



## Charting the Path Forward for Oral Health in Texas

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

**Early Bird Deals Extended!**

Take Advantage of the discounted Early Bird and Group Pricing extension. These deals expire on Friday, July 14, 2023.

**REGISTER NOW** <https://bit.ly/TOHC23-Reg>

### **REGISTRATION IS OPEN** **Early Bird Registration Extended**

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.

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**Our speakers and panelists will address topics such as:**

- Dental Public Health: State, Local and Community Perspectives,
- Prevention First (SDF, PVP-I, SAP P<sub>11-4</sub>)
- 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.

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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](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 July 14, 2023.**

Registration	Nonmember Conference Registration	TxOHC Active Member
<b>Early Bird</b> (ends July 14, 2023)	\$225.00	<b>\$200.00</b>
<b>Regular Registration</b>	\$250.00	\$225.00
<b>Group Registration</b>	<b>\$250/ea. for 3 registrants get the 4th free</b>	

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/>.

**TEXAS ORAL HEALTH COALITION**

**Framing HPV Immunization Education for Maximum Patient Acceptance**

For more information on the speaker, course description and objectives, please visit <https://txohc.org/education/framing-hpv/>.

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

**Speaker**  
**Jane C. Cotter, MS, CTTS, FAADH**

July 14, 2023  
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT **Register at <https://bit.ly/Reg-71423>**

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# TxOHC Nominations Report

**Date:** June 14, 2023

**From:** Board Governance Committee  
Magda de la Torre, RDH, MPH  
Sohini Dhar, DDS, MPH  
Dale Hahn, RDH, BSDH

## NOMINATIONS REPORT

The Texas Oral Health Coalition Board Governance Committee selected the candidates listed below for nomination to the 2023-2024 Board of Directors and were approved by the Board of Directors on June 15, 2023.

The Board shall be composed of the elected Chairperson, Chairperson Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and six Directors who serve terms of two years and may serve up to two consecutive terms per office. The Immediate Past Chairperson shall serve as an unelected ex-officio member of the Board for one term of two years. In accordance with TxOHC bylaws, a minimum of three Board members must be dentists or dental hygienists.

Coalition members will have the opportunity to nominate candidates from the floor at the annual meeting, but all nominees must be vetted by the Board Governance Committee. If there are no nominations from the floor, the slate of nominees can be voted in by acclamation. If there are nominees from the floor, they will need to be vetted after the meeting, added to an electronic ballot and the electronic ballot disseminated to active members to cast their votes within 72 hours. Board officer nominees must be members of the Texas Oral Health Coalition in good standing for one year prior to nomination. Nominees for director positions must be members of the Texas Oral Health Coalition in good standing for a minimum of ninety (90) days prior to election.

*There were two changes this year in the Board of Directors. In November 2022, TxOHC Treasurer Dr. Deborah Jones, PhD, MSN, RN was appointed Interim Provost at UT Medical Branch School of Nursing in addition to serving as Dean. Needing to reduce her duties, she resigned as Treasurer, but asked to stay on the board as liaison.*

Chairperson Thompson appointed Dr. Sherdeana Owens, DDS, MPA to finish the Treasurer's term until the next annual meeting (August 4, 2023) and the appointment was ratified by the Board on February 16, 2023.

We are also sad to report that Board Director, Annaliese Cothron, DHSc, MS is moving out of state this summer and resigned her position on May 31, 2023. Per the Bylaws Section 3.3 (d) The Chairperson of the Board may appoint, with Board ratification, an individual to replace a Board Director who ceases to serve on the Board for any reason, and the replacement Board members shall serve until the next Annual Membership Meeting. The Chair will appoint her replacement after the general membership meeting, so potential candidates can be properly vetted. and interviewed.

**Board of Directors Nominees for 2023-2024. Please vote on the nominees below, including any candidates nominated from the floor.**

*Directors serve staggered two-year terms. Directors #1,2,3 elected in odd year, Officers and Directors Positions #4,5,6 are elected in even years.*

**Position #1:** Sohini Dhar, DDS, MPH (2nd term)

**Position #2:** Tonya Fuqua, DDS (1st term)

**Position #3:** Yashashri Urankar, DDS, MPH (2nd term)

seeking will be added to the electronic ballot if nominated from floor.)

