

**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**

**OBJECTIVES**

<p>Advance the role of and opportunities for affiliated practice dental hygienists (APDH) as direct access providers</p>	<p>Help prepare AZ dental hygienists for an evolving scope of practice and settings</p>	<p>Build alliances with strategic partners</p>	<p>Expand the role of dental hygienists in regulating our profession</p>	<p>Strengthen AzDHA's infrastructure to ensure we have all the resources necessary to carry out our mission</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase number of hygienists with active AP agreements by 10% annually.</li> <li>• Engage community health centers to educate them on the benefits of employing APDHs by the end of 2023.</li> <li>• By 2023, initiate efforts to persuade commercial insurance companies to recognize, credential, and reimburse APDHs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Each year, provide at least one continuing education course or workshop on one or more of the following:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inter professional collaborative practice.</li> <li>• New or future careers paths for dental hygienists.</li> <li>• Topics appropriate for non-dental professionals in order to promote interdisciplinary education.</li> <li>• Educate Hygienists on Dental Therapy and the possible employment opportunities.</li> <li>• Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF).</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ Hold Virtual or In-Person Hot Topics discussions on a biannual basis.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Establish at least one new strategic partnership each year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify and support at least one candidate for positions on the Board of Dental Examiners as they become available.</li> <li>✓ Continue legislative efforts to expand the scope of dental hygiene practice in the state.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain and/or increase membership numbers of 384.</li> <li>• Increase profit from Impact Conference by 100% by 2022.</li> <li>✓ Identify at least one substantial additional non-dues revenue stream by December, 2023.</li> <li>• Develop a leadership pipeline by the 2022 General Assembly.</li> <li>• Evaluate the effectiveness of our current governance structure by July, 2023.</li> <li>• Establish functioning components via quarterly continuing education offerings to increase revenue and leadership pipeline.</li> <li>• Create a fundraising committee or foundation to raise funds for advocacy efforts.</li> </ul>