

Spotlight On: Colorado Oral Health Network

The Colorado Oral Health Network (COHN) is comprised of 19 non-profit dental organizations operating 46 dental clinics that employ a total of 68 dentists and 42 dental hygienists, and serve more than 112,000 underserved patients.

COHN's safety network providers and supporters have been working together since 2001. The network's mission is to increase access to high quality oral health care for underserved Coloradans. COHN has accomplished this through a variety of actions, including:

- Quality improvement
- Development of outcome measures
- Collection of data across safety-net and non-profit clinics in the state
- Sharing best practices to improve outcomes
- Collaboration with partners in the medicine, dental and educational fields
- Planning and assessment to assure successful outcomes

Among its projects are the development of a dental library that houses a collection of forms, manuals and resources used by dental clinics and its annual Postcard Project, an educational series of postcards providing facts about oral health issues in Colorado.

COHN AND OHAC! recently agreed to merge in an effort to strengthen oral health's voice in Colorado. Supported by OHAC!, COHN will continue to focus on public policy, best practices and effective networking amongst its membership. Annual data collection from members will continue under a contract between OHAC! and the Colorado Community Health Network.

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