

# **Community Water Fluoridation Toolkit**

### **Toolkits & Communication Resources**

#### **NACCHO Communications Toolkit**

 Provides fact sheets, myth-busting materials, and social media templates tailored for local health departments.

#### Missouri Coalition Toolkit

 Offers cost-benefit analyses, educational materials, and case studies demonstrating fluoridation's effectiveness.

#### California Fluoridation Manual

• A practical guide for water system operators and public health officials, emphasizing collaboration with community partners.

#### Fluoride for Smiles Advocate Toolkit

 Provides resources for community members to advocate for fluoridated water, including templates for outreach to policymakers.

#### Campaign for Dental Health Toolkit

 Includes sample testimony, social media graphics, letters to the editor, and public engagement templates.

#### Virginia Health Catalyst Fluoridation Toolbox

 Provides resources for health professionals to educate patients and communities about water fluoridation.

## Scientific Research & Public Health Evidence

#### **CDC Fluoridation Overview**

 Details the safety, effectiveness, and cost-efficiency of fluoridation, highlighting its role in reducing tooth decay.

#### Fluoridation Trends

 Analyzes compliance with fluoride concentration standards and trends in population exposure to optimally fluoridated water.

#### International Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research

 Summarizes systematic reviews demonstrating the effectiveness of water fluoridation in reducing dental caries.

#### JADA Systematic Review

Provides a comprehensive review of recent research on the effectiveness and safety of fluoridation.

#### Community Guide Task Force Recommendation

 Recommends fluoridation based on systematic review findings on its effectiveness in preventing dental caries.

#### Cochrane Review on Water Fluoridation

A comprehensive systematic review of water fluoridation's effectiveness.

#### Journal of Public Health Dentistry

Examines the role of CWF in public health infrastructure and its impact on health equity.

## **Professional & Advocacy Resources**

#### CareQuest Institute for Oral Health Fluoridation Resources

Highlights fluoride states, industry resources, and recent webinars

#### **ADA Fluoridation Resources**

 Offers articles, videos, and statements on the value of fluoridating public water supplies to fight tooth decay.

#### AAPD Fluoridation Support Letter (PDF)

A joint letter by 250 organizations supporting community water fluoridation as safe and effective.

#### **APHA Fluoridation Policy**

 Highlights fluoridation as a safe, effective, and cost-saving public health measure for preventing tooth decay.

### AAP Policy on Fluoride

Official guidance from the American Academy of Pediatrics supporting fluoride use for children.

#### World Health Organization – Fluoride and Oral Health

World Health Organization fact sheet promoting fluoride as a key tool in oral health.

#### Fluoride Action Network (Opposition)

• A resource to understand the arguments made by opponents of fluoridation.

## **Supportive Media Coverage**

#### Stateline- Pew Article

News report on the effectiveness of fluoridation and legislative attempts to end mandates.

#### <u>Scientific American – What the Evidence Says</u>

Feature article debunking popular fluoride myths and summarizing the scientific consensus.

#### Washington Post – RFK Jr. Fluoride Claim Analysis

News analysis of political challenges to fluoridation and a summary of what research shows.

#### **ADA News Editorial**

ADA editorial urging continued support for fluoridation in light of public health data.

## **Countering Misinformation & Opposition**

### FluorideExposed.org - Debunking Myths

Educational site countering common myths about fluoride with evidence-based science.

#### Science Based Medicine - Fluoride Articles

Articles from medical experts addressing misinformation and explaining fluoride science.

## **Case Studies & Testimonies**

### Durango, CO Fluoride Vote Result

• Durango, CO case where voters rejected a ballot initiative to end fluoridation.