

The Lincoln County Oral Health Coalition

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Coalition Definition

- * **co·a·li·tion (kōə'liSH(ə)n) – noun**

- * An alliance for combined action

- * A group of people, groups, or countries who have joined together for a common purpose

- * The action or process of joining together with another or others for a common purpose

Statewide

- * **Oregon Oral Health Coalition (OrOHC)**

- * Mission Statement: “Improving general health through oral health for all Oregonians”
- * Goal: To serve as the central source for advocacy, information, and communication about oral health issues in Oregon. As a nonprofit with diverse stakeholders, OrOHC provides support and leadership to professional and advocacy groups, local and state government agencies, and other organizations working to achieve optimal oral health for all Oregonians.

Statewide

- * ***The Strategic Plan for Oral Health in Oregon: 2014-2020***
 - * The Strategic Plan highlights strategies that will deliver better care, better health and lower costs for Oregonians of all ages and backgrounds. It represents a collaborative effort by a diverse group of oral health advocates who understand that oral health is inseparable from overall health at every stage of life.
 - * The Strategic Plan targets three priority areas: Infrastructure, Prevention and Systems of Care, and Workforce Capacity.

Local

- * **Regional Oral Health Coalition**

- * Lincoln County

- * Linn County

- * Benton County

Local

- * ***Strategic Plan for Oral Health in Benton, Lincoln and Linn Counties: 2015-2020***
 - * Strategic Plan for Oral Health in Lincoln County: 2015-2020
 - * Infrastructure
 - * Prevention and Systems of Care
 - * Workforce Capacity

Local

- * **Lincoln County Oral Health Coalition (revived in 2015)**
 - * Mission Statement: “Community partners working together to improve the oral health of the people in Lincoln County.”
 - * Vision Statement: “Lincoln County residents’ health is improved through advocacy, provision of oral health education and increased equitable access to dental services.

Local

* Infrastructure

* Objective 1: Deliver better care, better health and lower costs

* Strategies:

- * Seek opportunities to expand and improve the region's oral health surveillance system
- * Collaborate with allies to build community capacity and engagement

* Objective 2: Facilitate equitable, appropriate and timely access to oral health prevention education for all

* Strategies:

- * Develop and promote alternatives to the costly use of hospital emergency departments and urgent care clinics for non-traumatic dental pain
- * Expand transportation options for low-income, uninsured and disadvantaged residents

Local

- * **Prevention and Systems of Care**

- * Objective 1: Implement evidence-based preventive strategies across the lifespan of residents

- * Strategies:

- * Support optimally fluoridated community water systems
 - * Include oral disease prevention in prenatal and pediatric programs
 - * Expand access to dental screenings and care for high-risk children
 - * Expand evidence-based, best-practice oral health programs for children and teens
 - * Integrate oral health with chronic disease prevention and management
 - * Expand community-based prevention, outreach and intervention to underserved and disadvantaged adults and seniors.

- * Objective 2: Achieve oral health literacy and understand that oral health is inseparable from overall health

- * Strategies:

- * Develop a culturally appropriate communications plan to educate all residents on oral health
 - * Integrate oral health education into general health education

Local

- * **Workforce Capacity**

- * Objective 1: Oral health workforce meets the lifelong needs of all residents, including underserved and vulnerable populations

- * Strategies:

- * Mitigate the dental workforce shortage in rural areas, high poverty hotspots and dental health professional shortage areas
- * Foster a culturally competent oral health workforce to serve the region's diverse communities

Successes

- * **Identified activities to implement identified strategies**
- * **Identified champions to oversee those activities**
- * **Identified target dates for implementation**

Roster

Confederated Tribes of Siletz	Lincoln County Schools
Dental Care Organizations (Advantage Dental, Capitol Dental Care)	Medical Teams International
Food Share of Lincoln County	Neighbors for Kids
Head Start	Oregon Oral Health Coalition (OrOHC)
Housing Authority	Public Health Advisory Council (retired)
Inter-Community Health Network CCO	Samaritan Health Services
Inter-Christian Outreach	United Way of Benton/Lincoln Counties
Lincoln County Health Center	

Ways You Can Help

- * **Get involved – Join the Coalition!**
- * **Use the Coalition as a resource**
- * **Keep the Coalition informed**
- * **Advocate for improved oral health in Lincoln County**