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Registration is open for the in-person 2023 Texas Oral Health Conference on Friday, August 4, 2023. Register now to take advantage of early registration, TxOHC member and group rate discounts.

Registration: <https://www.texasoralhealthconference.com/registration.html>

Schedule: <https://www.texasoralhealthconference.com/schedule.html>

Event: 2023 Texas Oral Health Conference

Location: TCEA Conference Center
3100 Alvin DeVane Blvd. Bldg B
Austin, TX 78741

Date: Friday, August 4, 2023

Time: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Please visit <https://www.texasoralhealthconference.com/> for more information.

Register for the 2023 Conference

2023 Texas Legislative Session

The 2023 session ends Monday, May 29, 2023, and bills are moving quickly through both chambers. TxOHC is monitoring a number of bills across our priority issues, to keep up to date on those bills, please visit <https://txohc.org/advocacy/texas-legislative-update/>.

Some highlights include:

- [HB3824](#) relating to the administration of a local anesthetic agent by a dental hygienist was amended by the House Public Health Committee changing the education <https://house.texas.gov/members/> language from detailing 70 hours of education for infiltration to "a board-approved course of study designed to train dental hygienists to administer a local anesthetic agent by infiltration."

On May 21, 2023, the Senate Health and Human Services Committee reported the bill favorably w/o amendments and it was placed on the local & uncontested calendar for May 23, 2023.

- [HB12](#) relating to the duration of services for 12 months provided under Medicaid to women following pregnancy. HB12 was amended by the Senate and passed May 21, 2023. The House will have to concur on the amended bill or HB12 will go to conference. The amended version has not been published on Texas Legislature Online yet.
- The appropriations bill, [HB1](#), is still in process. What we know thus far is that House and Senate conferees developed a version of the bill that does not include funding for the STAR+PLUS Pilot Program (SP3). SP3 passed in 2019 but was unfunded and remains unfunded to date.
- [HB3039](#) would enact and enter Texas into the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact. This bill was passed by the House Monday, May 8, 2023, and was referred to the Senate Health & Human Services Committee on May 10, 2023.

The Texas Primary Care Office Primary Care Provider Survey

Hello Dental Healthcare Partner(s),

The Texas Primary Care Office (TPCO) has been tasked with updating Texas primary care provider data (Primary Care, Mental and Dental) by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW) Division of Policy and Shortage.

The federal Shortage Designation Branch requires specific data to be submitted in applications requesting designation of an area or population group as a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) or Medically Underserved Area/ Population (MUA/P). The required information consists largely of primary care providers names, specialties, office locations, hours per week in direct patient care activities, information on the provider's patient population, and information on other activities the provider might be engaged in outside of patient care.

HPSA designation is among the criteria tools that many programs use to increase the supply, capacity, and distribution of health professionals in areas that have a verifiable shortage of providers.

In reviewing the designation status of areas within Texas, the Texas Department of State Health Services collects data primarily through surveys of provider offices and a combination of supplemental data sources such as online resources and available data sets. The document linked below is the current version of the survey/assessment used to collect shortage designation data. Reviewing this survey should assist in familiarizing you with the information required for evaluating shortage designations. Interested providers and offices may also feel free to proactively complete surveys/ assessments and return them to the Texas Primary Care Office.

- For dental health: Include Dentists and considers the number of Dental Auxiliaries. Dental auxiliaries are defined as any non-dentist staff employed by the dentist to assist in the operation of the practice.

Please note that providers solely engaged in administration, faculty, research, training, and inpatient care should be identified as they are excluded from the population -to provider ratios.

If an organization has more than 10 providers, TPCO may assist by providing an Excel spreadsheet which would allow the provider list/data to be compiled in one document and quickly uploaded.

The form to submit:

- To submit online: <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/texas-primary-care-office-tpco/health-professional-shortage-area-designations/healthcare-provider-assessment-texas>
- Fillable PDF Form: <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/texas-primary-care-office-tpco/health-professional-shortage-area-designations/healthcare-provider-assessment-texas>

Please note: The information given will not be circulated and will only be used to evaluate and/or apply for the HPSA designation.

