# 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 Focus

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?-

