

# Colorado Senior Dental Program

Boulder County Area Agency on Aging

Program Evaluation Summary, FY2016-17



## Program Overview

The goal of the Colorado Dental Health Care Program for Low-Income Seniors is to promote the health and welfare of Colorado's low-income seniors by providing access to dental care to individuals age 60 and over who are not eligible for dental services under any other dental health care program. Boulder County Area Agency on Aging received its first grant from the Department of Health Care Policy and Finance in FY2015-16 to administer this program to eligible residents in Boulder County. A second grant was awarded for FY2016-17. This program evaluation summary covers the period July 2016 through May 2017.

**101**  
clients served

**\$126,283**  
program budget

**656+**  
procedures provided

**64-96 years**  
client age range

## Evaluation Results

The results of our client surveys revealed significant positive changes and short term outcomes in self-reported personal health, oral hygiene, pain, eating food, accessing to dental services, and general satisfaction with the program:

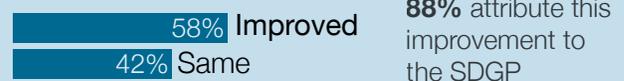
### Improving senior health

Has your general health improved, stayed the same, or declined since receiving dental services?



### Improving oral hygiene

Have your oral health habits such as brushing teeth improved, stayed the same, or declined since receiving dental services?



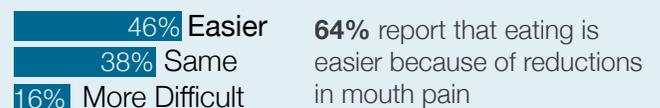
### Alleviating mouth pain

If you were experiencing pain in your mouth prior to receiving dental services, has your pain decreased, stayed the same, or increased since receiving services?



### Making eating food easier

Has eating food become easier, remained the same, or become more difficult since receiving dental services?



### Expanding access to dental services

Would you have been able to receive these dental services without the SDGP?



### Valued and appreciated by clients

How would you rate your satisfaction with the SDGP in general?



"I don't know what I would have done without your help."

"Without this program my health would deteriorate."

"I could not have had work done without this program."

"My self-esteem has improved."

"It was very helpful to me because I don't have enough income."

## Methodology

A telephone survey was conducted by a BCAA Programs Analyst in May 2017 to assess client experiences and reported outcomes on measures of general health, financial circumstances, oral health habits, oral pain, the ability to eat food, and overall satisfaction with the program. Clients were called at least twice, if necessary. The sample of participants (below) is strongly representative of the client population in the program:

N=57      58% response rate      55% / 45% female / male ratio      75% / 25% <75 / 75+ years of age      60% / 40% full treatments / preventive services



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