



# Welcome to California OPEN

Webinar

July 31, 2019

# Housekeeping

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- Recording will be made available on the website post webinar
- If any issues, please email Aviva at [aprager@cpehn.org](mailto:aprager@cpehn.org)

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is now

California Oral Health  
Progress & Equity Network!  
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## California Oral Health Progress and Equity Network (CA-OPEN)

**We build a healthier state by making sure that all Californians have the keys to access good oral health.**

The California Oral Health Progress and Equity Network (CA-OPEN) is building collective power to ensure that good oral health is a fundamental right for all Californians. We bring people together – including providers, advocates, and policymakers – to exchange ideas, share resources and collaborate for oral health equity.

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## Resources

Our work educates policymakers about the links between oral health and our surroundings and opportunities. We need diverse voices to join us in this work. Find the resources you need to get educated to help make a difference.



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## JOIN CA-OPEN!

Get connected to California's network of oral health equity advocates. Sign up today to access our monthly newsletter, get information about upcoming events and webinars, and help us connect you with others.

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Send us your policy updates, events, and resources by [clicking here](#) or emailing [caopenoralhealth@gmail.com](mailto:caopenoralhealth@gmail.com).



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## Events

If you have an event you'd like posted for the network, please [submit it](#) at least 2 weeks in advance.

### July 2019

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#### [Welcome to CA OPEN, Formerly Known as the California Oral Health Network](#)

Join the California Oral Health Network on July 31st for an update on our new look and direction! Register today!

### Aug 2019

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#### [Annual Los Angeles Oral Health Summit](#)

On Thursday August 1st, 2019 the Los Angeles County Department [...]

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# CA-OPEN

**Who:** We are Californians who believe that achieving optimal oral health is necessary to improve overall health.

**What:** We are a network of diverse, engaged stakeholders committed to advancing oral health equity for all.

**How:** Using a social justice lens, we maximize our collective impact to advance systemic change for oral health equity by:

- Strengthening existing and creating new relationships
- Creating connections among people and resources
- Providing timely information and best practices
- Aligning state and local efforts.

# CA-OPEN

- **Values**

- Equity, Inclusion, Accountability, Visionary, Collective Action

- **Function**

- Influence oral health policy to be more equity centered
- Elevate voices through shared advocacy opportunities
- Expand community awareness and engagement in oral health advocacy through training and capacity building opportunities
- Align messages about the importance of equity in oral health and its impact on overall health



# CA-OPEN Structure

- **Statewide Connection Team:** works with the backbone to support the infrastructure of the Network.
- **Response Teams**
  - Governance
  - Communication & Engagement
  - Policy
- **Backbone Facilitator**
  - CPEHN

# Statewide Connection Team

CPEHN Staff	Work Group Members
Lead: Mihae	Amber Christ, Justice in Aging
Co-lead: Kiran	Doretha Williams-Flournoy, CBHN
Notetaker: Saili	Fatima Clark, Children Now
	Eileen Espejo, Children Now
	Hayam Megally, CVHPI
	Rebecca Alcantar, LCHC
	Marianna Yamamoto, AAAJ
	Heng Lam Fong, AAAJ
	Doreena Wong, AAAJ
	Paul Glassman, UOP
	Amanda Willard, CPCA
	Trong Le, CPCA
	Veronica Arciga Barriga, Vision y Compromiso
	Mayra Vega, SCOPE-LA
	Mayra Alvarez, The Children's Partnership

# CA-OPEN Policy Platform

These are the long-term changes we envision for oral health:

- Increased access to affordable, comprehensive, and culturally and linguistically appropriate health coverage and services that includes oral health.
- Better integration of public health and oral health to reduce health inequities.
- A diverse, integrated workforce to meet California's health care needs.
- Improved oral health systems that promote better patient and population health.

# 2019 Policy Priorities

- Health 4 All
- Language Access
- Virtual Dental Homes
- Sugary Sweetened Beverages
- Prop. 56 monitoring

# How to Engage

- Join CA-OPEN!
  - Quick Bites Monthly E-Newsletter
- Webinar Opportunities
  - Annual policy roundup
  - Social Determinants of Health and Oral Health
- Survey: Fill out participation survey  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FGBMT7K>.
  - Let us know if you are interested in joining a response team or have information and resources to share
- Share a resource: [caopenoralhealth@gmail.com](mailto:caopenoralhealth@gmail.com)

## Quick Bites

June 2019 Oral Health Updates

### Policy Updates

New Bill in Congress Would Improve Access to Dental Care for Seniors, People with Disabilities, and Low-Income Populations

Click [HERE](#) to read about the Medicare and Medicaid Dental, Vision, and Hearing Benefit Act of 2019, S. 1423, which would add a dental benefit to Medicare and increase reimbursement to states that choose to cover adult dental benefits in their Medicaid program.

Language Access Issues with Medi-Cal Dental Comment Letter

On June 10th, advocates submitted a joint comment letter to the Department of Health Care Services Medi-Cal Dental Division regarding concerns around language access issues for limited English proficient members seeking Medi-Cal dental services. Click [HERE](#) to read the comment letter.

If you have any questions, please contact Carolina Valle, Policy Manager at California Pan-Ethnic Health Network at [cvall@open.org](mailto:cvall@open.org).

### Advocacy Updates

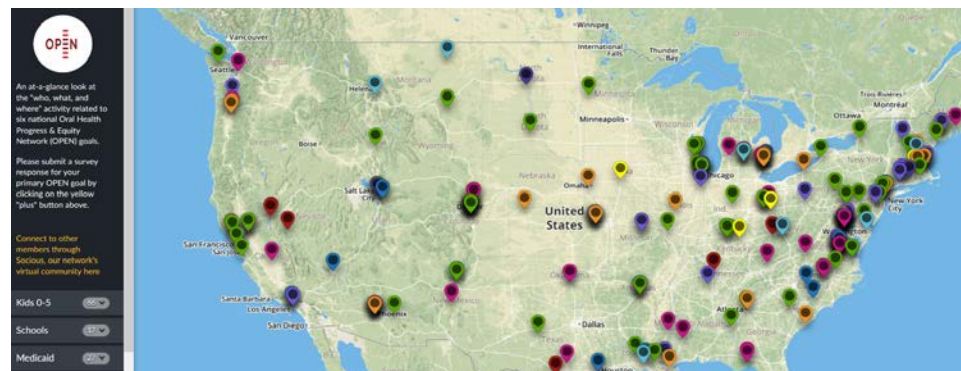
Call to Action: Increase Funding for Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Division of Oral Health

# National OPEN

- Oral Health Progress & Equity Network (OPEN) is a national network of organizations, individuals, coalitions, and others that support oral health equity.
- Join OPEN at [www.oralhealth.network](http://www.oralhealth.network)



## Place yourself on the Virtual Roadmap





# Questions and Thank You

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