To assist on-reserve First Nations people in achieving optimal dental health.

# Goal To red

## To reduce the rate of dental disease through a prevention program

1. Prevention

## Target Group

School-aged children; other community members

## Resources

Dental therapist; community health staff, teachers

## Activities

Objectives: Provide educational/promotional information & materials; nutritional counselling; school fluoride & daily brush programs; preschool duraflur program; oral hygiene instruction; perform prophy, sealants, scaling, fluoride, mouth guard, denture care <a href="Indicators">Indicators</a>: # of materials distributed; # nutritional & oral hygiene sessions held, # attending; # children in fluoride, duraflur & daily brush programs; # of services performed

## Short-term Outcomes

<u>Objectives</u>: Provide childhood caries awareness, prevention and treatment; provide oral health awareness

Indicators: # of people aware of prevention and treatment of childhood caries; decrease in % of childhood caries; # of people who practice good oral health; decrease in % of people with dental diseases

## Long-term Outcomes

Objectives: Increase good oral health practices by community members Indicators: Increased % of community members with good oral health practices; decrease in def/dmf for 6 and 12 year olds and in # of children receiving G.A. for caries

## 2. TREATMENT

To provide quality restorative treatment services

Pre-school and school-aged children; other community members

Dental therapist; community health staff, teachers

Objectives: Provide school fluoride & preschool duraflur programs; provide quality restorative treatments; provide referrals; provide treatment information to patients <a href="Indicators">Indicators</a>: # of children receiveing fluoride & duraflur treatments; # of restorative treatments performed; # of referrals made, completed and followed-up; % of visits that include treatment information

Objectives: Provide preventative and emergency treatment to preschoolers; provide school-based program to children with consents; provide adult emergency services <a href="Indicators">Indicators</a>: # of preschool and school-aged children treated & needs met; # of adult emergency services performed and needs met; # of treatment plans completed

Objectives: Maintain and improve the dental health of community members Indicators: Increased % of community members with good dental health & who retain dentition; decrease in def/dmf of 6 and 12 year

olds

#### 3. DENTAL THERAPIST SUPPORT

To provide ongoing education and support to dental therapists

Dental therapists

Senior Dental Therapist, dentists

<u>Objectives</u>: Provide updated manuals, regulations, standardized equipment/supplies; provide in-service education; do program evaluations, review reports & records; share information; assist in problem solving; provide access to a DDS

<u>Indicators</u>: % of therapists with current manuals, regulations & standardized equipment/supplies; # with current education; # in-services provided, # attending; # evaluations/reviews conducted; # contacts made; # with access to DDS

Objectives: Provide therapists with continuing education, support, and orientation packages Indicators: # of educational opportunities, # attending; # therapists up-to-date on current knowledge and trends; # of support activities; # of therapists given orientation packages

Objectives: Therapists maintain licensing standards; have understanding of their role; provide high quality dental services Indicators: % of therapists who meet current licensing standards; % of therapists who provide high quality dental services; % of therapists with understanding of their role

## 4. COMMUNICATION AND RECRUITMENT

To increase program awareness and development

Health, educational and governmental organizations

Senior dental therapist, community health manager, dental therapists, health organizations

Objectives: Recruitment packages to SIFC School of Dental Therapy; provide recruitment strategy; screen for competent, qualified candidates; capital request input; review salary/benefits, lobby for additional resources Indicators: # of recruitment packages to SIFC; recruitment strategy & activities; # applications screened and filled by qualified, competent candidates; # of capital requests; # of lobby contacts; # additional resources received

<u>Objectives</u>: Liaise with health agencies; maintain pool of qualified candidates; provide salaries/ benefits equitable to other agencies <u>Indicators</u>: # of contacts made with agencies; #

qualified applicants for posted positions; salary/ benefit package comparable to other agencies

<u>Objectives</u>: Maintain relationships with related health agencies; hire qualified dental therapists; standardize and replace outdated equipment <u>Indicators</u>: # of contacts with related health agencies; quality dental care provided in a culturally sensitive manner by competent and qualified therapists; equipment standardized