

Oral Health Coalition “Wish List”=
Opportunities for Involvement
Spring/ Summer 2010
www.HappyTeeth.org

Special Projects

- > Pre-school Project can use volunteers, supplies, funding, to help w/ establishing oral health education and/or tooth-brushing programs in local pre-schools.
Contact Rachael Hogan DDS @ hoganrachael@yahoo.com / 788-7123
- > HappyTeeth Station: Help promote OH education in an interactive & fun way ☺
Volunteer staff to assist w/ OH education, set-up, tear-down.
Occasional or ongoing community events throughout the year..
(Known Date: Saturday June 19th, 11:30-3:30pm; 2-hour shifts available; Civic Field, Bellingham)
Contact Katie @ Katie_meehan@interfaithchc.org or 676-6762 x1102 / mkriger@co.whatcom.wa.us or 676-6762
- > Data Entry Help; enter local dental data for reporting & tracking purposes. Contact Maggi.
- > November 5th Oral Health Conference will need help with planning and implementation.
Contact Maggi @ mkriger@co.whatcom.wa.us or 676-6762 x#32022
- > Donate children’s book & toys for dental offices that provide services for low-income children. Contact Maggi.

Access

- > BTC Dental Hygiene Students seek patients for their board exams in June. Needs to 5+ years since last cleaning.
Qualifying patients are eligible to receive a FREE cleaning and FREE exam & x-rays.
Call 360 752-8679; specify that you would like a FREE BOARD SCREENING APPOINTMENT!
Please leave a message with your name and number if we are unable to answer your call.
- > SmileMobile seek volunteer dental professionals for dental shifts (Lummi HeadStart & Tribal School)
Contact Monika @ WDSF @ 206 517-6303 mforo@deltadentalwa.com
- > Senior Smiles for Life Project, a dental access program for seniors.
Affordable preventive dental care provided at B’ham Senior Center, with community referral linkages for restorative treatment as available.
Potential volunteers, contact Anita Rodriguez RDH @ catnaps2@msn.com
Potential consumers, contact (360) 738-2500 (senior information & assistance)
- > Donated Adult Dental Program (DAD)@ Interfaith CHC seeks volunteer dentists, RDHs, & DAs for 4-hour shifts. Ongoing, occasional, or one-time.
Contact Katie Meehan Interfaith CHC @ 676-6177 x1102 katie_meehan@intefaitchc.org
- > Dental hygiene for seniors & pregnant women @ SeaMar CHC seeks volunteer RDHs; one time, occasional, or ongoing- 4 hr shifts. Contact Rachel Hogan DDS @ 788-7123/ hoganrachael@yahoo.com
- > Dentists reaching Out to Seniors and the Disabled (WSDA Outreach)
Program provides 25% discount to low-income disabled persons, Alzheimer’s patients, & seniors (60+) without dental insurance. Contact Lesley Rigg 738-2500 or WOHF (206) 448-1914 melissa@wsda.org
- > Support & promote MD/ DDS collaboration to encourage OH services for children & pregnant women.
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Education

- > Support & promote MD/ DDS collaboration to increase OH awareness for pregnant women.
Contact hoganrachael@yahoo.com , mkriger@co.whatcom.wa.us , desmond_skubi@interfaithchc.org or OHC_Jenny@yahoo.com
- > Pathways to Health Careers program seeks minority students interested in health professions (e.g. dental)
Contact Shelly Zylstra @ zylstra@dshs.wa.gov for more info or to refer a student.
- > Draft article or take photos for Whatcom OHC newsletter “Oral Health Matters”.

2010 OHC Partner Organizations:

Interfaith Coalition

St. Joseph Hospital

WWU Pre-Dental Club

Bellingham DSHS CSO

Local community members

Lummi Indian Health Center

Interfaith Community Health Center

Sea Mar Community Health Center

Coalition for Healthy Communities

Northwest Regional Council (NWRC)

Bellingham Technical College (BTC)

Readiness-to-Learn Consortium (RTL)

PeaceHealth Medical Group Pediatrics Dep't

Mt. Baker District Dental Society (MBDDS)

Mt. Baker Dental Hygienist's Society (MBDHS)

Whatcom County Health Department (WCHD)

University of Washington School of Dentistry

Washington Dental Service Foundation (WDSF)

Whatcom Alliance for Healthcare Access (WAHA)

Access to Baby and Child Dentistry Program (ABCD)

"The beauty of the coalition is that each OHC member gets to share in the successes and accomplishments of all Coalition partners."

Shelly Zylstra, OHC Steering Committee

Whatcom County Oral Health Coalition
is a broad-based coalition,
working to improve oral health among community members of all ages
through prevention, education, and increased access to dental care.