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Hello Fellow Hygienists,
It is with great pleasure that we are announcing our 2024 Impact Conference at the beautiful Loews Ventana Resort.
We are looking forward to connecting and learning along side all of you!
We fully believe that caring for ourselves helps us care for others, and will help our profession thrive.
We are so excited to set aside some time for us all to get together and collaborate while taking in some great continuing education content.
AzDHA is here to support all of our colleagues and we look forward to meeting you all in August!

Thank You,
Davy Evans
Vice President, AzDHA



**NEW
SPEAKER**



ANDREA KEEFER

It is with great pleasure that we announce the addition of Andrea Keefer, RDH to our Arizona Dental Hygienist's Association 2024 Impact Conference roster of brilliant speakers.

Set to be the pinnacle event of the year for hygiene professionals in Arizona, this conference promises to be a transformative journey for all who participate.

Scheduled to take place at the luxurious Loews Ventana Canyon Resort in Tucson, AZ, this year's conference promises to exceed expectations. With a distinguished lineup of renowned speakers joining our program, we anticipate drawing an even larger crowd of over 300 dental hygienists eager for exceptional education and networking opportunities.

What's in Store for You?

- Expert Insights: Gain valuable insights from industry leaders and pioneers, as they share their wisdom and

experience.

- **Networking Opportunities:** Forge invaluable connections with fellow professionals, opening doors to collaboration and growth.
- **Professional Development:** Elevate your skills and knowledge through engaging workshops and discussions.
- **Inspiration:** Leave feeling inspired and motivated to revolutionize your approach to dental hygiene.

Seize this opportunity to revolutionize dental hygiene. Embrace the chance to redefine your professional journey. Register today to secure your spot and lead the charge into a new era.

Why go it alone? Invite a non-member friend and double your impact. Growing our community means endless possibilities for innovation and progress.

Join us in unlocking the true potential of dental hygiene and creating lasting change. The moment is now—be the catalyst for transformation!

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Registration fees Include all general session lectures, light breakfast, lunch, and two breaks each day.

NOTE: Due to the recent launch of our new membership page on the AzDHA website, you will need to create a new password. This will gain you exclusive access to the Members Only page. This step is essential in ensuring your eligibility for member pricing at the Impact Conference. If you are unable to register as a member, please call 813.444.1011 to have your new password request text resent.

Venue
Loews Ventana Canyon Resort
7000 North Resort Drive, Tucson, AZ 85750



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EXCLUSIVE HOTEL PERKS!

Escape to luxury with our exclusive hotel package: just \$149 per night with no resort fee, free self-parking, and incredible discounts. Enjoy a \$94 greens fee including cart and a \$10 club handling fee (mention AzDHA), plus 10% off spa treatments (mention AzDHA). Treat yourself to these amazing perks and soak in the beauty from our gallery. Book now and elevate your stay!

ADVOCACY UPDATE



AzDHA Opposes Regulatory Board Fund Sweeps

In January, Governor Hobbs proposed a \$1.6M fund transfer (“sweep”) from the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners’ (“BODEX”) to the State’s General Fund to help address the fiscal crisis the state faces. Most, if not all, other regulatory boards face similar sweeps. Now that budget negotiations are underway at the legislature, the Arizona Dental Hygienists’ Association joined the Arizona Dental Association and ten other professional organizations in expressing our deep concerns over the proposed fund transfers. Letters were sent to the Governor as well as Legislative Leadership. The proposed sweeps will leave boards with little to no money in reserve when prudent budget practices recommend at least 6 months reserves for operational costs. BODEX, like most regulatory boards, runs lean in a unique self-sustaining structure that operates financially independent of the state’s General

Fund but contributes to it - 90% of revenue (license fees) is used for operations while 10% goes to the General Fund. Our letters indicated that while we recognize the severity of our state's economic outlook, we asked that the Legislature and Governor's office do not leave our regulatory agencies in dire financial straits to shore up that deficit.

AzDHA Supports Federal Efforts to Elevate Importance of Comprehensive Public and Private Dental Coverage

In an effort led by [Community Catalyst](#), AzDHA recently signed onto a letter to Congress expressing support for mandatory Medicaid adult dental benefits, routine adult dental services as an Essential Health Benefit (EHB), a comprehensive Medicare dental benefit, and the addition of dental therapists into existing federal health workforce programs. The Comprehensive Dental Reform Act of 2024, introduced by Senator Bernie Sanders, would advance these critical policies.

