ORGANIZATION:
Live ON NY in partnership with Citymeals on Wheels, Columbia University College of Dental Medicine (CDM), New York City Department for the Aging (DFTA) and others

ADDRESSING ORAL HEALTH AND EFFECTIVENESS OF HOME DELIVERED MEALS IN NYC

SUMMARY BRIEF

ABOUT US
• LiveOn NY is the voice for seniors and the aging services network in NYC. LiveOn NY’s programs ensure that older New Yorkers have the supports they need. From training the aging service workforce through workshops and technical assistance, to ensuring access to financial support through the Benefits Outreach Program, to changing how policies are carried out at the City and State level through our advocacy and more, these programs are making a difference in how New Yorkers age.

PROJECT PURPOSE
• The goal of this systems-level work was to build the evidence needed to improve the effectiveness of home delivered meals (HDMs) by providing therapeutic meals modified to align with dental/oral function (modified meals) and promoting oral health and dental care.

PROJECT LENGTH
• Two years

KEY CHALLENGES OVERCOME
• Enrollment and outreach problems;
• Internal Review Board (IRB) approval delays;
• Meals provider selection.