

Ryan White Grantee Technical Assistance Meeting
August 23 - 26, 2004
Washington, DC

Several sessions during the Ryan White Grantee Technical Assistance Meeting are planned to highlight oral health content. These will focus on offering technical assistance regarding oral health care issues that are most pertinent to CARE Act-supported dental programs, but any CARE Act-supported programs may find these TA opportunities of value.

For more information about these sessions, including exact dates and times, please email Barry Waterman, HRSA, at BWaterman@hrsa.gov or visit the conference website at <http://www.psava.com/rwca2004/general.asp>

Session #1: "Bringing Oral Health Care to the Community - Challenges and Strategies"

Lessons learned from efforts to initiate or expand Oral Health services in community-based clinics.

Learning Objectives: By the end of the session, participants will be able to describe

1. Challenges inherent in starting or expanding an oral health program for HIV+ patients.
2. Strategies to consider and pitfalls to avoid in starting or expanding an oral health program for HIV+ patients.
3. Resources to draw from in managing an oral health program for HIV+ patients.

Session #2: "Community-Based Dental Partnerships: Sharing of Learned Experiences from the First Two Years"

This technical assistance 'mini-institute', intended specifically for current Dental Partnership grant recipients and their program partners, will consist of two consecutive half-day sessions that will examine learned lessons and provide a focused opportunity for sharing of peer-to-peer expertise.

Learning Objectives: By the end of the sessions, participants will be able to describe

1. Challenges encountered in developing innovative programs of HIV Oral Health service delivery and Dental Provider training in community-based settings.
2. Lessons learned in developing and nurturing collaborative partnerships among dental education programs and community-based organizations.
3. Problem-solving and technical assistance strategies for managing community-based dental partnerships.

Session #3: "Dental Grantees' Open Session"

This open session will provide an opportunity for Dental Reimbursement and Community-Based Dental Partnership grant recipients to meet with their HAB Program Manager and Project Officers to discuss topics of mutual interest or concern, program direction and policy updates.

Session #4: "How to Create or Maintain a Successful Oral Health Program in Times of Dwindling Resources"

Oral health care for Ryan White CARE Act-eligible consumers remains a high unmet need nationwide. This interactive workshop will discuss the successes and challenges grantees encounter as they try to provide dental care in an environment of limited state and federal funds. The panel will include dentists and administrators from successful Ryan White CARE Act Title I, Title II and Part F-funded urban and rural oral healthcare programs. Participants are encouraged to discuss successful outcomes as well as barriers to providing care they face at the local level.

Learning Objectives: By the end of the sessions, participants will be able to describe

1. Concepts which have led to the creation and continued success of Ryan White CARE Act-funded oral health care programs.
2. Strategies for maintaining program integrity while managing fiscal challenges from the Title I, Title II and Part F perspective.
3. Methods of recruiting dentists to work with your programs.

Session #5: "Strategies for Developing Dental Programs Through Cross-Title Collaboration"

Oral Health care for HIV-positive clients consistently ranks as one of the top five unmet needs in surveys conducted throughout the nation. This interactive workshop will examine Ryan White dental programs which have been developed through the collaboration of Title, I, II, III and Part F-funded organizations. The participants will share the barriers and difficulties encountered in developing these programs and the strategies used to overcome the obstacles encountered.

Learning Objectives: By the end of the sessions, participants will be able to describe

1. Strategies used to develop dental programmes utilizing funding from Title I, II, III and Part F Grant Programs.
2. How to identify collaborative partnerships available at the local and state levels, to develop and support dental programs.

3. Learn from the experiences of individuals responsible for developing and managing existing Ryan White-funded dental programs.