

2018 Nebraska Public Health Authorization Dental Services Report

One hundred and ten (110) registered dental hygienists (RDH) were mailed questionnaires regarding usage of the Public Health Authorization (PHA) or Public Health Authorization-Child (PHA-C) during 2018. The 110 included RDHs who either held a PHA or PHA-C permit at the end of 2018. No permits expired during 2018.

Of the 110 RDH sent questionnaires, 96 held a PHA and 14 held PHA-C. Eighty-six (86) responses were received, 78 PHA and 8 PHA-C, reflecting a 78% response.

Forty-three (43) RDHs provided services in 2018, indicating that 39.1% of RDHs who held a PHA or PHA-C during 2018 utilized the permit. Services were provided in 64 of the 93 counties in Nebraska. Services were provided in the following locations (number of RDHs reporting this location type):

- Nursing Facility (12)
- School-Based Preventative Health Program (37)
- Federal, State or Local Public Health Department or Clinic (5)
- Community Health Center (5)
- Assisted Living (10)
- Tribal Clinic (1)
- Other –
 - Head Start (16)
 - WIC (10)
 - Daycare (2)
 - Private Practice (1)
 - Preschool (1)

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

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

2018 Preliminary Charting and Screening Breakdown by Age				
Total: 25,761				
Age Range	0 to 5	6 to 18	19 to 64	65+
Total Service Provided	5,367	15,812	561	4,021

Seven (7) of the 43 RDHs providing services did not record Preliminary Charting and Screening service numbers.

2018 Oral Health Education to Recipient Breakdown by Age				
Total: 29,785				
Age Range	0 to 5	6 to 18	19 to 64	65+
Total Service Provided	4,970	19,383	1,612	3,820

2018 Oral Health Education to Caregiver Breakdown by Age				
Total: 7,958				
Age Range	0 to 5	6 to 18	19 to 64	65+
Total Service Provided	1,425	2,920	191	3,422

Oral Health Education provided is Group Settings: 302 presentations total.
 The total number of workshops provided in 2018 was 266. Age information was not included.
 The total number of in-service trainings in 2018 was 36. Age information was not included.

2018 Oral Prophylaxis Breakdown by Age				
Total: 1,397				
Age Range	0 to 5	6 to 18	19 to 64	65+
Total Service Provided	70	311	345	671

2018 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

2018 Topical Fluorides Breakdown by Age				
Total: 20,157				
Age Range	0 to 5	6 to 18	19 to 64	65+
Total Service Provided	4,556	14,135	485	981

2018 Other Topical Agents Breakdown by Age				
Total: 601				
Age Range	0 to 5	6 to 18	19 to 64	65+
Total Service Provided	439	40	0	122

2018 Sealants Breakdown by Age				
Total: 14,939				
Age Range	0 to 5	6 to 18	19 to 64	65+
Total Service Provided	2,990	11,949	0	0

2018 Advised Patient Breakdown by Age				
Total: 14,512				
Age Range	0 to 5	6 to 18	19 to 64	65+
Total Service Provided	3,930	7,025	173	3,384

Twenty-two (22) of the 43 RDHs providing services did not record counts for "patients or recipients of service they advised that such services are preventative in nature and do not constitute comprehensive dental diagnosis and care."