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Texas Department of State Health Services

Texas Primary Care Office

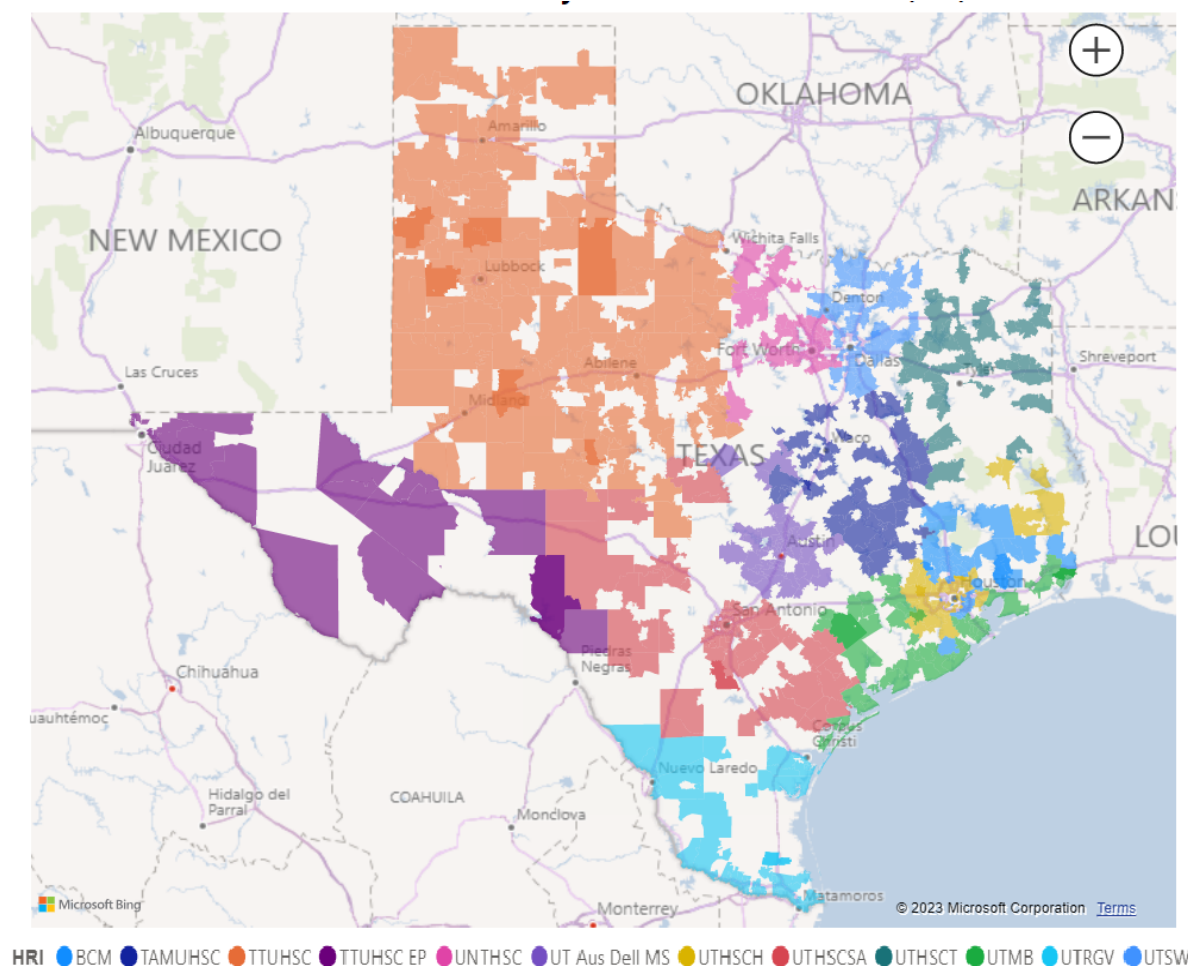
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Regional Oral Health Coalitions

Thank you to everyone who attended the May 19th Quarterly Member Meeting.

We learned about a new resource during the TxOHC Quarterly Member meeting and wanted to share. It is the Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine (TCHATT). TCHATT provides telemedicine or telehealth programs to school districts to help identify and assess the behavioral health needs of children and adolescents and provide access to mental health services.

