Community Dental Health Coordinator

Mission, Duties, Purpose for the Patient Centered Experience

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Definition of a CDHC

The CDHC is a new dental team member who serves as a conduit between underserved communities and dentists.

- Curriculum developed by dentists
- 1872 hours of instruction
- Work under a dentist’s supervision
- Educate, inform and prevent
- Provide dentist referrals
Establishing the Dental Home
The CDHC’s focus is on reducing the oral health disparities by targeting *social determinants* of oral disease and improving access to dental care

**PRIMARY PREVENTION**
Helping People Where They Live
Typical Duties

- Focusing on Patient Barriers to Care
- Cultural Issues
- Following Patient Care to Completion
- Oral Health Promotion to Communities
Oral Health Education to a Diabetic Class
Additional Benefits of CDHC Presence:

- Motivational Interviewing
- Cultural Competence
- Community Mapping
- Relationship Building
- Anxiety Management
- Productivity Enhancement
- Oral Health Promotion
Career Opportunities

- FQHCs
- Community Clinics
- Social Service Organizations
- Private Practices
- Educational Institutions
- Health Educational Programs
- Assisted Living/Nursing Homes
Questions?