

Charting the Path Forward for Oral Health in Texas

TEXAS ORAL HEALTH CONFERENCE
A True Collaboration To Improve Oral Health In Texas

Early Bird Registration

Take Advantage of discounted Early Bird and Group Pricing before it ends June 30, 2023.

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REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Registration is open for the in-person 2023 Texas Oral Health Conference on Friday, August 4, 2023 where up to 7.0 CDE hours may be earned. Register now to take advantage of early bird 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
Free parking is available and seating is limited, so register early!

Date: Friday, August 4, 2023

Time: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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

Our speakers and panelists will address topics such as:

- Dental Public Health: State, Local and Community Perspectives,
- Prevention First (SDF, PVP-I, SAP P₁₁₋₄)
- Special Needs Dentistry - Opportunities in the Field (Dental School Panel),
- Working to Fill the Dental Gap Through Dental-Medical Collaboration,
- Work-Life Balance for Healthcare Professionals,
- Improving Treatment Outcomes Through a Multidisciplinary Approach to Patient Oral Healthcare in a Hospital Setting; and
- 88th Legislative Session Update and Moving Forward in Texas.

We believe that this conference will not only provide attendees with valuable knowledge but also inspire them to take action in their own work to promote oral health.

Attention Associate and Student members. If you would like to transition your complimentary membership to full active status to take advantage of member event discounts and benefits throughout the year, please visit https://bit.ly/TxOHC_MEM.

Not sure what your membership is, associate and student members have an ID# prefaced by "A" or "S" respectively.

Early bird registration and group registration ends June 30, 2023.

Registration	Nonmember Conference Registration	TxOHC Active Member
Early Bird (ends June 30, 2023)	\$225.00	\$200.00
Regular Registration	\$250.00	\$225.00
Group Registration	\$250/ea. for 3 registrants get the 4th free	

Register for the 2023 Conference

July Webinar

Please join us for the "Framing HPV Immunization Education for Maximum Patient Acceptance" webinar on July 14, 2023, from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM CT presented by Jane C. Cotter, MS, CTTS, FAADH. This course will arm the dental healthcare professional with evidence-based information regarding HPV, HPV immunization and provide counseling techniques for discussing immunization information and recommendations. Educational scenarios and verbiage for use in counseling patients in the dental office will be provided. Working in conjunction with M.D. Anderson, University of North Texas Health Science Center, Texas Women's University and Texas A&M University **our projects aim is to provide Texas dental hygienists with education to talk about HPV, oral cancer, and HPV vaccination as an interprofessional effort to increase vaccination rates across the state.**

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/Reg-71423> 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/framing-hpv/>.

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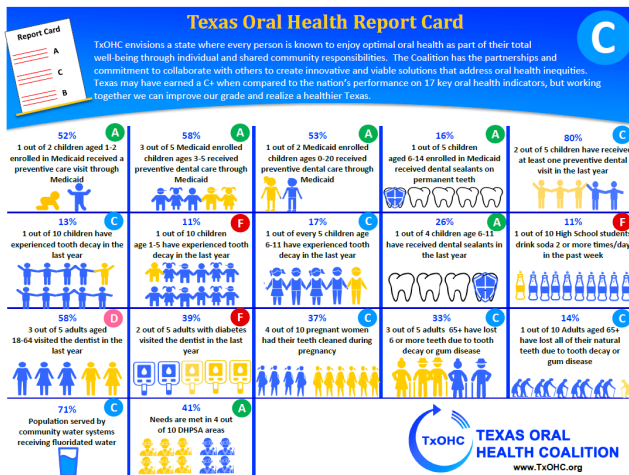
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Texas Oral Health Coalition
Nationally Approved PACE Program Provider for
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7/1/2021 to 6/30/2024. Provider ID# 346144

2023 Texas Oral Health Report Card



The Texas Oral Health Coalition is pleased to release the [2023 Texas Oral Health Report Card](#) offering a comprehensive assessment of Texas' oral health grade compared to the national average across 17 key indicators. Unfortunately, Texas' grade has slightly declined from a C+ in 2022 to a C in 2023. This change is attributed to the inclusion of new

indicators and the utilization of data from 2020, emphasizing the need for further progress in achieving optimal oral health for all Texans.