If you're interested in joining TCHATT, please [email us at tcmhcc@utsystem.edu](mailto:tcmhcc@utsystem.edu) to see if it is available in your region. TCHATT is deploying first in those regions where an existing infrastructure can be expanded or a new infrastructure can be set up quickly.



On the map above, you can see if your school or school district is enrolled or soon-to-be enrolled. Enrolled schools can call TCHATT any time behaviors are seen or reported that have you concerned for a student's mental health.

Learn more at <https://tcmhcc.utsystem.edu/tchatt/>.

The San Antonio Regional Oral Health Coalition shared the following resources and employment opportunities.

- Oral Health Screening Pocket Guide for School Nurses
<https://www.mchoralhealth.org/materials/multiples/SchoolScreening/PocketGuide.pdf>
- Texas Public School Nutrition Policy at a Glance <https://www.houstonisd.org/cms/lib2/TX01001591/Centricity/domain/14267/documents/Policybrochurebi-fold.pdf>

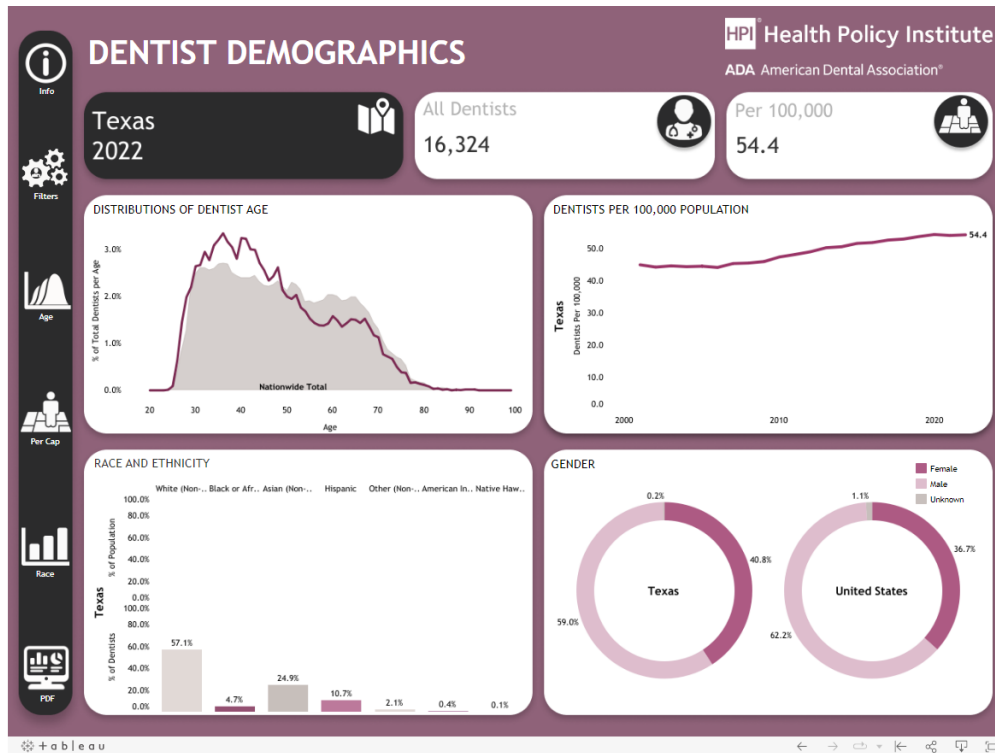
JOB POSTINGS

- [Palo Alto College](#)- Dental Hygiene
 - Full-Time DDS Position - Posting Number 9748
 - Academic Lab Tech for Sterilization - Posting Number 9755
 - Administrative Specialist Assistant - Posting Number 9745
 - Plus multiple adjunct faculty - Posting Number 9622
 - and multiple part-time DDS positions - Posting Number 9622
- [San Antonio Christian Dental Clinic](#)
 - Part-time DDS
- [UTHSCSA](#)
 - Full-Time Faculty for Associate Professor Dental Hygiene
 - LAREDO- Co-director faculty position
- [Centro Med](#)
 - RDAs
- [San Antonio Metropolitan Health District](#)
 - Dental Clinical Director

ADA HPI Releases US Dentist Workforce Data

The American Dental Association Health Policy Institute (HPI) conducts innovative studies on a wide range of topics on the U.S. dental economy, including access to dental care, the dental workforce, utilization and benefits, dental education, health care outcomes, and more. They recently released an [interactive dashboard](#) providing national and state profiles of the dentist workforce.

