



# PALM BEACH COUNTY ORAL HEALTH COALITION

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# COALITION PARTNERS

- ▶ Arc of Palm Beach
- ▶ Arc of Glades
- ▶ Allegany Franciscan Ministries \$\$\$
- ▶ Area Agency on Aging
- ▶ Boys and Girls Town
- ▶ Caridad Center
- ▶ Celia Lipton Farris and Victor W. Farris Foundation, Inc.
- ▶ Children's Services Council
- ▶ C L Brumback Primary Care Clinics
- ▶ Florida Institute for Health Innovations
- ▶ Foundcare Community Health Center
- ▶ Genesis Community Health Center
- ▶ Farris Foundation \$\$\$
- ▶ Health Care District Palm Beach County
- ▶ Nova Southeastern University
- ▶ Oral Health Florida
- ▶ Palm Beach County Health Department
- ▶ Palm Healthcare Foundation
- ▶ Palm Beach State College
- ▶ Palm Beach County Medical Society
- ▶ Private practice dentist and physicians
- ▶ Quantum Foundation - \$\$\$
- ▶ The School District of Palm Beach County
- ▶ Palm Beach County Dental Hygiene Association
- ▶ Pediatric Partners
- ▶ City Manager of Riviera Beach



# 2015-2016 GOALS AND INITIATIVES

- ⦿ Support for Proposed Legislation
  - ⦿ Medicaid billing glitch fix (409.906,F.S.)
  - ⦿ Dental school loan forgiveness bill
- ⦿ Train RNs, ARNPs and PAs in pediatric settings to apply and bill for fluoride varnish
- ⦿ Explore the implementation of a pilot school-based prevention program that can expand countywide
- ⦿ Replicate initiatives such as Project Access. A PBC coordinated system of care through volunteer physicians, hospital and medication assistance for low income uninsured residents.
- ⦿ Water Fluoridation

# CHALLENGES AND SUCCESSES



- ⊙ Volunteer coalition
- ⊙ No funding for administrative support
- ⊙ Not a 501c3



- ⊙ Supportive partners
- ⊙ Motivating meetings
- ⊙ Funding for pilot school based prevention program
- ⊙ Water fluoridation meeting with Boynton Beach



# SCHOOL-BASED PREVENTION PILOT

- ⊙ Funders:
  - ⊙ Quantum Foundation
  - ⊙ Farris Foundation
- ⊙ Working with the PBC Health Department to expand on their sealant program
- ⊙ Water fluoridation
  - ⊙ Riviera Beach
  - ⊙ Wellington
  - ⊙ Boynton Beach