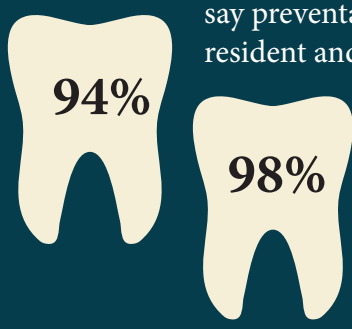


Maine's Oral Team-Based Initiative: Vital Access to Education (MOTIVATE) Needs Assessment Findings: Oral Health in Long-Term Care

To inform improvements in oral health in long-term care, MOTIVATE surveyed and conducted focus groups with over 400 administrators, staff, residents, and family members to learn about oral health care needs.

Long-term care (LTC) administrative staff view oral healthcare as a component of good resident care that fits with their LTC home mission.



say preventative oral healthcare is important to resident and family satisfaction.

say consistent, preventative oral health care has a positive impact on overall health of residents.

There is room for growth in promoting interprofessional education and interprofessional collaborative practice oral health care.



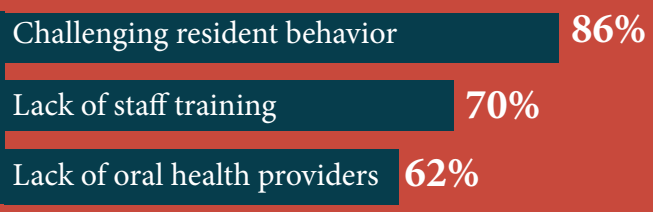
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LTC direct care staff surveyed disagreed that every member of the care team has a clear role in providing oral health care to residents. In fact, each member of the interprofessional health care teams brings unique knowledge and skills to oral health care.

84%

feel that improving interprofessional collaboration is important.

Respondents identified clear barriers to good oral health care in LTC facilities.



There is a desire for more training in oral health care.



Staff have identified their priorities for training.

How to uncover problems residents don't tell us

Working with challenging patients

Quick fixes for oral health problems

When to wait and when to act

MOTIVATE is translating research findings into action.

Findings are informing the design and implementation of the MOTIVATE education and collaborative practice model. To learn more about the program visit:

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