KOHC June Quarterly Meeting

Friday, June 14th, 2024

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Meeting Agenda

• Welcome and Introductions
• Spotlight Presentations
  • Lincoln Trail District Health Department
  • Safe Harbor of Northeast Kentucky
• 2024 Coalition Project Updates
• Member Updates
• Member discussion: 2025 coalition priorities
• Closing
KOHC 2024 Funding Spotlights

- At the end of 2023 KOHC accepted applications to provide funding support for oral health projects that support KOHC’s goals.
- Two partners were selected and are more than halfway through their projects:
  - Safe Harbor of Northeast Kentucky
  - Lincoln District Health Department
Safe Harbor of Northeast Kentucky
Oral Health Project
SAFE HARBOR
OF NORTHEAST
KENTUCKY

Safe Harbor is dedicated to eliminating domestic violence through prevention, education, and intervention.
Domestic Violence Statistics

- 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner
- 1 in 3 women & 1 in 4 men have been victims
- 19% of domestic violence involves a weapon
- 20,000 phone calls placed to domestic violence hotlines daily
- Intimate partner violence accounts for 15% of all violent crime
- Women between the ages of 18-24 are most commonly abused

The impact that domestic violence is having on our society can be very scary with some of the new statistics that’s coming out.

Children are subject to the abuse as well, while also witnessing the psychological and physical abuse that their mothers or fathers endure.

At Safe Harbor we are providing comprehensive programs to meet the needs of all individuals who are suffering from abuse.
Throughout The Years

Safe Harbor staff has helped more than 20,000 women, men & children find new lives through our three-tiered program.

- **Emergency Shelter**: Focuses on meeting residents with immediate needs.
- **Transitional Shelter**: Focuses on helping residents develop and implement a comprehensive life plan.
- **Continuum of Care**: Offers permanent supportive housing, which includes one, two, and three bedroom HUD administered apartments at Harbor Hill.
Safe Harbor operates its programs on a beautiful setting, setting on more than 20 acres of land. This idyllic setting helps provide our residents with the safety they need, as well as being surrounded by the beauty of nature.
About Safe Harbor

• We were founded more than four decades ago, and today we are one of the largest domestic violence shelters in the Commonwealth.

• We are a leader, not only in KY, but also in the nation, due to us being able to offer the three tiered “Continuum of Care” approach when working with our survivors of domestic violence.

• Unlike some shelters that offer short-term emergency stays, there is no limit to the amount of time a survivor can stay in our shelter.

• We also offer all services whether clients are in shelter and we make referrals to community partners. All services are free of charge.

• Our transitional program is offered for up to two years to our clients, once their emergency needs are met if they wish to stay in our program.

• Throughout the transitional period we offer a wide range of services that help clients redefine their life, including: returning to school, finding a job, financial literacy, credit repair, and securing permanent housing while receiving comprehensive case management.
Oral Health Project
The KOHC Grant has been an amazing opportunity for the clients of Safe Harbor to be able to obtain dental care and dentures. Many individuals who enter our shelter have never been to a dentist or have lost all their teeth and not been able to replace them with dentures due to financial issues.
The smile on the clients faces when they receive their new teeth is the greatest impact and the opportunity for them to be able to go out and get a job. Many individuals will not hire people who do not have teeth.
Safe Harbor was fortunate to find a dentist who is very willing to help us in any way he can. The clients are so happy to be able to smile again and to go out and find a job. It gives them a sense of confidence that they lacked before from being self-conscious of their teeth situation.
Safe Harbor has served 7 individuals during this time period. We have served clients in all five counties, Boyd, Carter, Greenup, Lawrence and Elliott.

Total Individuals Served: 7
Ages 21-45 Race - White
Language - English
2 employed; 5 unemployed
This funding has played an important role in our clients’ self-esteem and allowed them to be able to smile again and obtain jobs, that before they felt they were not able to due to their teeth. This has been a huge part in their healing emotionally and psychologically. These women have stated that they felt ugly before and now all they can do is smile! This grant has been a life changer for these women.
Sometimes all it takes is a smile to make everything feel better.

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Sometimes the best revenge is to smile and move on.

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Kentucky Oral Health Coalition grant

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Project goals

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- Provide linkage to Medicaid accepting dentists and specialty clinics
- Build new partnership with intellectually and developmentally disabled (IDD) population
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Developmental and Intellectual disabilities program

- One of fourteen community mental health centers in Kentucky
- Provides services for adults 21 years and older with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- 196 participants
- 5 county sites in the Lincoln Trail District Health Department area: Hardin, Marion, Meade, Nelson, and Washington
Sessions

Pre-test to collect data related to oral health behaviors and knowledge

Session 1 - Sugar and Tooth Decay

Session 2 – Bacteria and Gum Disease

Session 3 – How to Brush and Floss

Caregiver sessions (following Session 3) – review of Caregiver Guide

Post-test to measure knowledge gains and/or positive oral health behavior changes
Caregiver Sessions

Practical Oral Care for People with Developmental Disabilities

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

National Institute of Health

National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research
Hygiene tools and products
Materials Provided to Participants
Dental Practices accepting medicaid and specialty practices

- List of dental practices currently accepting Medicaid insurance in the Lincoln Trail District area will be provided to all participants and caregivers

Also included:
- U of L School of Dentistry
- UK Dental Clinics
- Lee Specialty Clinic (Louisville)
- Hazelwood Specialty Clinic (Louisville)
- Oakwood Specialty Clinic (Somerset)
Thank you!
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KOHC Project Updates

- NEW educational resources out now
- NEW webpage launched
- Upcoming meetings:
  - September virtual meeting
  - December annual meeting - in person!
KOHC Project Updates

NEW webpage - Oral Health Resource Hub
State and national oral health organizations and resources
Oral health educational flyers
Oral health data and research

NEW educational materials from KOHC
Dental Insurance 101
Oral Health & Pregnancy
Oral Health & Children
Oral Health for Older Adults
Substance Use & Oral Health

NEW member option to order printed materials
Member Updates

Please share upcoming events and updates with the coalition
2025 Coalition Policy Priority Discussion
Workforce

- Scope of practice/practice setting
  - PHRDH practice setting expansion
- Medicaid rates
Prevention

- Protecting Community water fluoridation
- Expanding fluoride varnish utilization
• Mobile dental programs
  • Supporting payment for billing/referrals
  • Educational campaign to increase understanding and utilization
• What resonates with you about the listed categories/priority ideas?
• What’s missing?
• Are there policies that rise to the top for KOHC to prioritize in 2025?
• Is your organization planning to prioritize any of these items?
• Are there other ideas not listed here that should be considered?
Group Discussion
What’s Next?

- Make a plan to engage with your legislators in the interim (June-December)
- Tune in to interim committee and task force meetings
- Check out materials from KOHC leading up to the legislative session
- Share with your networks to engage advocates in supporting these priorities
Thank you for Joining!

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