South Australians value and improve their oral health, understanding its importance for their overall health and wellbeing.



Leads population oral health improvement

SA Dental is the leader in policy, advocacy, education and health promotion to improve oral health for all South Australians, with a specific focus on increasing equity in oral health for priority population groups.

Delivers service to eligible individuals

SA Dental supports individuals to improve their oral health by providing dental care to eligible adults and all children.

| State Oral Health Plan Foundation Areas | | | | | |
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| Systems Alignment and Integration | Oral Health Promotion and Prevention | Accessible Oral Health Services | Workforce Development | Safety and Quality | Research and Evaluation |
| The SA Dental Role and Contribution: Our Strategic Ambitions | | | | | |
| We create opportunities to integrate oral health into public and private health services | We lead public oral health, providing and supporting population education and programs | We are a leader in service design, advocating policies and providing advice to improve access to oral health care | We support and develop the current and future workforce to meet the oral health needs of the community | We provide safe and quality public oral health services that meet the needs of priority and eligible populations | We grow a culture of curiosity and inquiry, using research to inform service models and planning |
| Our Strategic Objectives | | | | | |
| Lead advocacy and collaboration for oral health in the State and Nationally, focusing on integration and sustainability to support good oral health for all | | | Be an employer of choice, with SA Dental staff supported to utilise and extend their skills, knowledge and abilities to work to the top of their scope of practice so that our dental workforce can be used optimally | | |
| Improve oral health knowledge and behaviours through a comprehensive promotional and educational program | | | Partner with education providers and the existing health workforce to ensure a skilled and sustainable oral health workforce and the integration of oral health practices in the broader health workforce | | |
| Improve the oral health of priority populations through targeted population health strategies | | | Ensure safe and high quality services and infrastructure through continuous review and improvement | | |
| Review services and models of care to ensure they are safe, contemporary, meet the needs of our consumers and support improved access to oral health services | | | Enhance the cultural safety of services provided by SA Dental | | |
| Improve service and business processes to maximise patient access, efficiency and value to consumers and staff | | | Enhance innovation and improve service delivery by partnering with staff and external partners to create, use and disseminate evidence, data and knowledge | | |



