



Oral Health Collaborative
Virtual Meeting
June 17, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Meeting Highlights

Welcome & Introductions:

- Gina Osborne introduced herself as the new Supervisor of the Local Oral Health Program (LOHP), welcomed all in attendance, and shared that she will be facilitating the Collaborative meetings. Members and guests were invited to place their names and agency/organization in the chat box.

Review of April 22, 2026, Meeting Highlights:

- Collaborative members reviewed the meeting highlights from 04/22/2026. No suggested changes to the highlights were made.

Collaborative Member Updates:

- Shaunna Flores from the Regional Center of Orange County shared that she is interested in supporting Collaborative members with resources for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Please contact Shaunna at sflores@rcocdd.com.
- Dr. Jila Torabi from the West Coast University shared that the Dental Hygiene Program located in Anaheim provides comprehensive preventive dental services at no cost. Services are provided by the students. Preventive dental services can also be performed off-site. Please contact Dr. Torabi at jtorabi@westcoastuniversity.edu
- Andrea Rosas from Concorde Career College shared that the Dental Hygiene Program located in Garden Grove provides preventive dental services at no cost. Dental Hygiene Program students are available to assist partners with dental services. Please contact Andrea at arosas@concorde.edu.
- Armida Olguin with the Vista Community Clinic Mobile Wellness Unit provides dental screenings/services in various locations throughout the city of La Habra and surrounding communities, which include Fullerton and Whittier. Dental services are also provided at the Community Center. To request a mobile unit, please complete the mobile unit request form <https://www.vistacommunityclinic.org/mobile-care-request/>.
- Cristina Perales from Orange County Head Start Inc. shared that many of the collaborative partners provide services, including dental screenings for the children at their school sites. The program serves children ages 0-5 and pregnant women. Enrollment is underway for the new school year program. For questions, please contact Cristina at cristina.perales@ochsinc.org.
- Dr. Marisa Watanabe from Western University of Health Sciences, College of Dental Medicine, shared that her team recently supported the Special Olympics activity at Irvine High School, and the dental students completed a 7-week externship with the Celebrating-Life Community Health Centers. Dental students can provide assistance in FQHCs, from San Diego to Shasta and Redding. Services can also be provided in Orange County. For more information, please contact Dr. Watanabe at mwatanabe@westernu.edu.
- Johanna Chavez from All for Kids Children & Family Program provided a brief overview of their services. The program provides parent education and resources to create a safe environment for children, strengthen families, and build community connections. The program includes an infant/toddler home visitation program that serves prenatal and children up to 5 years old. For more information, email Johanna at johannachavez@allforkids.org.
- Stephanie Hernandez with the Coalition of Orange County Community Health Centers shared that their Health Care Navigation team can assist community members with enrollment, retention, and utilization of programs such as Medi-Cal, CalFresh, Covered California, and more. The navigators are out in the community, sharing updates and providing information about changes to the Medi-Cal program and the importance of renewing



Oral Health Collaborative
Virtual Meeting
June 17, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Meeting Highlights

their coverage. Collaborative and community members are welcome to call **714-352-5998** to schedule a presentation or for assistance, or email Stephanie at shernandez@coalitionoc.org.

- Janira Perez from MOMS Orange County shared that the program provides case management, education, resources, and support for families. Members are welcome to refer individuals who are pregnant with substance use, under 21 years old, in the foster system, or unhoused to the program for assistance. MOMS is an enhanced care program and provider through CalOptima. For more information, please contact Janira at jperez@momsorangecounty.org
- Stephanie Rebollar from Healthy Smile for Kids by AltaMed shared that their dental program is a school-based dental program that serves children K-12, preschools, and Head Start schools. The mobile dental unit is currently working with over 10 school districts in Orange County. Linking children and families to their Federally Qualified Health Center for dental care is a top priority. For more information, email Stephanie at srebollar@altamed.org.
- Jose Morales from Smile, California. Jose is one of the outreach representatives for Orange County. Please email Jose if you have any questions or if there are any events in the next three weeks, so his team can attend. jose.morales@gainwelltechnologies.com.

