Purpose of Project

Goals

(1) Develop a five year advocacy plan for improving access to dental care for people with IDD in NJ

(2) Create a directory of dentists who treat people with IDD

Timeframe Oct 2018-December 2019
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Community Advisory Group

- Caregivers
- Self-advocates
- Oral Health Coalition
- Boggs Center at Rutgers University
- Group Home Supervisor
- NJ Ombudsman
- Special Needs Dentists and Dental Hygienists
- SPAN
Research Activities

• Interviews
  – Caregivers (Complete)
  – Self Advocates (May 2019)
  – Key Informants (ongoing)
• Literature Review (ongoing)
• Survey of Dentists (June 30, 2019)
• Dental Directory (Fall 2019)
  – Online Home
  – Sustainability Plan
• One Day Summit (October 16, 2019)
• Final Report (Dec 2019)
Insurance/Policy

– Private Insurance
  • Expensive, not required
  • Extension to adulthood?

– Public Insurance: Low Payment Rates
  • Models: AmeriHealth Caritas Inclusive Dental Health Plan
  • Special Billing Code (New Mexico)
  • Medically Underserved Population
  • Raising payment rates
# Medicaid Reimbursement

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Data source: allpricer.com (2017)

Data source: hdismedicaid.com (2017)
Special Programs

• Oral Health Coalition/NJDA

• Project Accessible Oral Health

• American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry

• Special Care Dentistry Association

• Special Olympics: Special Smiles
Dental Care Environment

– Model Programs
  • Rutgers
  • Temple University (Kornberg and Penn Dental School)

– Lack of Resources
  • E.g., 2 year waiting list for general anesthesia
  • Months to wait for other care

– Interest in dental community
  • Low pay rates
  • Lack of training
  • Lack of comfort
Caregivers and Self Advocates

– Direct Service Providers training
  • High turnover, lack of consistency
  • Competing tasks

– Prioritization, Limits on Time

– Variation in Behaviors/Communication Ability
• Prioritize an advocacy action plan
• Key Stakeholders
  – Department of Health and DDD
  – Advocates for people with IDD
  – Dentists, hygienists
  – New Jersey Dental Association
  – Group Home Representatives
  – Boggs Center
  – Insurers
  – Self advocates and families
Next Steps

- Who else should be at the table? Others with whom we should talk?

- Recommendations of dentists who serve people with IDD?

- Comments and feedback

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