[View](#) the HPI website for more information.



MSDA National Profile of State Medicaid and CHIP Dental Programs

In March 2023, State Medicaid dental program administrators were given 60 of the most commonly billed dental service codes and asked to select which services were currently covered by their State for

1. children;
2. adults;
3. expansion adults;
4. adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, and
5. pregnant adults over age 21.

The Medicaid|Medicare|CHIP Services Dental Association (MSDA) published the 2023 MSDA National Profile of State Medicaid Dental Programs based on these responses. This reports details each State response, along with published dental provider reimbursement rates.

Texas (pages 88-89) shows the codes and rates for children under 21 through Early

and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit.

Read the full MSDA report [here](#).

ASTDD Older Adult Oral Health Resources

As part of Older Americans Month, ASTDD is pleased to share the [Older Adult Oral Health Resources for Collaboration](#). This resource was developed with support from the Gary and Mary West Foundation.

The resources include information on the link between oral health and overall health, oral health and chronic disease, special populations, ventilator and non-ventilator pneumonia, nutrition, financing routine dental care, information for non-dental providers, teledentistry and equity. We hope that you will begin to use the resources and respond to our evaluation questions.

-- ASTDD

New Healthy Beverage Resources for Caregivers and Providers

In 2019, Healthy Eating Research released a consensus statement from key national health and nutrition organizations on what young children (0-5 years old) should be drinking as part of a healthy diet. Since the consensus statement release, they have developed many new resources to help both caregivers and professionals learn about and implement the recommendations for healthy beverages. These new resources include updated beverage fact sheets and a toolkit for providers developed in partnership with the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

You can access the toolkit and learn more about the recommendations for healthy beverages for young children at [Healthy Drinks, Healthy Kids](#) or find other new resources at [Kids Eat Right](#).

2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans

The US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Agriculture (USDA) appointed the 2025 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee (Committee) in January 2023. This Committee is reviewing the science on nutrition and health to support HHS and USDA's development of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2025–2030.

As the committee works, there are multiple opportunities for public participation before, during, and after the Committee's review of the evidence. In fact, the HHS and the USDA have issued a call for the public's participation in the article, "Looking Ahead to the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2025-2030: A Call to Action*," published in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition (AJCN).

The public comment period opened on January 19, 2023, and will remain open throughout the Committee's work to allow for public comment on the Committee's scientific review throughout the entire process.

Read the [AJCN article](#) or learn more about [public comments for the dietary guidelines](#).

Antibiotic Stewardship is Focus of New CDC Resources

A [fact sheet](#) and [brochure](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, can help patients learn about appropriate use of antibiotics.

Per the fact sheet, the "ADA treatment guidelines state that antibiotics are not needed for the urgent management of most dental pain and intraoral swelling associated with pulpal and periapical infections in immunocompetent adult patients without additional comorbidities."

ASTDD also produced a policy statement, [Promoting Antibiotic Stewardship In Dentistry](#) in April 2020.

The ADA has also published an [Antibiotic Stewardship Resource](#) last updated April 5, 2023.

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CMS Guide to Medicaid Services and Administrative Claiming in School-Based Settings

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently published "Delivering Services in School-Based Settings: A Comprehensive Guide to Medicaid Services and Administrative Claiming."

CMS says, "the school setting provides a unique opportunity to deliver health care services to children and adolescents, especially those enrolled in Medicaid/CHIP. Schools can play an important role in bridging equity gaps among students in low-income and rural communities where access to health care services may be more limited. To deliver SBS, it is essential that State Medicaid and CHIP agencies, State Educational Agencies (SEAs), and schools all work together to support students."