Local Oral Health Program Updates

Gina provided the following updates on the Orange County LOHP:

- LOHP is in the process of completing the progress report for year four of the funding cycle. July 1, 2026, will be the beginning of the fifth and last year of this grant cycle. LOHP is in the process of applying for the next grant funding cycle.
- A lunch and learn webinar on water fluoridation is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 12:00 pm, hosted by Mary E. Foley. A link to the training will be provided shortly. LOHP is currently working to provide CEUs for this training. Updates and the Zoom meeting link will be provided soon for members interested in joining.
- LOHP staff member Henry Torres has developed a list of oral health resources for people with disabilities and foster youth. Both resources can be accessed on the LOHP Collaborative Member webpage under the Oral Health Community Resources section. https://smilehabitsoc.org/lohp/#oral_resources. Both lists will be shared with Collaborative members along with the meeting highlights.
- LOHP is creating a dental provider directory for partners interested in linking with schools to provide school-based/linked dental services. Gina will follow up with providers regarding interest in being included in the directory. Many thanks to the partners who have asked to be included!

Big Smiles CA Presentation

Mary Foley from the Medicaid Medicare CHIP Services Dental Association (MSDA) on behalf of Big Smiles, provided a summary of school dental metrics during the last academic school year in Orange County.

- 1,142 children were provided with a dental screening or examination.
- 470 students of the 1,142 students required additional dental services.
- 292 received silver diamine fluoride or other dental restoration treatment.
- 426 children received at least one dental sealant.
- 974 received fluoride, and 981 received dental prophylaxis during the last year.



Oral Health Collaborative
Virtual Meeting
June 17, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Meeting Highlights

Mary will share the metrics with the LOHP to include in their annual progress report.

School-Based/Linked Dental Services Presentation

Jerome Samonte of the LOHP presented on expanding school-based dental programs in Title I schools in Orange County. Below are key highlights from the presentation.

- Why oral health is important to education: Improving access to oral health care reduces preventable absenteeism and protects students' educational opportunities and district funding.
- Why there is a focus on oral health gaps: Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment (KOHA) reporting from the 2024-2025 school year indicated 56% of eligible kindergartners had proof of a dental assessment; however, 44% of eligible kindergarten students, more than 13,000 children, were not assessed. Students in Title I schools are most likely to face barriers to dental care, resulting in untreated dental disease.
- LOHP Strategy: Target Title I elementary schools where unmet need is highest and access barriers are greatest. Develop and maintain a directory of providers willing and able to partner with targeted Title I elementary schools for school-based or school-linked dental services. The dental provider directory would be shared with school districts that have limited or no current dental service coverage, and where the unmet need is significant.
- Partners interested in being placed on the directory were asked to include information regarding seeing children with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between providers and school districts may be needed to formalize the partnerships. Each district will have its own MOU.

Oral Health Collaborative Survey

The Oral Health Collaborative Satisfaction survey was sent to members in May to complete. Feedback from the survey will help strengthen the LOHP, expand collaboration, improve communication, and enhance community impact. A link to the survey was placed in the chat box for members to complete by June 30, 2026. Survey results will be reviewed and shared during the next meeting. Thanks to members who completed the survey!

LOHP Next Steps:

- Continue to develop the dental provider directory.
- Share the link to the September 9 water fluoridation training.
- Share the lists of oral health resources for people with disabilities and foster youth.
- Share the OH Collaborative Satisfaction Survey results during the next meeting.
- Post the meeting highlights from 04/22/2026 and 6/17/2026 on the OH Collaborative webpage.
www.SmileHabitsOC.org/LOHP/.

Next Meeting: September 16, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.



Oral Health Collaborative
Virtual Meeting
June 17, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Meeting Highlights

In attendance:

Name	Organization/Agency	Name	Organization/Agency
Andrea Rosas	Concorde Career College	Jose Morales	Smile, California
Dr. Anh Tram	Camino Health Center	Kathryn Schjei	Orange County Dept of Education
Armina Olguin	Vista Community Clinic	Dr. Margaret Delmore	California Dept of Healthcare Services
Cristina Perales	Orange County Head Start, Inc.	Dr. Marisa Watanabe	Western University of Health Sciences
Dani Vicencio	Local Oral Health Program	Marty Dellapenna	Medicaid Medicare CHIP Services Dental Association
Deepa Shanadi	OC Health Care Agency	Mary E. Foley	Medicaid Medicare CHIP Services Dental Association
Gina Osborne	Local Oral Health Program	Nancy Starr	Local Oral Health Program-San Diego
Henry Torres	Local Oral Health Program	Dr. Rubin Sorrell	Mobile Dentist
Iris Corpus	Local Oral Health Program	Shaunna Flores	Regional Center of Orange County
Janira Perez	MOMS Orange County	Stephanie Hernandez	Coalition of Orange County Community Health Centers
Jerome Samonte	Local Oral Health Program	Stephanie Rebollar	AltaMed Health Services
Dr. Jila Torabi	West Coast University	Yadira Osorio	Vista Community Center
Johanna Chavez	All For Kids		