

DENTAQUEST PARTNERSHIP NEWS

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DENTAQUEST PARTNERSHIP Q3 GRANTS



DentaQuest Partnership Invests \$640,000 in Oral Health Initiatives During Third Quarter

On Oct. 31, the DentaQuest Partnership announced the investment of \$640,000 in organizations across the U.S. dedicated to improving the oral health of all. This announcement captures grants awarded in the third quarter, with a total of \$9.6 Million awarded to-date. Our grantmaking strategy focuses on investments that drive systems change in oral health through national and community-based initiatives in key focus areas, including integration of oral health into person-centered healthcare.

“As one of the newest members of the DentaQuest family, I’m inspired by the powerful grantmaking movement that has fueled so much progress over the years, and I’m looking forward to helping DentaQuest – and our many partners – make an even bigger impact, as we work to improve the oral health of all Americans,” said Dr. Myechia Minter-Jordan, Chief Impact Officer. Read the full release [here](#).

Dr. Myechia Minter-Jordan Receives Building a Better Boston Award

We’re proud to share that Dr. Myechia Minter-Jordan, DentaQuest’s Chief Impact Officer, was recently honored with a 2019 Building a Better Boston Award. Presented annually by the Center for Collaborative Leadership at the University of Massachusetts, Boston, this award recognizes local leaders who promote change through collaboration in their communities. Dr. Minter-Jordan was honored for her efforts to increase access to health care for some of the city’s most vulnerable residents at the Dimock Community Health Center, where she served as Chief Executive Officer prior to joining DentaQuest. During the event, she spoke about the importance of medical-dental integration in improving access to oral health. Click [here](#) to learn more.





PERSON-CENTERED CARE

Continuing Education Webinar | E-Cigarettes

Join us on Nov. 21 at 1 p.m. ET as we discuss what dental professionals need to know about e-cigarettes. [Click here](#) to register.

Celebrate National Rural Health Day | Nov. 21

[National Rural Health Day](#) is right around the corner. We have been working to advance oral health in rural areas through our MORE Care program since 2015, and we are proud to celebrate these partnerships. [Visit our website](#) to learn more about our rural interprofessional practice initiatives and to access resources associated with the integration of oral health into primary care.

Delivering Risk-Stratified Care

Dimensions of Dental Hygiene recently re-published an [article](#) co-authored by the DentaQuest Partnership's Executive Director of Person-Centered Care, Dr. Sean Boynes, that discusses how effective risk assessment is key to understanding patients and changing patient behavior.

Radical Equality: Becoming Rooted for Health Equity

Are you attending the [IHI National Forum on Quality Improvement in Health Care](#) next month? Check out Tuesday's session, *Radical Equality: Becoming Rooted for Health Equity*, presented by DentaQuest Partnership's Measurement Systems Director, Cindy Hannon; Grants & Program Associate, Parrish Ravelli; Director of Clinical Innovations for Advantage Dental, Sharity Ludwig; and DentaQuest Partnership Consultant, Dr. Matt Allen. Interested in learning more about health equity? Listen to Ms. Ludwig and Dr. Allen's recent [podcast](#) on the topic.



ADULT DENTAL BENEFIT

Webinar | Advocating for an Adult Dental Benefit in Your State

Join us on Nov. 19 at 2 p.m. ET for this national webinar highlighting a toolkit of research we developed that can be used to show the importance of a Medicaid adult dental benefit in improving health and reducing costs, along with the experience of partners and policymakers in creating successful policy change to expand adult dental benefits in Medicaid. [Click here](#) to register.

Report Part 1: The Burden of Dental Care Costs for Low-Income Families

Did you know that people living in poverty spend **ten times more** as a proportion of their annual family income on dental services than high-income families? [Click here](#) to read Part 1 of our 3-part series that outlines barriers to dental care based on income and insurance, and how expansion of an adult dental benefit could increase access to care and reduce out-of-pocket costs.



MEASUREMENT

ICD-10: Diagnostic Coding in Dental Webinar Recording

Did you miss our October webinar on diagnostic coding in dental? [Visit our website](#) to access the recording and a copy of the slides.

INDUSTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Free Oral Health Education Materials for Dentists from American Dental Association

Tiny Smiles, a Give Kids A Smile® Program, a collaboration with Scholastic, is providing dentists with free materials to help educate patients and families about the oral health of children ages 0 (birth) to 5. Visit www.scholastic.com/givekidsasmile before Nov. 15 to take a survey and get these free materials. (*Supplies are limited.*)

Perinatal and Infant Oral Health Quality Improvement (PIOHQP) Initiative Final Report

The Maternal and Child Health Bureau–Funded Perinatal and Infant Oral Health Quality Improvement (PIOHQP) Initiative 2013–2019—[Final Report](#) describes the achievements of 16 projects funded through the [PIOHQP initiative](#) to improve oral health for pregnant women and infants, lessons learned, and resources they produced.

Integrating Oral and General Health Through Health Literacy Practices

The National Academy of Sciences published a synthesis of opportunities to improve integrated care systems for oral health literacy. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Call for Applications: NNOHA Sealant Learning Communities Collaborative

NNOHA is seeking health centers nationwide that have opportunities for improvement on the UDS Sealant Measure to participate in a virtual Sealant Learning Communities Collaborative from January to June 2020. [Click here](#) for more information. Online applications are due by Nov. 22 at 5 p.m. PST.

New Podcast | *Reimagining Justice: Health Equity and Social Determinants of Health*

Texas Impact is launching a new podcast series, [Reimagining Justice: Health Equity and Social Determinants of Health](#). The series features interviews with experts from across the fields of health care and health policy, focusing on social determinants of health—the factors in our physical and social environments that impact our health, regardless of whether we have health insurance.



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