

Strengths and Supports Supporting Vision

- Existing relationships within the community
- Some of the infrastructure already exists, but need to integrate Hygienists into it.

Barriers to Vision

- Funding, reimbursement, insurance, billing (e.g., 90% of Hygienists have no knowledge of reimbursement)
- Coordination between PCPs and Dentists is poor
- Education of the dentist
 - Understanding the extent of unmet needs of oral health
 - Loss of control of dental practice
 - Not open-minded
 - Lack of understanding of dentistry in the “Public Health Setting”
 - Lack of exposure to other models of dental practice
- PCP lack of knowledge on importance of oral health
- Patient lack of knowledge on importance of oral health