

Victorian Action Plan to Prevent Oral Disease

Annual progress update 2022-23

PRIORITY AREA 1 | Improve the oral health of children

healthy families
healthy smiles

496

professionals and tertiary students took part in professional development activities to build capacity in oral health.



All Victorian government schools have been invited to participate in Smile Squad.

Smile Squad visited

454

schools providing

61,745

visits for students

Community Dental Agencies

Access Health and Community partnered with University of Melbourne as part of an Innovation Project to develop strategies to improve oral healthcare for the families of children with disabilities or developmental concerns



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PRIORITY AREA 2 | Promote healthy environments



775

 early childhood services and

60,657

 children participated in the program

across 55 local government areas



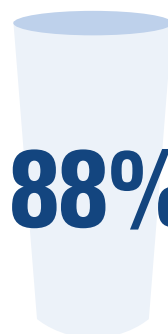
9,729

children screened, with 2,410 receiving a referral for follow up care.

Local Public Health Units



The **nine** local public health units established oral health promotion as a priority



88%

Victorian Department of Health Nutrition Unit

of health services removed sugary drinks from in-house retail outlets, vending machines and catering under the Healthy Choices: policy directive for Victorian public health services

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Over **30,000** oral health resources were distributed, with an estimated reach of **9,500 families**

Community Dental Agencies

Bass Coast Health, Bellarine Community Health and Inspiro Community Health promoted key message around cessation of vaping, e-cigarettes and tobacco to schools and youth hubs.



Grampians Health supported aged care staff to improve the oral health of residents



Banyule Community Health worked with Banyule City Council to advocate for oral health and healthy eating as a priority in council planning

Your Community Health led a project to improve oral health literacy and dental status of

500+

substance use individuals, supported by the Healthier Smiles Community Service Grant



dental health
services victoria
oral health for better health

Policy team published

5

journal articles with a focus on driving value-based health care, the prevention of oral diseases and policy to enable good oral health.



VACCHO led a statewide community consultation process including **250** instances of engagement to inform a report and strategy to improve oral health equity for Victorian Aboriginal Communities.

VACCHO, LMARG, DHSV, RMIT

In a Victorian first, **8** Aboriginal Health Practitioners were trained and registered to apply fluoride varnish to children.

