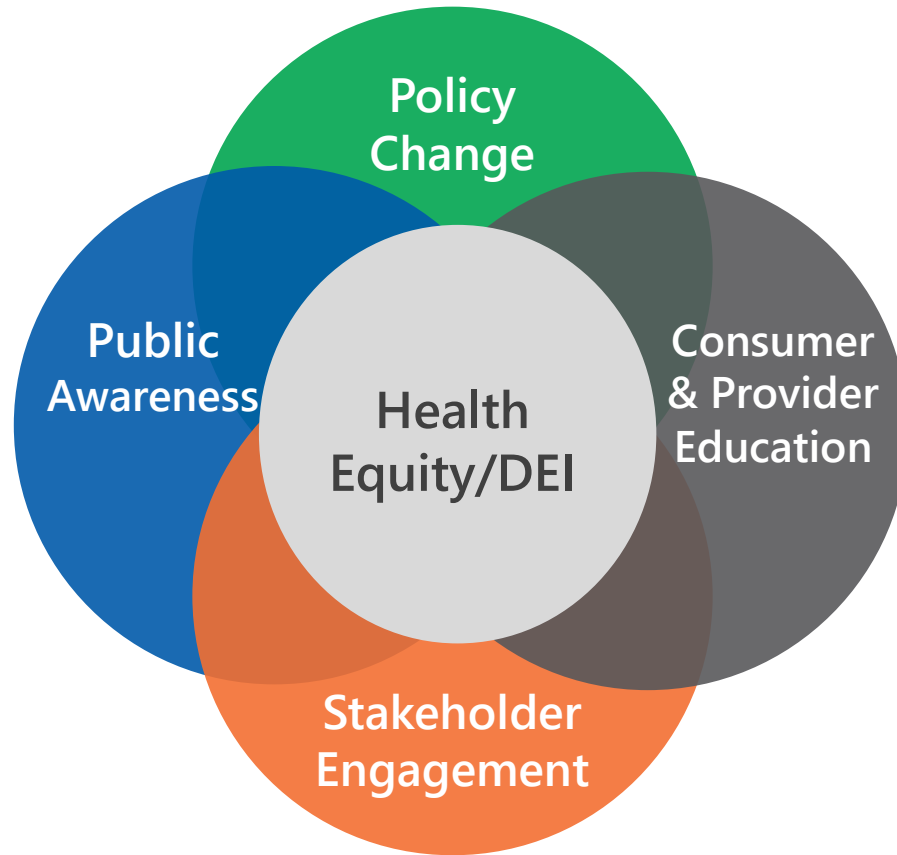


# Oral Health Kansas Mission

To improve oral health in Kansas through advocacy, public awareness and education.





ORAL HEALTH KANSAS

# Theory of Change

### Challenges

- Less than half of children enrolled in KanCare receive dental care they need
- Half of Kansas third graders experience tooth decay
- 1 out of 7 older Kansans has lost all their teeth
- Less than two-thirds of Kansans have access to fluoridated water
- Marginalized populations are less likely to have dental insurance
- The necessary infrastructure for stakeholder engagement and policy change is difficult to maintain

*Click on the challenges to see details about the causes of each.*

### Strategies

- Stakeholder engagement
- Policy change
- Public awareness
- Education

### Stakeholder Intermediate Outcomes

- Increase engagement with Dental Champion alumni, schools, health and equity coalitions, and communities of color
- Increase consumer voices through a lived experience advisory council

### Policy Intermediate Outcomes

- Increase Medicaid and Medicare dental benefits for adults
- Increase the dental provider network for marginalized populations
- Increase the diversity of the dental workforce
- Increase number of communities with community water fluoridation
- Increase access to drinking water
- Increase access to oral health supplies for low-income populations

### Awareness Intermediate Outcomes

- Increase understanding of importance of oral health to overall health
- Increase understanding of disparities in health outcomes for marginalized populations

### Education Intermediate Outcomes

- Increase people's knowledge of how to take care of their oral health
- Increase providers' willingness to accept Medicaid
- Increase understanding of the value of community water fluoridation among water operators and the general public.



### Stakeholder Long-term Outcome

Increase diverse community involvement in oral health education and advocacy

### Policy Long-term Outcomes

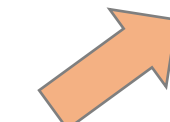
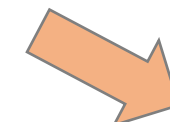
- Increase financial capacity to pay for dental care
- Increase access to dental providers
- Increase access to resources to maintain oral health

### Public Awareness Long-term Outcome

Oral health is viewed as an integral part of overall health

### Education Long-term Outcomes

- Increase confidence to make positive health decisions
- Increase the Medicaid dental provider network
- Increase promotion of community water fluoridation



### Long-term Impact

Improved oral health of all Kansans, with an emphasis on people who have been marginalized