**Treasurer:** Sherdeana Owens, DDS, MPA (beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> year of 1<sup>st</sup> term)

**Floor Nomination(s):** (After vetting, the nominee's name, credentials, and position

**Automatic Continuation for 2023-2024:**

**Officers:**

Chairperson: Matt Thompson, JD (automatic/beginning second year of term)

Immediate Past Chair: Kila Johnson, DDS (automatic/beginning second year of term)

Secretary: Heather Dent, DDS (automatic/beginning second year of 2<sup>nd</sup> term)

Treasurer: Appointment elected by general membership (beginning

2<sup>nd</sup> year of 1<sup>st</sup> term)

**Directors:**

Position #4: TBA - New Appointment to replace Annaliese Cothron

(beginning second year of 1<sup>st</sup> term)

Position #5: Tim Cluley, COO (beginning second year of 2nd term)

Position #6: Dale Hahn, RDH, BSDH (beginning second year of 1st term)

## TxOHC Member Spotlight

### TxOHC Member Announcement

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

**Individual Members:**

- Stacey Chazin, MPH, MSODL  
Principal, Chazin Consulting  
Vorhees, NJ
- Caroline Couto, DDS  
DDS, El Centro de Corazón  
Houston, TX
- Steve Higginbotham  
Administrator, Smile America Partners  
Troy, MI

**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](mailto: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.

## 2023 KidsCount Data Book Released

The Annie E. Casey Foundation has released the [2023 KIDS COUNT® Data Book](#) describing the health and welfare of American children. According to the Foundation this 34th edition of the Data Book "describes how the country's lack of affordable and accessible child care negatively affects children, families and U.S. businesses. This year's publication continues to present national and state data across four domains — economic well-being, education, health and family and community — and ranks states in overall child well-being. The report includes pre-pandemic figures as well as more recent statistics, and shares the latest information of its kind available."

Texas remains near the bottom on most indicators and we rank 44th overall (up from 45th last year).

Read the [Texas Data Profile on Child Well-Being here](#) or view the full [2023 Interactive Data Book](#).

## AAP Oral Health Risk Assessment Tool Updated

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Oral Health Risk Assessment tool has been updated to streamline and support this essential component of the well-child visit. The tool is now accompanied by an **intake form** to collect pertinent patient information from parents/caregivers. An **updated self-management goal sheet** supports shared decision-making on preventing cavities and maintaining healthy teeth at home. [Find all the new tools here](#).

The Oral Health Risk Assessment tool is just one of [many AAP resources](#) to help you successfully integrate oral health promotion and disease prevention into practice. Explore them all!



We invite you to download and share.

-- *Hollis Russinof, MUPP*

*American Academy of Pediatrics  
Campaign for Dental Health*

## **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](mailto:TexasPCO@dshs.texas.gov)

## **New NNOHA Resources**

**The National Network for Oral Health Access (NNOHA) has recently released two new resources.**

- [User's Guide for Integration of Behavioral and Oral Health](#): This publication provides guidance on how to implement a behavioral health and oral health integration program. The User's Guide includes a description of NNOHA's systems-based framework for behavioral health integration, promising practices from community health centers, and workflow examples. There is also a readiness assessment to help community health centers determine their level of preparedness to implement a behavioral health integration program.
- [Social Determinants of Health in Oral Health Care: A Step Towards Health Equity for Older Adults](#): NNOHA and the National Center for Equitable Care for Elders developed this publication on how to acknowledge and address SDOHs in oral health care for older adults.

**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 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

**LIVE**

**UPCOMING CE EVENTS** *Virtual options available!*

**5 CE Credits**

**April 21, 2023**  
 Topics: [illegible]  
 Speakers: [illegible]

**May 5, 2023**  
 Topics: [illegible]  
 Speakers: [illegible]

**May 9, 2023**  
 Topics: [illegible]  
 Speakers: [illegible]

**September 8, 2023**  
 Topics: [illegible]  
 Speakers: [illegible]

**September 15, 2023**  
 Topics: [illegible]  
 Speakers: [illegible]

**October 20, 2023**  
 Topics: [illegible]  
 Speakers: [illegible]

**October 27, 2023**  
 Topics: [illegible]  
 Speakers: [illegible]

**AIDA EDUCATION**

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Scan QR to explore CE opportunities!

Call (800) 266-3326 or visit [MidwestDental.com/event](https://MidwestDental.com/event) for more information!

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>.

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

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## 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.

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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.