Local Dental Pilot Project (LDPP)

CRIHB’s LDPP of the Dental Transformation Initiative is in its final year. Over the course of this project we had anticipated that we would see an increase in preventive dental services, which would result in a decrease in restorative caries treatment. That is not what happened. Instead, the LDPP has brought many more children age 0-20 into care, resulting in an increase in both! For more information, please contact Dental Project Coordinator Jan Carver at (916) 929-9761 x1308 or jcarver@crihb.org.

Our Mission
To reduce dental decay in Native American infants, children, and adults. To provide training, technical assistance, and resources to Tribal and Urban dental clinics operating in California.

Increase in preventive dental services

Increase in restorative dental services

From left to right: Nicamer Tolentino, Dr. Chalise Morgan, Consuelo Gambino, Dr. Rick Trahin, Stacey Wobbe, Dr. Steve Riggio, Paige Drahin, Jan Carver, Dr. Alice Huang, and Dr. Elizabeth Lauron. (Not pictured: Michael Donaleski)
Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH) Scholarship

The Dental Support Center at California Rural Indian Health Board, Inc. is offering one scholarship (up to $2,000) for a Registered Dental Hygienist from a CA Tribal/Urban Indian dental clinic to attend the 2020 RDH Under One Roof conference from October 9-11, 2020, in Denver, CO.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

- Employed by a California Tribal/Urban Indian dental clinic for at least 18 months and work at least 25 or more hours/week.
- No more than one nomination will be accepted from one California Tribal/Urban Indian dental clinic.
- Each nomination from the dental director must include a brief paragraph justifying the nomination.
- Please include the years of service for the California Tribal/Urban Indian dental clinic.
- Nominees from previous years that did not get selected from the lottery are eligible to be nominated again.

The candidate will be chosen by lottery. The Dental Support Center will directly pay the candidate up to $2,000 to cover the cost of attending the conference (registration, lodging, and travel).

**NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, July 31, 2020**

Please submit to Consuelo Gambino, Dental Support Center Coordinator, at (916) 771-9470 or cgambino@crihb.org.

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2020 Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) Challenge

The Dental Support Center and the California Area Indian Health Service are pleased to announce the 2020 GPRA Challenge! There are two challenges for California Tribal/Urban Indian dental clinics to strive for:

**Challenge 1:**
- Meeting the GPRA access goal for ages 0-20 years old (2% over previous year’s GPRA performance) = $500 award
- Highest performers for dental access for ages 0-20 years old. There will be four winners, one for each of the American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) service population groups = $100 award

**Challenge 2:**
- Meeting the annual GPRA goal for fluoride varnish (2% over previous year’s GPRA performance) = $500 award
- Highest performers for fluoride varnish. There will be four winners, one for each of the AIAN service population groups = $100 award

For more information on your program’s specific goals, please contact Consuelo Gambino, Dental Support Center Coordinator, at (916) 929-1307 or cgambino@crihb.org.

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Fluoride Varnish and Oral Health Screening Event at Tule River Child Development Center

Cavities are one of the most common chronic diseases of childhood in the United States. Untreated cavities can cause pain and infections that may lead to problems with eating, speaking, playing, and learning. Fluoride varnish can prevent about 33% of cavities in the primary (baby) teeth. The Dental Support Center collaborated with the Dental Transformation Initiative’s, Dental Project Coordinator Jan Carver (registered dental hygienist), to conduct oral health screenings and fluoride varnish treatments for the children at Tule River Child Development Center on February 27, 2020.

Thirteen children received an oral health screening and 10 children received a fluoride varnish treatment.

Reference: https://www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/basics/childrensoralhealth/index.html

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Talking with Children about COVID-19

The Urban Indian Health Institute (UIHI) in Seattle, Washington, developed a fact sheet and illustrated poster on how to speak to AIAN children about COVID-19. For Tribal/Urban Indian dental clinics, you can request these resources in print either as a poster, table pop-up poster, or free standing large banner for waiting rooms and other clinic spaces. These can be requested by emailing UIHI at info@uihi.org. This is available on a first-come, first-served basis. The fact sheet and poster can also be downloaded at the UIHI website https://www.uihi.org/projects/covid/.

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COVID-19 Online Training Resources

TRAIN is a national learning network that provides quality training opportunities for professionals who protect and improve the public’s health. TRAIN is offering COVID-19-related training resources provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization. Currently, the online trainings focus on COVID-19 in general and personal protective equipment. Dental health professionals can create a free TRAIN account at https://www.train.org/main/user/register.