

## March Webinar

Please join us for "Fill the Gap: Support our Grant for Aging Texans with IDD" webinar on March 10, 2023, from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM CT presented by Dr. Cameron Jeter, PhD and Dr. June Sadowsky, DDS, MPH. This presentation will describe the health care access challenges of aging Texans with IDD, detail the goals of a grant from the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities and invite participants to contribute to a solution.

One hour of continuing dental education credit will be awarded to those submitting a completed online evaluation. **Registration is complimentary but required at [https://bit.ly/Webinar\\_31023](https://bit.ly/Webinar_31023) to receive your webinar link and passcode.**

To learn more about our featured speakers, course description, and learning objectives, please visit <https://txohc.org/education/aging-texans-with-idd-webinar/>.

Register at: [https://bit.ly/Webinar\\_31023](https://bit.ly/Webinar_31023)

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**Dr. Cameron Jeter and Dr. June Sadowsky**

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**AGD Code:** 750 - Special Patient Care

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Pre-registration is required for all attendees. Your registration email will contain the webinar link and password to use.

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## New Self-Instructional Courses

TxOHC offers multiple online self-instructional continuing dental education courses. Recently we have added two of our Teledentistry in Texas webinar courses to the [list](#).

### [Teledentistry in Texas](#)

This three-course series includes:

- Teledentistry in Texas: Opportunities to Increase Access to Care presented by Dr. Scott Howell
- Selection of Teledentistry Platforms and Utilization in Alternative Care Settings presented by Dr. McAllister Castelaz
- *Available for edification only* - Taking the Mystery Out of Billing for Virtual Visits presented by Jamie Collins

## 2023 Texas Legislative Session

The 2023 session began Tuesday, January 10, 2023, and TxOHC is monitoring a number of bills that have been filed. The 60-day deadline ends March 10th for

If you would like to look at the list of bills we are monitoring, please visit <https://txohc.org/advocacy/texas-legislative-update/>.

## Struggling to Survive, the First Rural Hospitals Line Up for New Federal Lifeline

By Sarah Jane Tribble / Kaiser Health News

Hospitals in New Mexico, Texas, and Oklahoma are among the first to apply for a new rural hospital payment model that shifts the focus of services away from overnight stays to outpatient and emergency care. Still, experts say the law needs to be amended to provide the right mix of care for rural communities.

For the rest of the article, please visit <https://khn.org/news/article/rural-emergency-hospital-funding-federal-designation/>.

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What could a collaborative practice utilizing teledentistry look like in Texas? Could a dentist form a business agreement with a rural hospital and house a registered dental hygienist to perform screenings, preventive services, and referrals for community members to their dental employer? Hmmmm, serving the oral health needs of the rural community with an innovative approach.

## How Mental Illness Affects Your Oral Health

Research continues to show that people with mental illnesses are more prone to poor oral health.

"Oral health is a significant determinant of overall health, including mental health. Research reveals that people with mental diseases are 2.7 times more prone to poor oral health, and lose their teeth early. Mental and oral health share a two-way link; anxiety and panic are often associated with dental treatment."

Learn more about the subject [here](#).

## New Oral Health Communication Tools

The Public Health Communications Collaborative (PHCC) has recently published a new guide, *Plain Language for Public Health*. This guide was created "to support public health communicators in creating messaging to advance health literacy, build trust in your organization as a source of information, and promote overall community health. In this guide, you'll find plain language principles, simple techniques that can make your communications more accessible, and resources to learn more about plain language to help build your communications skills."

Read the guide [here](#).

HRSA is pleased to launch ***A Healthy Mouth for Every Body*** campaign that offers a variety of materials to help you and your family take good care of your oral health. They have several topics and toolkits to choose from at <https://www.hrsa.gov/oral-health>.

## Apply for IDD Services, or to be Added to the Interest List

Because the demand for community-based services and supports often outweighs available resources, applicant's names may be placed on an interest list until services are available. However, some needs may be met through other programs until an applicant's name comes to the top of the list. People can receive Medicaid or other community services while they are on the interest list, if they are eligible. Receiving other services does not impact a person's place on an interest list. For information about how to apply for services, please

visit: <https://apps.hhs.texas.gov/contact/search.cfm>.

The following programs have interest lists:

- [Community Living Assistance and Support Services \(CLASS\)](#)
- [Deaf Blind with Multiple Disabilities \(DBMD\)](#)
- [Home and Community-based Services \(HCS\)](#)
- [Texas Home Living \(TxHmL\)](#)

[HCBS\)](#)

For information about how to apply for services, [visit the Services website](#).

For information about how to be added to the interest list, please contact your Local Intellectual or Development Disability Authority (for HCS and TxHmL) or by calling 1-877-438-5658 for other waiver programs.

Learn more at <https://www.hhs.texas.gov/about/records-statistics/interest-list-reduction>.

## TxOHC Member Spotlight

### Special Needs Dental

We would like to give a special shout-out to one of our organizational members, [Special Needs Dental](#). Their website has some great information for families with individuals that have disabilities and/or need special dental care.

### Dr. Sherdeana Owens Presented Texas Tooth Steps



Dr. Sherdeana Owens, DDS, MPA presented the Texas Tooth Step Perinatal Oral Health Program at the Healthy Mom, Healthy Baby Community Health Fair in Corpus Christi, on January 28, 2023.

This is the second consecutive year Dr. Owens has participated and presented Texas Tooth Steps perinatal oral health to attendees.