While the overall grade has experienced a decline, the report card also highlights positive trends, such as an increase in the percentage of children receiving dental sealants and pregnant women receiving teeth cleaning during pregnancy (Indicators #9 and #13, respectively). These improvements demonstrate positive progress in Texas while highlighting contrasting national trends.

TxOHC, building off last year's changes has introduced four new indicators to enhance the report's effectiveness, expanding the age ranges of data collected and including health indicators associated with oral health and overall well-being.

Additionally for 2023, a trend report has been developed, focusing on seven key indicators over several years of available data. This approach provides insights into the evolving oral health trends in Texas and nationwide. You may view the trend tables [here](#).

We invite you to review all seventeen of the oral health indicators and the indicator trend tables on the [Report Card](#) webpage, as they each have a story to tell about the oral health of Texans.

NTG National Model Workshop is coming to Lubbock, TX

When: June 20, 9:00 AM CDT
June 22, 4:30 PM CDT



Where: Lubbock Cty Sheriff's Training Academy,
801 Main St, Lubbock, TX 79401, USA

The National Task Group on Intellectual Disabilities and Dementia Practices' (NTG) highly acclaimed national model workshop on IDD and dementia is coming to Lubbock! This comprehensive workshop will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday,* June 20th, 21st & 22nd at the Lubbock County Sheriff's Training Academy in Lubbock. The workshop runs from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm daily.

- **2-Day Foundation Workshop.** \$25 for Texas Residents|\$275 Out-of-State. The 2-day Foundation workshop will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 20th and 21st. This workshop will equip anyone in the disability or aging field who has direct or indirect responsibility for caring for aging adults at risk of or who have developed Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia with a framework and care techniques for understanding and working with aging adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities and dementia. A complete list of the topics covered in the workshop is contained in the workshop flyer which can be downloaded below.
- **Full 3-Day Trainer Workshop.** \$50 for Texas Residents|\$475 Out-of-State. The full 3-day workshop adds an additional third day (Thursday) to the 2-day Foundation workshop. This option is for those wishing to become NTG Affiliated Regional Trainers. NTG Affiliated Regional Trainers have access to greatly expanded topic modules, mentoring, ongoing free continuing education opportunities, and much more!

[Download the flyer](#)

[For More Information or To Register](#)

NTG will be coming to the Midland-Odessa area in October, more information to come about that workshop so stay tuned.

2023 Texas Legislative Session

Some highlights of the 88th Legislative Session include:

- **HB12** – Relating to the duration of services provided under Medicaid to women following a pregnancy expanding Medicaid services to 12 months post-partum.
 - Sent to the Governor 5.30.2023
- **HB1287** – Relating to annually adjusting for inflation the maximum amount of a motor vehicle excluded in determining eligibility for the supplemental nutrition assistance program.
 - 6.12.23 – Signed by the Governor – effective on 9.1.23
- **HB3824** – Relating to the administration of a local anesthetic agent by a dental hygienist
 - 6.12.23 – Signed by the Governor – effective on 9.1.23
- **HB446** - Relating to the terminology used in statute to refer to intellectual disability and certain references to abolished health and human services agencies.
 - Signed by the Governor – effective 9.1.2023
- **HB4611** – Relating to the nonsubstantive revision of the health and human services laws governing the Health and Human Services Commission, Medicaid, and other social services.
 - 6.12.23 – Signed by the Governor – effective on 4.1.25
- **HB1** – Appropriations
 - An amendment was passed initially in the House funding the Star Plus Pilot Program (SP3), this was not passed in the Senate, and was removed in conference, so was not included in the final bill passed.
 - 6.7.23 - Sent to the Governor
- **HB3039** – Relating to the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact; authorizing fees.
 - Referred to Senate Health and Human Services Committee
- **SB384** – Relating to the sale of clear aligners.
 - Referred to House Public Health Committee

TxOHC Member Spotlight

Congratulations Dr. Ensy Atarod!



It was announced recently that TxOHC member Dr. Ensy Atarod, DDS with St. David's Foundation will soon be joining the Medicaid/CHIP Services team as the new Medicaid Dental Director. We look forward to working with Dr. Atarod as we chart the path forward for oral health in Texas.

