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# San Francisco Dental Transformation Initiative

## Local Dental Pilot Project

### FAQ

#### **What does SF DTI LDPP stand for?**

SF DTI LDPP stands for San Francisco Dental Transformation Initiative Local Dental Pilot Project.

#### **What is DTI LDPP?**

Within the Medi-Cal 2020 Waiver, the Dental Transformation Initiative (DTI) represents a critical mechanism to improve dental health for Medi-Cal children by focusing on high-value care, improved access, and utilization of performance measures to drive delivery system reform. Local Dental Pilot Projects (LDPP) is part of [Domain 4](#) of DTI under the Medi-Cal 2020 Waiver. 15 LDPPs across the state of California were funded under Domain 4 to implement Local Dental Pilot Projects (LDPP) to improve dental health for Medi-Cal children by addressing goals of the [other 3 Domains](#) through alternative programs. San Francisco's proposal is one of the 15 LDPPs selected.

#### **Who is the Lead Entity for the SF DTI LDPP?**

San Francisco Department of Public Health serves as the lead entity of the SF DTI LDPP.

#### **Who are the partners of the SF DTI LDPP?**

San Francisco Department of Public Health is partnering with: AFL Enterprises, APA Family Support Services, Carecen, Cavity Free SF, NICOS Chinese Health Coalition, San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium, San Francisco Dental Society, San Francisco Unified School District, and UCSF on the SF DTI LDPP.

#### **What is the DTI LDPP that will be implemented in San Francisco?**

There are five pilots under the SF DTI LDPP. Through the implementation of the five pilots, SF DTI LDPP will seek to advance the oral health of children 0-5 years through increasing access to dental care for Denti-Cal beneficiaries; creation of culturally relevant health promotion messages; increasing interprofessional collaborative practice between primary care providers and dental service providers; and incentivizing dual users at Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC).

## **What are the 5 Pilots under SF DTI LDPP?**

The 5 pilots are:

Pilot 1: Access Collaborative—to increase preventive dental care utilization through quality improvement support for dental practices that serve 0-5 year old Denti-Cal beneficiaries

Pilot 2: Care Coordination—to improve care coordination through bilingual health workers to provide care coordination services specifically tailored to the needs of 0-5 year old Denti-Cal beneficiaries

Pilot 3: Health Promotion Messaging—to develop culturally relevant health promotion messaging aimed at caregivers of Denti-Cal beneficiaries 0-5 to increase preventive care utilization

Pilot 4: Interprofessional Collaborative Practice—to increase primary care providers' knowledge of dental referral resources in their practice area

Pilot 5: FQHC Dual Users Incentivization—to increase referrals between primary care and dental clinics in locally Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)

## **What is the duration of the SF DTI LDPP?**

SF DTI LDPP is a four-year long project, and it will run from Jul 2017 through Dec 2020.

## **How much funding is SF DTI LDPP receiving?**

SF DTI LDPP will receive \$5.8 million over the four years of the project.

## **What are some collective goals of the SF DTI LDPP?**

SF DTI LDPP has some overall citywide goals. They are:

- Increase the percentage of children on Denti-Cal ages 0-5 who receive a dental service during the year by 10% over 4 years to 58%
- Decrease the percentage of kindergarteners with untreated tooth decay by half, from 16% to 8% over 4 years
- Decrease the percentage of kindergarteners with caries experience by 5% to 30% over 4 years
- Close the gap in caries experience between white and non-white kindergarteners by 8%, from 32% to 24%, over 4 years

## **What is the background of SF DTI LDPP?**

- SF DTI LDPP is based on and informed by the [San Francisco Children Oral Health Strategic Plan](#) and the strategies of Cavity Free SF. In particular, the strategies

around Access, Integration, Promotion, and Evaluation inform the project activities and the pilots under the SF DTI LDPP.

### **Who is the Target Population?**

Our target population is the approximately 14,300 low-income San Francisco children ages 0 through 5 years who are Denti-Cal beneficiaries.

### **Why this Target Population?**

Recent data from comprehensive screening of kindergarteners in the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) and the [Community Health Assessment](#) conducted by SFDPH in 2016 has shown that untreated tooth decay rates and caries experience rates are increasing, from 32.1% in 2013 to 34.9% in 2015. Even more distressing, there are deep disparities in caries experience rates by race/ethnicity, with our children of color carrying the biggest burden of caries.

### **I am a parent of a Medi-Cal beneficiary 0-5 years old. How can I get involved?**

As the parent of a Medi-Cal beneficiary 0-5, know that your child can receive free dental preventive services through Denti-Cal. You can find list of Medi-Cal dental providers in San Francisco [here](#). You can also learn more about the dental practices and Federally Qualified Health Centers participating in the SF DTI LDPP [here](#).

### **I am a primary care provider. How can I get involved?**

As a primary care provider, or a staff at a primary care practice, you can participate in the Interprofessional Collaborative Practice under Pilot 4 to learn skills and knowledge to become an oral health champion for the patients you serve. You can contact [Christina Nip](#), DTI Program Coordinator at: [christina.nip@sfdph.org](mailto:christina.nip@sfdph.org) for more information.

### **I am a dental service provider. How can I get involved?**

As a dental service provider or a staff of a dental practice, you can participate in the Access Collaborative under Pilot 1 and receive quality improvement support for your dental practice to better serve Medi-Cal beneficiaries 0-5 years old at no cost. To support participation, dental practices will receive a scholarship for participation in the Collaborative. Please contact [Christina Nip](#), DTI Program Coordinator at: [christina.nip@sfdph.org](mailto:christina.nip@sfdph.org) for more information.

### **I am a community based organization. How can I get involved?**

SF DTI LDPP is partnering with Cavity Free SF and the Children's Oral Health Community Taskforces in underserved neighborhoods in the city. As a community based organization, you can potentially offer valuable insights into the oral health of the community you serve.

You can learn more about the work of Cavity Free SF or about the community taskforces [here](#). You can also subscribe [here](#) to our quarterly newsletter to stay informed on SF DTI LDPP updates.

**I am from a city department in San Francisco. How can I get involved?**

SF DTI LDPP is based on the foundational work of the Children’s Oral Health Strategic Plan and Cavity Free SF which is based on the principal of collective impact. If you serve children and families in San Francisco and have ideas on ways to partner, you can reach out to [Christina Nip](#), DTI Program Coordinator at: [christina.nip@sfdph.org](mailto:christina.nip@sfdph.org). You can also subscribe [here](#) to our quarterly newsletter to stay informed on SF DTI LDPP updates.

**How can I subscribe to the Quarterly DTI Newsletter?**

You can subscribe to get updates on the SF DTI LDPP through our quarterly newsletter [here](#) (<http://eepurl.com/c8pDKj>).

**I have more questions. Who can I contact?**

You can contact Christina Nip, DTI Program Coordinator by email at: [christina.nip@sfdph.org](mailto:christina.nip@sfdph.org), or by phone at (415) 575-5681 for more information.