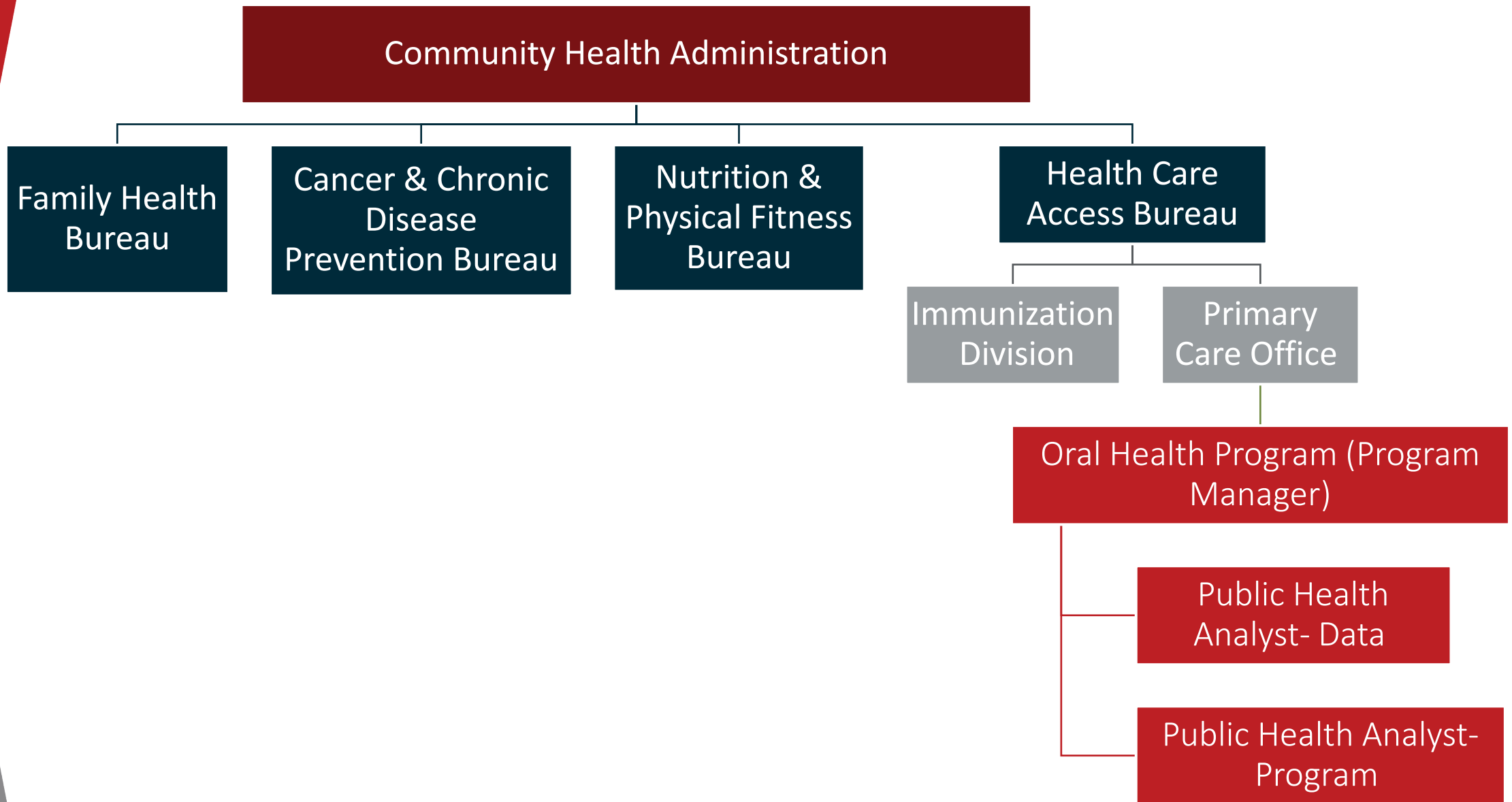


# Introduction to Oral Health Program and Primary Care Office

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# Oral Health Program - Mission

To assess and promote oral health across the District of Columbia with emphasis on access to comprehensive oral health services for all residents through a dental home

# Strategic Objectives

Objective	Population	Baseline	Base Year	<u>2026</u> Target
Reduce the use of the Emergency Department for preventable dental emergencies (/100,000 residents)	Overall	834	2019-2020	666
Increase the percent of adults who visited the dentist or dental clinic within the past 12 months	18 years and older	74%	2018	78%
	Black adults 18 years and older	65%	2018	71%

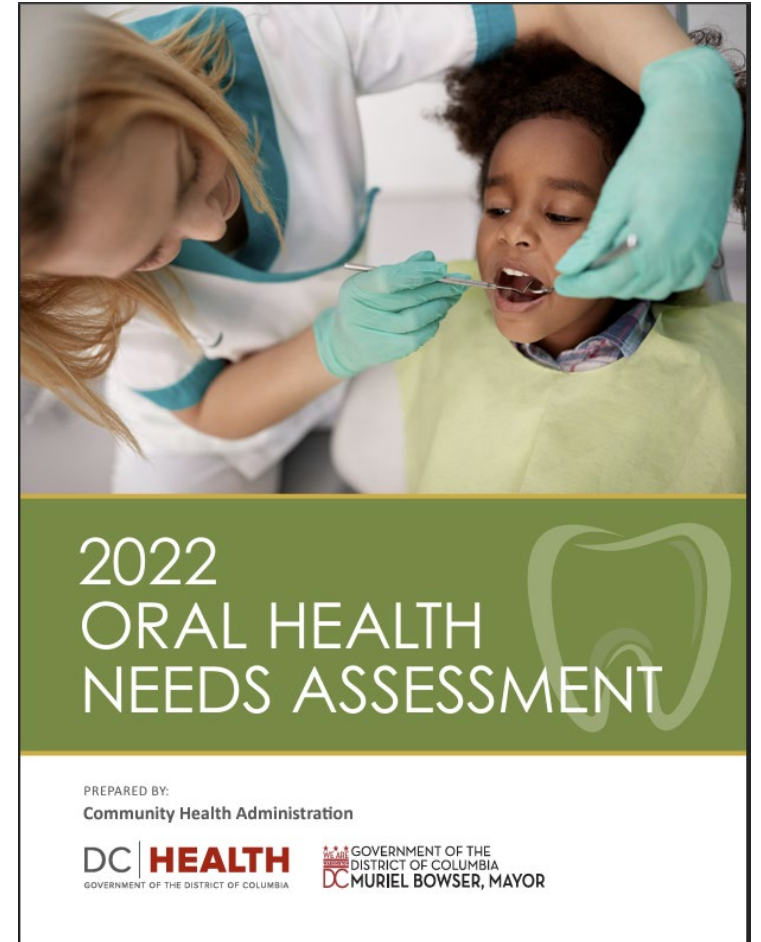
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# Recent and on-going activities

- 2022 Oral Health Needs Assessment (published 2023)
- Board of Dentistry Licensure Survey – in progress
- School Based Oral Health Program (SBOHP)
- Grant Initiatives
  - Reducing Dental Low Acuity Non-Emergent (LANE) ED visits, helping residents get the right care a the right time
  - Improving dental office wellness and staff retention through targeted workforce skills development



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