TxOHC Member Announcement

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

Individual Members:

- Araceli Calvillo
Donor and Volunteer Relations Specialist, San Antonio Christian Dental
San Antonio, TX
- Laura Tristan, RDH
Dental Hygienist, SAMHD Oral Health Program
San Antonio, TX
- Kelsey Thompson, DDS
Dentist, Waco Family Medicine
Lorena, TX

CookChildren's
Center for Community Health

Join us for our
Oral Health Collaborative Meeting

Coming together to improve oral health in Collin, Denton, Grayson, Hood, Johnson, Parker, Tarrant and Wise Counties

**Thursday, July 27, 2023
12:00 – 1:30p (via Zoom)**

**RSVP to
oralhealth@cookchildrens.org**

Healthy mouth.
Healthy body.

Cook Children's invites our North Central Regional Oral Health Coalition members to their Oral Health Collaborative meeting Thursday, July 27, 2023 - 12:00 - 1:30 PM via Zoom.



JUNE 12, 2023

Community Partnerships

CONHS and Del Mar College collaboration!
Supplies donation of fluoride varnish and children's toothbrushes from Ms Eva Sepulveda the Director of the Dental Hygiene and Dental Assistant programs at Del Mar College to Assistant Clinical Leigh Shaver for our BSN students to use during their Community Health Study Abroad Clinical Rotation!

We are so thankful for our community partners!

Dr. Sherdeana Owens, DDS, MPA who previously provided oral health education to nursing students and trained them to apply fluoride varnish let us know about a Study Abroad Fluoride project from Texas A&M Corpus Christi, College of Nursing and Health Sciences (TAMUCC CONHS). The Coastal Bend Regional Oral Health Coalition was instrumental in sharing this idea with the Study Abroad group at TAMUCC CONHS. Our many thanks to Del Mar College for donating toothbrushes and fluoride varnish for this project.

The Oral Health Project (Headstart Fluoride program) is being used as the example for the Study Abroad Fluoride project.

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.

Rhonnda Jones

Designation Specialist

Texas Department of State Health Services

Texas Primary Care Office

TexasPCO@dshs.texas.gov

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





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 topics.

Please complete this short online form linked below and **reply to the email confirmation to complete the process.** <https://txohc.org/get-involved/membership/m-o-mail-list/>

Thank you and we look forward to your participation.

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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

LIVE

UPCOMING CE EVENTS *5 CE Credits*

April 21, 2023 **Topic:** *Staying on top of the latest in dental technology*
Speaker: *Dr. Robert J. Smith, DMD, FRCR, FRCR(D), FRCR(Ed), FRCR(An), FRCR(Oral Maxillofacial)*

May 5, 2023 **Topic:** *Staying on top of the latest in dental technology*
Speaker: *Dr. Robert J. Smith, DMD, FRCR, FRCR(D), FRCR(Ed), FRCR(An), FRCR(Oral Maxillofacial)*

May 9, 2023 **Topic:** *Staying on top of the latest in dental technology*
Speaker: *Dr. Robert J. Smith, DMD, FRCR, FRCR(D), FRCR(Ed), FRCR(An), FRCR(Oral Maxillofacial)*

September 8, 2023 **Topic:** *Staying on top of the latest in dental technology*
Speaker: *Dr. Robert J. Smith, DMD, FRCR, FRCR(D), FRCR(Ed), FRCR(An), FRCR(Oral Maxillofacial)*

September 15, 2023 **Topic:** *Staying on top of the latest in dental technology*
Speaker: *Dr. Robert J. Smith, DMD, FRCR, FRCR(D), FRCR(Ed), FRCR(An), FRCR(Oral Maxillofacial)*

October 20, 2023 **Topic:** *Staying on top of the latest in dental technology*
Speaker: *Dr. Robert J. Smith, DMD, FRCR, FRCR(D), FRCR(Ed), FRCR(An), FRCR(Oral Maxillofacial)*

October 27, 2023 **Topic:** *Staying on top of the latest in dental technology*
Speaker: *Dr. Robert J. Smith, DMD, FRCR, FRCR(D), FRCR(Ed), FRCR(An), FRCR(Oral Maxillofacial)*

AIDA
Midwest Dental
 CALL 800.766.3356 or visit [MidwestDental.com/event](https://midwestdental.com/event) for more information!

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>.

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.

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

