Providing optimal oral health treatment for children and young people in out of home care

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Case for change
Children and Young People in out of home care come from a background of abuse and trauma

Goal
To ensure all children and young people on the OOHC Health Pathway Program, who access public oral health, have timely access to optimal clinical treatment and preventive oral health care

Objectives
- 100% of all children on the OOHC Health Pathway Program will receive preventive oral health care by December 2017
- 100% of all children on the OOHC Health Pathway Program will be offered an oral health examination by December 2017
- 100% of all oral health outcome reports are received by the OOHC Coordinator

Method
Data Analysis  Process Mapping  Patient Interviews  Staff Consultation

Results

Diagnostics

Variation in access to oral health  No trauma focused service provision  Variations in clinical care provided  Low compliance to reporting process

Solution Child Centred Oral Health Care

Reports forwarded to OOHC Coordinators
Time to Provide Clinical Best Practice
Trauma Informed Service Delivery
Co-designed Care Plan

Trauma informed service provision
- Information given to child about service
- Stress balls provided
- Child’s readiness for treatment identified
- Specialised training provided to clinicians

Monitoring Change

ORAL HEALTH LEVELS OF CARE

Sustaining Change

Governance provided by Senior Management  Sustaining Change  Monthly compliance reporting

Conclusion
The Grin & Grow Preventive Model of Care will be implemented at all sites across Murrumbidgee and Southern NSW LHDs. It has the potential to be adopted State-wide and be included in the Health Assessment of Children and Young People in Out-of-Home-Care (Clinical Practice Guidelines).