
Center for Health Workforce Studies

# Why this project now

- Dental health is a major yet overlooked issue.
- Poverty and poor dental health are mutually reinforcing.
- Unhealthy mouths diminish people's quality of life and sabotage children's ability to learn and succeed.
- Regular dental care from an appropriate provider is key to good oral health
- There are new opportunities to address the challenge of the workforce crisis
- Using data and best practices from around the country, New York can develop sound policies that ensure everyone benefits from a strengthened oral health workforce.

# Vision

- Every New Yorker deserves access to dental care.
- Workforce solutions must reduce oral health inequities.
- Consumer informed and responsive to consumer needs and wishes.
- Data driven and informed by best practices.

# Project Overview

## **Component Groups**

- Interest Group
- Consumer Advisory Group
- Recommendations & Strategy Group

## **Data**

## **Gathering Research and Outreach**

## **Report**

# Consumer Advisory Group



Medicaid Matters New York is the statewide advocacy coalition working to advance the interests of people who are served by Medicaid.

Find us at [www.medicaidmattersny.org](http://www.medicaidmattersny.org)

The consumer advisory group will:

- Be representative of a variety of perspectives and dimensions of diversity
- Meet throughout the project and be supported for the work
- Inform the project by providing insight into lived experiences accessing dental care and managing poor oral health



# Data

## **Demographic related indicators will include:**

- American Community Survey (ACS) 2022, 5-year estimates

## **Dental health related indicators will include:**

- NYS Prevention Agenda dashboard
- NYS Community Health Indicator Reports (CHIRS)
- NYS Cancer Registry

# Webinars & Education

## **General Oral Health Information**

## **Barriers to Care**

## **Providers**

- Scope of practice/provider types

## **Practice**

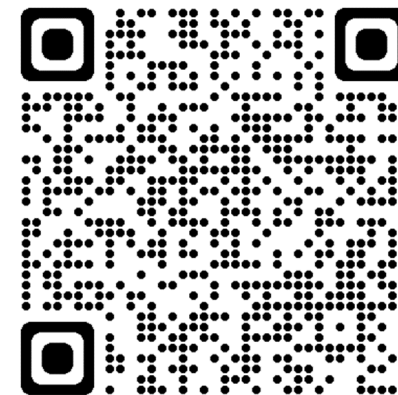
- Participation in Medicaid
- Medical/dental integration

## **Financing**

- Medicaid reimbursement
- Loan forgiveness/incentives

## **Data**

## **Dedicated Webpage**



## Oral Health Workforce

### The Future Oral Health Workforce Project: Oral Health Equity Through Workforce Design

Schuyler Center has been awarded a grant from CareQuest Institute for Oral Health to develop recommendations addressing the tremendous unmet need for preventive and routine oral health services in New York populations, especially New Yorkers with low income. The focus will be on increasing the availability of care by identifying comprehensive changes to policies that address the state's significant oral health workforce shortage.

[Learn more about the project.](#)



Data Dashboard coming soon.

## Upcoming Webinars

*Project Kick-Off – The Future Oral Health Workforce Project: Oral Health Equity Through Workforce Design*

Thursday, March 14

2:00 – 2:30 PM

# Timeline

## **April-October**

Educational webinars

Surveys

Meetings/focus groups

## **October – November**

Ideas and Prioritization

## **December**

Report



This is a  
journey



# Survey



# Next Steps



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