AZ Has Opportunity to Expand Access to Dental Care

Recent regulatory changes present states with an option to include adult dental care as part of state Essential Health Benefits (EHB) packages required to be covered by most health plans under the Affordable Care Act. If Arizona acts on this option, dental coverage could be made available to millions of people who do not have it. The AzDHA, in partnership with the AZ Oral Health Coalition, expects to make this an advocacy priority, especially since it seems this is a decision the Governor's Office makes (likely without any legislation) and one that costs no state money.

Quick Update on Licensing Compacts

As you may recall, The Council for State Governments (CSG) developed model language for a [Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact](#) which was finalized in 2023. State compacts enable licensed dentists and dental hygienists to practice in all states participating in the compact, as opposed to them obtaining an individual license in every state they want to practice. The CSG model compact is endorsed by the ADHA and the ADA. The first of the 4-corner states (Colorado) recently signed onto the CSG Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact. Colorado joins Minnesota, Maine, Washington, Iowa, Tennessee, Virginia, Wisconsin and Kansas in passing the compact. It was operationalized last month after the first seven states activated the compact.

However, there is a competing compact developed by the [American Association of Dental Boards](#) and being heavily promoted. On Friday, May 31st, BODEX was to review and discuss potential licensure compacts with the representative(s) of the two respective proponents of

proposed dental and dental hygiene compacts to gain more information about each compact. Unfortunately, this matter was tabled to a future meeting.

Is This YOUR Time to Serve? One Dental Hygiene Board Position Open in 2025!



We hoped that SB1154 would give us a 2nd position open in 2025 but that is not to be. However, there will be one position available because one of the current dental hygiene board member's term expires on 01/01/2025. All members of BODEX, like all regulatory boards, are appointed by the Governor. To have the Governor consider you for such an appointment, you must complete an online application. AzDHA can help you get started. Please let us know if you are interested by sending an email to president.azdha@gmail.com or dkappes.azdha@gmail.com. AzDHA supports member candidates with letters of recommendation!

Top 5 Persuasive Reasons!

SPICE UP YOUR SUMMER IN NOLA



Top 5 Reasons ADHA24 is THE Hot Summer Ticket

When you're talking with hygienists in your state – members and nonmembers – we know they have a choice of dental hygiene conferences this summer, especially in July. **But, there's no other event *anywhere* that offers what the ADHA Annual Conference does.**

With over 50 sessions, workshops and lectures plus a jam-packed exhibit hall and can't-miss social events, there are dozens of reasons to attend the nation's premier professional event for dental hygienists. **Here are our Top 5 to help you persuade!**

1 Practical Learning

Practical skills and hands-on sessions don't cost extra at ADHA24. Enhance your clinical knowledge, chairside skills, and in-practice value.

2 Find Your People

ADHA24 builds a community of genuine support with lasting connections, peers and mentors who know exactly what the hygienist life is like.



3 Rejuvenate Your Work Life

Need that spark back? ADHA24 is where you'll get inspired all over again by the passion, dedication and commitment of fellow dental hygienists.

4 Gather Intel On Opportunities

Considering a career move? Explore **social & networking events**, new possibilities, jobs and professional pathways. Employers actively recruit at ADHA24.



5 What's New in Oral Health

A walk through the **ADHA24 exhibit hall** gets you up close with a dazzling array of products, services and equipment from leading vendors and innovators.

[Learn More & Register for ADHA24](#)



The Race is ON! It's a 50-State Showdown!

West Virginia is currently the May frontrunner in the **ADHA24 State Registration Competition standings**, boasting an impressive 32% of members already registered! But our host state, **Louisiana**, isn't far behind and **Idaho** is a close third and catching up!

Will your state make a run for victory and claim **FIVE passes to ADHA25** in Long Beach?

Glory can be yours! It's time to rally for those registrations! Post, email, call and remind your members!



Reminder: Group Registration Discount!

Turns out, it's BIG! A lot of members have signed up with their friends and peers. Encourage members to save by registering as a group and saving an additional \$50 by completing their registration by June 7!

Group registration builds your squad of conference and travel buddies!

- Round up your RDH pals.
- Register as a group of five.
- Get one FREE registration! **That's like a 20% discount for everyone.**

	ADVANCE 4/13 – 6/7	STANDARD 6/8 – 7/28
ADHA MEMBER	\$449	\$499
NONMEMBER	\$649	\$699
STUDENT	\$150	\$150

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WELCOME New Members

AzDHA

Negar Afkari



Happy Birthday to All our Members with Birthdays in June

[\(Click here if your birthday should have been listed\)](#)

Rebecca Adams
Tamara Baca
Martha Bigler
Anne Bryant
Trinity Cleveland
Jeanine Conlee
LaQuera Darrow
Sara David
Darla Delamater-Burrueal
Roxanne Flores

Sharon Gilloon
Diane Herman
Genesis Herrera
Natalia Krupa
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