ASTDD Data and Oral Health Surveillance
Annual Report
Jan 1, 2024 – Dec 31, 2024

Consultants: Jay Kumar, Mike Manz, Brooke Mehner, Barbara Park, and Kathy Phipps. Mike retired in September 2024 while Jay and Barbara began consulting in September 2024.

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1. List any new members or subcommittee members or changes to the committee/focus area:

   Due to the Office of Management and Budget's restrictions on making changes to the annual state synopses or basic screening survey for children, the ASTDD Board dissolved the data committee in 2022 and established a BSS community of practice (COP). Robin Miller (Vermont) is leading the BSS COP, and all states are welcome to participate, therefore the membership is fluid. The focus of the BSS COP is to share best practices for planning, conducting, and disseminating a BSS. ASTDD will convene workgroups for specific data related projects "as needed."

   As part of the new CDC cooperative agreement, a data COP will be formed to address data issues for evidence-based prevention programs, the relationship between Type 1 diabetes and oral health, and community water fluoridation. The first meeting of the data COP is scheduled for January 2025. The data COP will be coordinated by Barbara Park with assistance from Brooke, Jay, and Kathy.

2. Describe the focus of your committee/focus area:

   The Association provides technical assistance and support to state and territorial oral health programs for state and territorial-based oral health surveillance, the National Oral Health Surveillance System (NOHSS), Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS), Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS), Synopses of State Dental Public Health Programs (State Synopses), Basic Screening Survey (BSS) training and technical assistance, and any chronic disease or maternal and child health related data requests or technical assistance. Five coordinators and various ad hoc advisory groups work to accomplish all objectives. The five coordinators also provide data related technical assistance and training to states on oral health assessment and surveillance, the relationship between diabetes and oral health, community water fluoridation, and evidence-based prevention programs.

3. List your committee accomplishments for the last calendar year.

   - Data and surveillance consultants (Brooke Mehner, Mike Manz, and Kathy Phipps) provided technical assistance on oral health surveillance issues to the following states/territories: Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.
   - Brooke Mehner completed the 2024 Synopses report and updated the 2025 Synopses questionnaire including the online submission process.
   - Brooke Mehner updated the BRFSS/YRBS/PRAMS oral health questions document.
   - Kathy Phipps completed an analysis and three reports using data from the environmental scan of NOHI states and revised the environmental scan tool for the newly funded IOHI states. She participated in several webinars for the IOHI states.
   - Kathy Phipps used the publicly available 2022 BRFSS data set to generate state specific information on tooth loss and dental visits among adults with and without diabetes.
   - Chris Wood updated the focus area's logic model and workplan.

4. Describe the future activities planned by your committee:

   - Brooke Mehner will distribute the 2025 Synopses questionnaire with a due date of February 28, 2025.
   - Kathy Phipps will continue to assist Brooke Mehner as she gradually takes on more responsibilities.
   - Continue to provide technical assistance to states and territories as requested.
   - Work with DP-24-0048 states on data issues related to evidence-based prevention programs, diabetes and oral health, and community water fluoridation.
   - Given the recent increase in school/child refusals, work with state oral health programs, CDC, and other key stakeholders in rethinking the BSS model.

5. Describe any workgroups, their roles and activities: NA

6. List any unmet needs of your committee (e.g., members, funding, etc.): None