

WVDHA Involvement in Promoting Tobacco Prevention and Cessation 2023-2025 Timeframe

Date	Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Activity Examples: service project, health fair, educational event, article, social media education	Brief Description	Number of People Engaged	Collaborators and or Partners	County or Statewide Initiative or National Opportunity	WV Counties- Reach
3/20/24	AHEC Rural Community Health Scholars Southeastern Interprofessional Student Immersion: The Integration of Primary Care and Oral Health	Elizabeth Southern Puette, RDH, MSDH, CTTS, FADHA and Gina Sharps, MPH, RDH, CTTS, FADHA participated in a three day	16	WVU School of Dentistry WV School of Osteopathic Medicine WV AHEC 100 Million Mouths	State	Harrison Monongalia Raleigh Greenbrier

		immersion event and shared tobacco cessation resources with DO, pathology, and nursing students and provided education and training related to their role in tobacco cessation and triage with dental teams and tobacco treatment specialist.		Campaign WV Oral Health Coalition WV State Dental Director		
3/21/24	Community Health Fair, Clingham Center for Rural & Community Health Lewisburg WV	Health fair with Distribution of free "Freedom From Tobacco Be Smoke Free" Quick Series booklets, WV Quitline number and resources, Pfizer "Talking Quitting" booklets and	53	WVU School of Dentistry WV School of Osteopathic Medicine WV AHEC 100 Million Mouths Campaign WV Oral Health	County	Greenbrier

		one on one smoking cessation counseling provided by dental student volunteers, attending CTTS Gina Sharps RDH and Liz Puette RDH		Coalition		
10/14/23	Community Health Fair, IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH PARISH NURSE MINISTRY Clarksburg WV	12 one on one counseling for tobacco cessation methods Distribution of free Freedom From Tobacco Be Smoke Free Quick Series booklets, WV Quitline number and resources, Pfizer Talking Quitting booklets 46 self oral cancer	58 plus	WV Mountains of Hope Cancer Coalition WVU School of Dentistry 100 Million Mouths Campaign	County	Harrison Monongalia

		screening kits distributed with flashlight/mout h mirror and written instructions on how to perform monthly self screenings and when to see a DDS/suspicious lesions 16 oral cancer screenings			
1/19/24	TOBACCO EFFECTS ON ORAL HEALTH 2 hour CE course West Virginia Dental Association Mid Winter Meeting, Stonewall Resort	Juan M Bugueno, DDS, MS - Diplomate American Board of Oral Medicine, Department of Diagnostic Sciences West Virginia University School of Dentistry Elizabeth Southern Puette, DRDH, MSDH, CTTS,	WVU School of Dentistry, Department of Diagnostic Sciences WVU School of Dentistry, Department of Dental Hygiene Kerr, Wexford Health Sources Incorp, Shepherd Insurance & Financial	Statewide	Roanoke Monongalia Berkeley Greenbrier Nicholas Ohio Fayette Kanawha Cabell Wood Jefferson Putnam Wetzel Mercer Mineral

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Presentation on		
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cancer		
screenings,		
HPV vaccines		
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cancer, intra		
oral lesions		
associated with		
smoking and		
nicotine,		
cannabis,		
systemic effects		
of nicotine on		
periodontal		
health and		
implants,		
resources for		
provider CTTS		

		training and smoking cessation resources for patients				
8/16/2024	2024 West Virginia Oral Health Summit	The WV Oral Health Summit is the singular state-wide event in which the dental public health community can come together to network and learn about best practices and policy/advocacy work that are being conducted on both the state and national level.	116	Pallottine Foundation of Huntington West Virginia University School of Dentistry West Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association West Virginia Rural Health Association CareQuest Institute High Mark Foundation Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation	Statewide	

				SKYGEN Liberty Dental Plan UniCare		
Nov 1	Oral Cancer Screening Event as part of a Community Health Fair Clarksburg WV Immaculate Conception Parish	18 oral cancer screenings and one on one counseling to teach the importance of monthly self screenings, 18 monthly self oral cancer screening kits with instructions distributed, 15 one on one counseling for tobacco cessation methods, spiral bound smoking cessation and e cig cessation resources distributed	60 plus participants	WVU School of Dentistry 100 Million Mouths Campaign WV cohort funded by Delta Dental Community Care Foundation, WVU Cancer Institute, WV Mountains of Hope Cancer Coalition	County	Harrison

4/12/25	Oral Cancer Screening Event and Tobacco Cessation Education table setup as part of a REACH sponsored Community Health Fair •Capon Bridge Community Center 12pm-4pm •3223 Northwestern Pike, Capon Bridge, WV, 26711 •Intersection of Route 50 & Coldstream Road Capon Bridge, WV	6 people were screened 2 recommended for dental hygiene services 2 recommended for further evaluation and treatment by a dentist no lesions were referred for biopsy at this event Tobacco cessation materials on site One, one on one cessation/educatio n about chewing dip	6	WVU REACH (Respond, Engage, and Climb Higher" student success program WVU School of Dentistry 100 Million Mouths Campaign WV Mountains of Hope Cancer Coalition	State	Hampshire County
5/21	On behalf of WVDHA, urged that Juul settlement funding be directed towards tobacco education and the importance of tobacco education on oral health and overall wellness. Left Jason Williams a message, admin assistant to Gov Morrisey.	Last week, the federal and state funding that West Virginia receives for tobacco prevention and control was eliminated. American Lung Association		American Lung Association	State	

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sent out a call for advocacy. Requested calls to Governor urging to restore funding and we need to importance of preserving these critical and effective education programs. WVDHA Legislative Committee discussed and approved calling.		