



Work with AIDPH in the Veteran Oral Health Strategy Lab

Across the US, many organizations are working to improve veteran access to dental care and oral health resources. These efforts often face common challenges: navigating fragmented systems of care, interpreting complex data, designing effective programs, and translating research into policy and practice. To help organizations with complex problems, and formulate nuanced solutions, the American Institute on Disparities in Public Health (AIDPH) has created the Veteran Oral Health Strategy Lab. The VOH Strategy Lab uses AIDPH's experience and expertise to support partners working at the local, state, and national levels by providing tailored guidance to programs that serve veterans.

What is Technical Assistance and Capacity Building?

Technical assistance provides expert guidance to help organizations address specific challenges or refine their programs. Capacity building focuses on strengthening the knowledge, tools, and strategies organizations need to sustain and expand their impact.

Together, these supports help organizations move from ideas to implementation by offering practical insight, informed strategy, and access to specialized expertise.

WHO CAN JOIN THE STRATEGY LAB?

This opportunity is designed for smaller nonprofit and community organizations, typically with operating budgets of \$1 million or less, that are seeking short-term, project-based support to address a specific challenge or opportunity.

Organizations may be working on:

- » Expanding access to oral health services for veterans
- » Developing new programs or partnerships
- » Strengthening advocacy or policy efforts
- » Improving data, evaluation, or research capacity
- » Building organizational leadership or sustainability

Types of Support Available

AIDPH strives to create a customized and tailored technical assistance experience for each Strategy Lab participant. This program is designed to be short-term for organizations with a clearly defined project, an understanding of their "ask," and readiness to brainstorm the path forward with support from AIDPH. Examples of this support include:

- » **Program Development:** Advising on the design, structure, or expansion of initiatives that improve access to dental care for veterans.
- » **Research and Data Strategy:** Guidance on identifying relevant data sources, developing research questions, and designing studies related to veteran oral health.
- » **Data Interpretation and Communication:** Support interpreting public health or health system data and translating findings into clear insights for decision-makers.
- » **Policy and Advocacy Strategy:** Assistance using evidence to inform policy recommendations, advocacy strategies, and stakeholder engagement.
- » **Coalition and Stakeholder Engagement:** Guidance on building partnerships and coordinating stakeholders working to improve veteran oral health.

HOW CAN I JOIN THE VETERAN ORAL HEALTH STRATEGY LAB?

Support through the Veteran Oral Health Strategy Lab is limited and offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Assistance may include consultation meetings, feedback on program materials, or strategic guidance tailored to the needs of each participating organization. Organizations interested in receiving technical assistance can submit a brief request form describing their organization and the type of support they are seeking.



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