### TxOHC Member Announcement

We are pleased to welcome the following new members since January 23, 2023.

#### Organizational Members:

- **Mobile Dental Care, PMA**  
Michael Reed, DDS  
Dallas, TX
- Lynn Yarbrough, MSw  
Sr. CSR, Maximus  
Alice, TX
- Antonio Menchaca, DMD  
Director of Dental Services, Vivent Health Austin, TX  
Diane Wilson, RDH, Med  
Director of Dental Hygiene, Palo Alto College San Antonio, TX
- Lynda Guerrero, RN, BSN  
Director of Health Services, SWISD  
San Antonio, TX
- Angela Soto, CDA, RDA  
Instructor, Del Mar College  
Corpus Christi, TX

## Local Continuing Education Opportunities with Midwest Dental



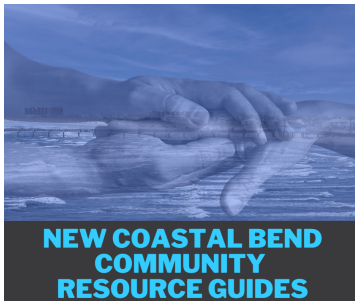
TxOHC partner Midwest Dental Equipment and Supply has partnered with AIDA Education to provide top-level CE courses with nationally-recognized speakers. During 2023, they will feature 5 live local events in various cities throughout Texas. These full-day events are for the entire dental team and include full breakfast and lunch, and 5 CE credits.

Information on these webinars may be found on the individual Regional Oral Health Coalition pages linked [here](#) or at <https://midwestdental.com/event>.

## Texas Regional Oral Health Coalitions

TxOHC is excited to announce the Coastal Bend Regional Oral Health Coalition has developed resource guides for five specific target populations in the Coastal Bend area.

These guides provide resources to address social determinants of health factors to help address adverse experiences across the lifespan for Nueces, Kleberg, Live Oak, Bee, Jim Wells counties and other counties in the Coastal Bend region.



To find these guides and learn more about the Coastal Bend ROHC, please visit <https://txohc.org/get-involved/rohc/cb-rohc/>.

## February Quarterly Member Meeting

During the TxOHC February Quarterly Member Meeting there was a discussion about toothbrushing in public school classrooms. Head Start implemented classroom brushing years ago and is very effective.

Members discussed what implementation might look like in public schools and what materials would be needed. Lesley Briggs with Midwest Dental Equipment and Supply shared information on prepasteed toothbrushes as a viable option to use in schools, or for older adults in nursing homes or senior living centers.



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Contact Lesley at [lesley.briggs@midwestdental.com](mailto:lesley.briggs@midwestdental.com).

## New OHRC Publication

The National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center (OHRC) recently released *Open Wide: Oral Health Training for Health Professionals and Early Childhood Professionals—Second Edition*, a series of four modules designed to help professionals working in programs (e.g., Head Start, home visiting, WIC) promote oral health in the course of promoting overall health for children from birth to age 6.

"The curriculum presents information about tooth decay, risk factors, and prevention; explains how to perform an oral health risk assessment and screening; and highlights anticipatory guidance to share with parents. After completing the modules, register to take the post-tests to receive a certificate of completion."

## Oral Health Integration Alert

Check out this month's *Oral Health Integration Alert*, a compilation of recent journal articles and other materials and upcoming conferences and webinars to inform efforts to integrate oral health care and primary care for pregnant women, infants, and children from the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center (OHRC).

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[READ MORE.](#)

## TxOHC Membership

If you are an associate member that would like to upgrade your membership level to the active category and receive additional member benefits such as complimentary continuing dental education credit and discounts on event registrations you may do so [here](#).

If you represent an organization, institution, or agency that supports the mission of the Coalition we would like to invite you to join our collective efforts as an organizational member. This is a great membership category for Community Health Centers, Group Practices, Dental Schools, and Dental Hygiene Programs. To learn more about organizational membership, please visit <https://txohc.org/get-involved/membership/>.



## Many thanks to our Organizational Members for your support and collaboration!



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Join [here](#) if your organization is interested in joining our efforts to improve the oral healthcare system in Texas.

## TxOHC Board of Directors



If you are a TxOHC member and interested in taking a more active role within the Coalition, we are looking to build a pool of potential board members. Please complete [this interest application](#) to let us know of your interest.

To learn more about the Coalition and our activities, please visit our website at <https://txohc.org> or contact us at [info@txohc.org](mailto:info@txohc.org) for more information.

## TxOHC Members-Only Listserv

A friendly reminder to all of our members that the Coalition has a private members-only listserv. This is where you can share information, resources, and discuss current topics.

**With much appreciation and sincerest gratitude,  
we wish to thank our 2023 Coalition Partners!**



## Your Contribution Matters

Please make plans to contribute to your favorite nonprofit either through [AmazonSmile](#), by choosing TxOHC as your charity as you do your online shopping, or by the donation button below.

TxOHC is also raising funds with Planet Green Recycle through our ink cartridges recycling fundraiser. [Click here](#) to request your FREE USPS shipping label to recycle your inks. Be sure to type in our Program ID Code: 32140 when completing the shipping form.

Your contribution is essential to our continued efforts and will make a real difference in the lives of thousands of your neighbors. Please share in our vision to make optimal health a reality for all Texans. Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to you joining our efforts to continue this forward momentum.

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