

Congratulations Board Members

Hello Members,

We are pleased to share the results of the 2023 election for the 2023-2024 Board of Directors. Thank you members for voting and your participation in the recent annual member meeting.

For Officer Positions:

- Treasurer: Sherdeana Owens, DDS, MPA (beginning 2nd year of 1st term)

For Director Positions:

- Position #1: Sohini Dhar, DDS, MPH (2nd term)
- Position #2: Tonya Fuqua, DDS (1st term)
- Position #3: Yashashri Urankar, DDS, MPH (2nd term)

We look forward to working with you all and welcome to the Board!

Texas Health Steps Dental Preventive Benefits to Change September 1, 2023

The Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) recently published new Texas Health Steps Dental Preventive Benefits. These changes include Caries Arresting Medicament (silver diamine fluoride), Dental Education and Counseling, topical application of fluoride, dental sealants, and space maintainers.

It is very disappointing that Texas Medicaid will only cover a single application of SDF per tooth, per lifetime, by any provider and for only ages 0-6. They have also applied this same frequency limitation to dental sealants: once per tooth, per lifetime, by any provider.

To read about these new Texas Medicaid reimbursement changes effective September 1, 2023, please visit [Texas Health Steps Dental Preventive Benefits to Change September 1, 2023](#). There was a correction to this article published on 8.11.2023 that may be found [here](#).

TxOHC has a policy priority survey we would like to have your feedback on at <https://bit.ly/TxOHC-Survey>. Unfortunately, this survey was developed before we knew about any of the changes mentioned above, so please write in “other” or “comments”, or email me directly your thoughts on these changes and what action you would like to see TxOHC take.

TxOHC Policy Priority Survey Link: <https://bit.ly/TxOHC-Survey>

Texas Regional Oral Health Coalitions

Thank you to everyone who attended the August 18th Quarterly Member Meeting. Please find information on some events and resources discussed in the meeting below. If you are looking for upcoming local events, please visit your [regional oral health coalition webpage](#) for more information.

- **San Antonio Oral Cancer Walk 2023**
October 14, 2023

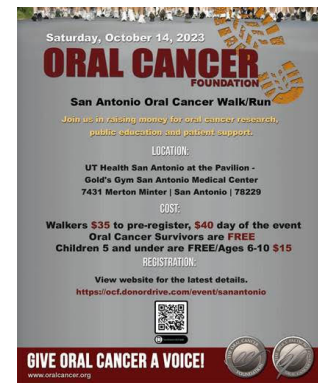


8:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT

Learn more at <https://ocf.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=848>

- **Integrating Diabetes and Oral Health Learning Collaborative**

NNOHA is recruiting health centers to participate in a Breakthrough Series Learning Collaborative on Integrating Diabetes and Oral Health (IDOH) funded through NNOHA's National Training and Technical Assistance Partnership with the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The Learning Collaborative will take place from September 2023 to June 2024 and includes 6 virtual sessions and 1 in-person session. The IDOH Learning Collaborative will use NNOHA's systems-level framework found [here](#) to assist participating teams in adopting and implementing the oral health core clinical competencies (Risk Assessment, Oral Health Evaluation, Preventive Interventions, Communication and Education, Inter-professional Collaborative Practice) resulting in the integration of oral health and primary care and improved outcomes for health center patients. See [this PDF](#) for additional details. [Online applications](#) are due Tuesday, September 12, 2023.



Upcoming TxOHC Webinars

TxOHC Monthly Webinar | [Register here](#) | September 8, 2023 | 12:00 PM CDT
Collaboration to Achieve Oral Health Promotion

Presented by: David Fray, DDS, MBA

Many dentists do not receive training in non-traditional delivery of oral health such as incremental preventive care, telehealth, collaborative behavior care and prevention-based health promotion. Without these interventions, many dentists attempt care unsuccessfully at great cost for failed appointments. Physicians, nurses and therapists frequently have limited training in oral health. Thus, they dismiss the importance of oral health to overall health and the contributions of an integrated oral health professional within a virtual health home. Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Myofunctional Therapy and Behavioral Therapy can all be accomplished virtually or in the health promotion room in a dental office to unite the collaborative health team with oral health as an included goal.



**COLLABORATION TO
ACHIEVE ORAL
HEALTH PROMOTION**

DAVID FRAY, DDS, MBA

SEPTEMBER 8, 2023
12:00 - 1:00 PM CT

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

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

REGISTER AT [HTTPS://BIT.LY/REG-9823](https://bit.ly/reg-9823)

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7/1/2021 to 6/30/2024, Provider ID# 346144

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The Healthy Smiles Project: Increasing HPV Vaccination through Interprofessional Partnerships with Dental Hygienists

Presented by: Stacey Griner, PhD, MPH, RDH

The presentation focuses on the role that oral health providers, such as dental hygienists, may have as alternative providers of HPV vaccine recommendations. We discuss their ability to reduce missed HPV vaccine opportunities and present information about HPV vaccine uptake and oral health providers in Texas. We then discuss an ongoing project with two goals: 1) to educate dental hygienists about advocating for the HPV vaccine, and 2) increase HPV vaccine implementation into the dental setting through community-based immunization events.

Special Care: An Oral Health Professional's Guide to Serving Children with Special Health Care Needs

The Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) requires that all oral health professionals receive didactic and/or clinical training on the oral health of persons with special health care needs. This free series of five modules, offered by the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center, provides training to help you ensure

that children with special health care needs have access to health promotion and disease prevention services that address their unique oral health needs in a comprehensive, family-centered, and community-based manner.