"The purposes of this guide are to:

1. Clarify how payments can be made to school-based entities under Medicaid and CHIP;
2. Discuss strategies and tools to reduce administrative burdens and simplify billing for LEAs, including rural and small LEAs, to help ensure access to Medicaid-covered services for enrolled children;
3. Provide best practices and examples of approved methods that State Medicaid agencies and LEAs have used to pay for Medicaid-covered services;
4. Provide examples of the types of providers that can participate in Medicaid and CHIP within school settings and best practices to enroll qualified providers;
5. Explain previously unaddressed policies and practices that States may employ in implementing SBS; and,
6. Ensure accurate claiming for SBS and fiscal integrity of the Medicaid and CHIP programs."

Read the full guide [here](#).

TxOHC Member Spotlight

TxOHC Member Announcement

We are pleased to welcome the following new members since May 4, 2023.

Individual Members:

- Anita Albert, DDS
Dentist, DSHS
Austin, TX
- Michele Saunders, DMD, MS, MPH
Adjunct Professor & Director South Texas Geriatrics Education Collaborative
San Antonio, TX
- Tina Scott, RDH
Dental Hygienist
Prosper, TX
- Tara Hopkins, MSW, MBA
Manager of Outreach, DentaQuest
Georgetown, TX
- Carla Flores
Member Advocate Specialist, DentaQuest
San Antonio, TX
- Molly Phares, MPH
Oral Health Program Manager, SAMHD Oral Health Program
San Antonio, TX

**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 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

TxOHC CDE Opportunities

Oral health providers may obtain 1.0 CDE for every one(1) hour of lecture. Online courses to choose from include:

- **Teledentistry**
 - Teledentistry in Texas: Opportunities to Increase Access to Care
 - Selection of Teledentistry Platforms and Utilization in Alternative Care Settings
 - *Available for edification only* – Taking the Mystery Out of Billing for Virtual Visits
- **Prescribers**
 - Mental Health & Opioid Use Disorder: Using the PMP to improve patient-centered care & communication
 - Statewide Mandate Compliance Using the PMP to Provide Patient-Centered Care
 - Maximizing Your Limited Time: Navigating Challenging Patient Conversations
 - Single Use Disposal Systems (SUDS) Training for Dentists
- **Patients with IDD**
 - Providing Dental Care under Advanced Anesthesia: Oral Sedation, IV Sedation, TIVA, IV Mac, and General Anesthesia
 - Special Conditions and Barriers and Challenges Providing Dental Care to Patients with IDD
 - Understanding and Working with Caregivers and Group Homes, Dental Desensitization/Advanced Behavior Techniques for Patients with IDD at AbSSLC
- **Oral Pathology**
 - Oral Cancer Update
 - Oral Manifestations of Systemic Diseases and Conditions
 - Common Lesions of the Oral Cavity, from Diagnosis to Treatment
- **Health Literacy**
 - The Power of Audience Insight Using
 - Storytelling to Engage
 - Making Data Count
 - Building Your Social Media Presence
 - Speaking Up for Fluoride
- **Prenatal**
 - Maternal Depression: Signs, Facts & Resources
 - Who Do You Call: Making the Referral Connection
 - Do No Harm: The Ethics, Myths & Business of Caring for Pregnant People

To access any of these courses, please visit <https://txohc.org/education/self-instructional-webinars/>.

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

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5 CE Credits

April 21 2023 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 Speaker: Dr. [Name]
 Location: [City, TX]

May 5 2023 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 Speaker: Dr. [Name]
 Location: [City, TX]

June 9 2023 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 Speaker: Dr. [Name]
 Location: [City, TX]

September 8 2023 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 Speaker: Dr. [Name]
 Location: [City, TX]

October 13 2023 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 Speaker: Dr. [Name]
 Location: [City, TX]

October 20 2023 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 Speaker: Dr. [Name]
 Location: [City, TX]

October 27 2023 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 Speaker: Dr. [Name]
 Location: [City, TX]

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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>.

TxOHC Wants You!



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 for more information.

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



Your Contribution Matters

Your contribution is essential to our continued efforts and will make a positive impact on the lives of millions of your neighbors. No matter how small your contribution may seem, it is an integral piece of the larger puzzle leading meaningful change. **Please join in the advancement of our vision to make optimal health a reality for all Texans.** Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to your participation in our community to continue this forward momentum.

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.