

NOHI Celebrations Telling the Story of

MNOHI Midwest Network for
Oral Health Integration



NOHI Virtual Meeting
June 12–13, 2024

Once Upon a Time

The Midwest Network for Oral Health Integration was developed through a partnership between Michigan Primary Care Association, Illinois Primary Health Care Association, Iowa Primary Care Association, and the Ohio Association of Community Health Centers to improve the integration of oral health into primary care for children ages 6-11 years old.



The Elevator Pitch

The hook

- Utilized Community Health Workers to conduct outreach to parents/caregivers
 - Offered Education
 - Assisted with Scheduling Appointments

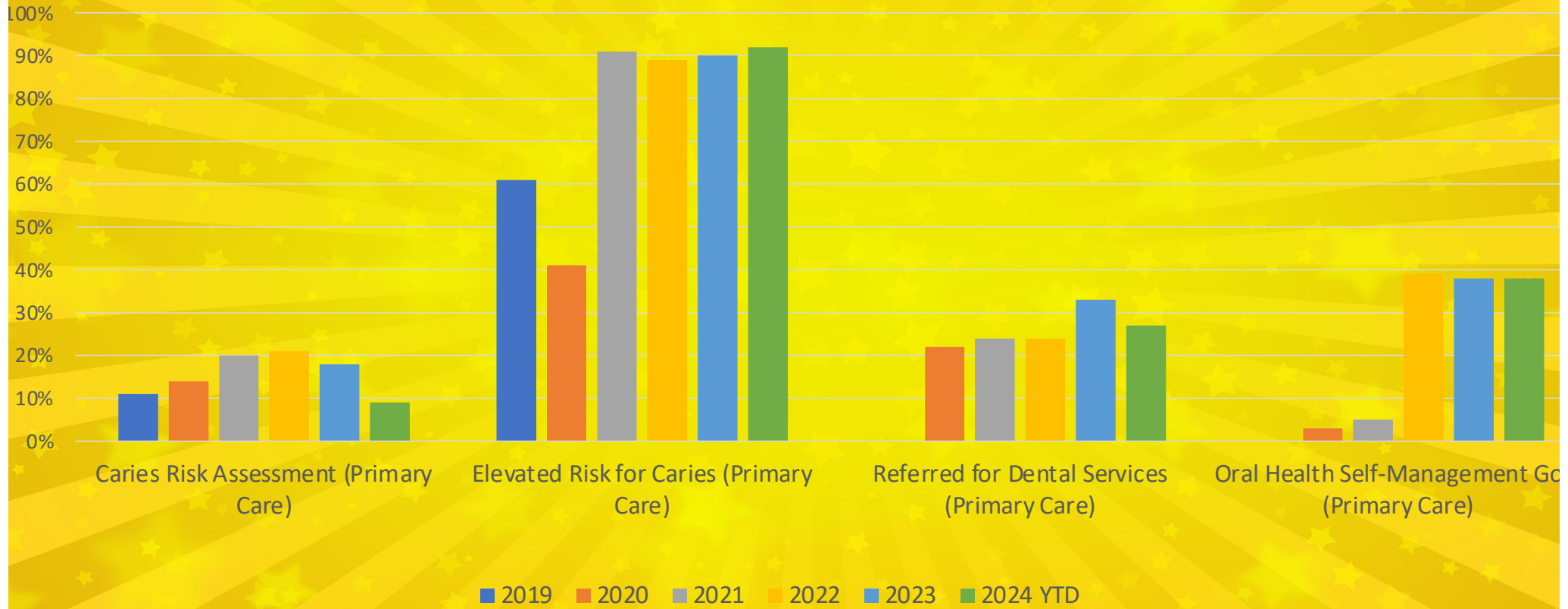
The sell

- All participating health centers filled the CHW position either through existing staff or hiring additional capacity.
- MNOHI worked with NNOHA to compile a set of Best Practices for utilizing a CHW to improve access to and use of oral health care



Data and Evaluation

MNOHI Measures



Outreach and Education

- Worked with NNOHA to condense the *Smiles for Life* modules to accommodate busy provider schedules
- Conducted quarterly learning collaborative webinars to offer training and opportunities for peer-to-peer learning
- Our 2022 patient satisfaction surveys revealed on average, 98.5% of parents and caregivers felt as though they had ample opportunity to ask questions and share thoughts regarding their child's oral health



Policy and Practice

- Illinois and Michigan recently passed legislation to require Medicaid reimbursement for CHW services
 - As a result health centers in those states have a sustainable method for retaining and hiring CHWs to support oral health integration
- Information from the environmental scans informed the development of Ohio's 2023-2027 State Oral Health Plan and Michigan's 2025 State Oral Health Plan



Learning Collaborative

How has being part of the collaborative helped your project's work?

1. diverse perspectives
2. shared best practices
3. fostering continuous improvement and innovation.



Next Steps

What key learnings from the project will you apply in the future?

What activities and measures will your CHC sites maintain?

Azara DRVS dental measures now being used in 91 health centers over 24 states - opportunity for continuous improvement to foster broader adoption.