[Go to Free Course](#)

AAPD Guidance on Use of SDF in Dental Caries Management

The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) released guidance for physicians who are considering using SDF in their practices for children with caries in recently , ***Physician Use of Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) in Dental Caries Management: Guidance from the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry***. This is due to the procedure code for physicians' use of silver diamine fluoride (SDF) introduced in July to be published in the AMA's CPT® 2024 manual.

[Read their guidance here.](#)

TxOHC Member Spotlight

TxOHC Member Announcement

We are pleased to welcome the following new members since July 31, 2023.

Individual Members:

- Aparna Biradar, BDS, MPH, DPH
Assistant Director Planning & Assessment/ Clinical Assistant Professor, Texas A&M School of Dentistry
Coppell, TX
- Amber Stevens, RDH, Med
Dental Hygiene Instructor, Pima Medical Institute Houston
Richmond, TX
- Rajat Diwan, DDS
Director of Dental Services, Lone Star Circle of Care
Georgetown, TX

- Tina Madrigal, RDA
Dental Assistant, St. David's Foundation
Austin, TX
- Jessica Wauson, PMP
Quality Manager, American Heart Association
Fort Worth, TX

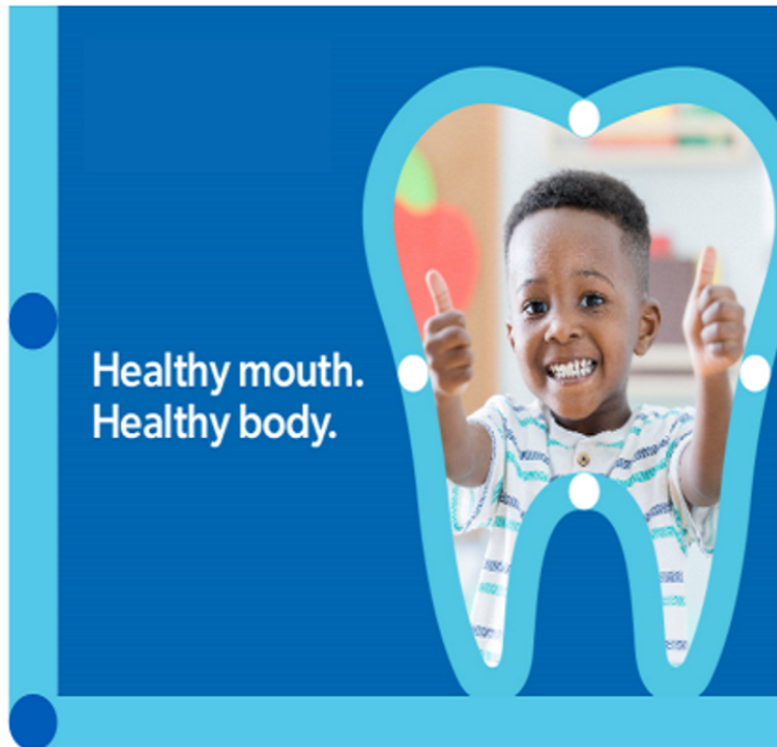


**Join us for our
Oral Health
Collaborative
Meeting**

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

September 28th & November 30th
12:00 – 1:30p
via Zoom

RSVP to
oralhealth@cookchildrens.org
Zoom link will be sent with RSVP



Cook Children's invites our North Central Regional Oral Health Coalition members to their Oral Health Collaborative meetings via Zoom.

- Thursday, September 28, 2023, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM CT
- Thursday, November 30, 2023, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM CT

New ASTDD Policy Statement

The ASTDD Dental Public Health Policy Committee is pleased to announce the availability of a new ASTDD policy statement on ***Dental Amalgam and Resin-Based Composites: Environmental and Health Impacts.***

"The Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors, the American Dental Association, and the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry support continued judicious use of amalgam as a low-cost, high-longevity restorative product that is safe

for the majority of patients, with discretionary alternative material use by dental practitioners for high-risk populations . . . ASTDD promotes strategies for primary prevention of dental caries such as dietary counseling and treatments to remineralize dental enamel; secondary prevention of caries that incorporates minimally invasive dentistry materials and therapies; and comprehensive dental care to decrease the prevalence and severity of dental caries, thus reducing the need for dental restorative materials along with correspondingly appropriate dental office waste management."

ASTDD is pleased to acknowledge Lydia J. DeJonge, DDS, MS, MPH, and Linda M. Kaste, DDS, MS, PhD University of Illinois Chicago, College of Dentistry for their efforts in drafting this paper.

[Read the full policy statement here.](#)

TxOHC Updates

- **Texas Teledentistry Guide** - updated on 8.22.2023 with new additions to the FAQ section. Read more at <https://txohc.org/communication/coalition-publications/tx-teledentistry-guide/>.
- **Dental Prescription Fact Sheet** - updated on 7.19.2023 and added Antibiotic Stewardship to the back page. Read more at <https://txohc.org/communication/coalition-publications/prescription-fact-sheets/>.
- **2023 State Oral Health Report Card** - published 6.8.2023 and added indicator trend line data on the webpage at <https://txohc.org/communication/coalition-publications/texas-oral-health-report-card/>.

TxOHC CDE Opportunities

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

- **HPV - Healthy Smiles - *NEW***
 - Framing HPV Immunization Education for Maximum Patient Acceptance
- **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
- **Treating Individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities (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
- **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
- **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
- **Oral Pathology**
 - Oral Cancer Update
 - Oral Manifestations of Systemic Diseases and Conditions
 - Common Lesions of the Oral Cavity, from Diagnosis to Treatment
- **Health Communications**
 - The Power of Audience Insight
 - Using Storytelling to Engage
 - Making Data Count Building
 - Your Social Media Presence
 - Speaking Up for Fluoride

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

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.



**We wish to welcome our newest
Coalition Partner
Liberty Dental Plan**

**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 to 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.

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