

VISION: Dental hygienists are integrated into the healthcare delivery system as essential primary care providers.

MISSION: Advance our profession and support our members' success in order to improve oral and overall health.

GOALS

Advance the role of and opportunities for affiliated practice dental hygienists (APDH) as direct access providers

Help prepare AZ dental hygienists for an evolving scope of practice and settings

Build alliances with strategic partners

Expand the role of dental hygienists in regulating our profession

Strengthen AzDHA's infrastructure to ensure we have all the resources necessary to carry out our mission

OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Establish a vibrant AP Community of Practice by June 2022.
- ✓ Create task force to promote and recruit hygienists for AP.
- ✓ Increase number of hygienists with active AP agreements by 10% annually.
- ✓ Double the # of APDHs employed in community health centers and working with primary care by 2023.
- ✓ By 2023, initiate efforts to persuade commercial insurance companies to recognize, credential, and reimburse APDHs.

- ✓ Each year, provide at least one continuing education course or workshop on one or more of the following:
 - Inter professional collaborative practice
 - New or future careers paths for dental hygienists
 - Topics appropriate for non-dental professionals in order to promote interdisciplinary education
 - Educate Hygienists on Dental Therapy and the possible employment opportunities.
- ✓ Hold Virtual or In-Person Hot Topics discussions on a biannual basis.

- ✓ Establish at least one new strategic partnership each year.

- ✓ Identify and support at least one candidate for positions on the Board of Dental Examiners and the Dental Hygiene Committee as they become available.
- ✓ Expand the scope of responsibilities and authority of the DH Committee by 2023.

- ✓ Increase membership 5% annually.
- ✓ Increase profit from Impact Conference by 100% by 2022.
- ✓ Identify at least one substantial additional non-dues revenue stream by December, 2023.
- ✓ Engage enough volunteers from across the state to fully support the advocacy, communications, and membership committees by December, 2023.
- ✓ Develop a leadership pipeline by the 2022 General Assembly.
- ✓ Evaluate the effectiveness of our current governance structure by July, 2023.
- ✓ Create a fundraising committee to raise funds for advocacy.