2017 Nebraska Public Health Authorization Dental Services Report

One hundred seventeen (117) registered dental hygienists (RDH) were mailed questionnaires regarding usage of the Public Health Authorization (PHA) or Public Health Authorization-Child (PHA-C) during 2017. The 117 included RDHs who either held a PHA or PHA-C permit at the end of 2017 (87) or those whose permit expired during 2017 (30).

Of the 117 RDH sent questionnaires, 100 held a PHA and 17 held PHA-C. Eighty-nine (89) responses were received, 80 PHA and 9 PHA-C, reflecting a 76% response.

Forty-five (45) RDHs reported they provided services in 2017, indicating that 38.5% of the total RDHs who held a PHA or PHA-C during 2017 utilized the permit. Services were provided in 60 of the 93 counties in Nebraska. Services were provided in the following locations (number of RDHs reporting this location type):

Nursing Facility (14)
School-Based Preventative Health Program (38)
Federal, State or Local Public Health Department or Clinic (9)
Community Health Center (5)
Assisted Living (12)
Other (6 total) - Head Start (23)
WIC (12)
Daycare (3)
Preschool at Church (1)
VA/Tribal (1)
Did not specify (1)

No services were reported in the following allowable settings: Correctional Facility, Hospital, and Tribal Clinic.

Provided services are broken down by age range as seen in the tables below.

10 of the 45 RDHs providing services did not record Preliminary Charting and Screening service numbers.

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2017 Preliminary Charting and Screening Breakdown by Age					
Total: 26,825					
Age Range	0 to 5	6 to 18	19 to 64	65+	
Total Service Provided	8,514	17,243	429	639	

2017 Oral Health Education to Recipient Breakdown by Age					
Total: 18,723					
Age Range	0 to 5	6 to 18	19 to 64	65+	
Total Service Provided	6,015	10,828	1,063	817	

2017 Oral Health Education to Caregiver Breakdown by Age					
Total: 3,438					
Age Range	0 to 5	6 to 18	19 to 64	65+	
Total Service Provided	1,137	1,214	831	256	

Oral Health Education provided is Group Settings: 295 presentations total.

The total number of workshops provided in 2017 was 233. Age information was not included.

The total number of in-service trainings in 2017 was 62. Age information was not included.

2017 Oral Prophylaxis Breakdown by Age					
Total: 2,983					
Age Range	0 to 5	6 to 18	19 to 64	65+	
Total Service Provided	306	519	1,090	1,068	

2017 Pulp Vitality Testing Breakdown by Age					
Total: 0					
Age Range	0 to 5	6 to 18	19 to 64	65+	
Total Service Provided	0	0	0	0	

2017 Topical Fluorides Breakdown by Age				
Total: 21,917				
Age Range	0 to 5	6 to 18	19 to 64	65+
Total Service Provided	8,078	12,195	792	852

2017 Other Topical Agents Breakdown by Age				
Total: 1,492				
Age Range	0 to 5	6 to 18	19 to 64	65+
Total Service Provided	260	133	30	1,069

2017 Sealants Breakdown by Age				
Total: 19,523				
Age Range	0 to 5	6 to 18	19 to 64	65+
Total Service Provided	7,387	12,136	0	0

2017 Advised Patient Breakdown by Age				
Total: 24,656				
Age Range	0 to 5	6 to 18	19 to 64	65+
Total Service Provided	7,391	15,810	698	757