



Dentistry IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Allied Staff News

Taskforce Seeks Dental Workforce Solutions

A taskforce of the South Dakota Oral Health Coalition is exploring a host of options that will begin to address the shortage of allied dental staff in South Dakota.

There are seven projects being explored by the taskforce, including:

- ◆ Fully utilizing currently allowed expanded functions
- ◆ Establishing a USD dental hygiene satellite clinic in western SD
- ◆ Establishing associate hygiene programs in eastern and western parts of SD
- ◆ Removing restrictions on collaborative practice hygiene
- ◆ Creating a Restorative Function Dental Assistant/Dental Hygienist Certificate
- ◆ Creating a Coronal Scaling Function Dental Assistant Certificate
- ◆ Estimating South Dakota’s future dental workforce needs

Fully utilizing current expanded functions and creating certificate training programs for restorative functions and coronal scaling are near-term projects, while establishing new dental hygiene programs are long-term projects.

The taskforce is producing a guide to help dentists and their staff better understand which functions allied staff are currently allowed to perform in South Dakota. Distribution of the new guide will be part of an information campaign the group will conduct to help dentists utilize current staff members to the fullest extent allowed. The SDDA will be surveying member dentists regarding the functions currently being performed by their staff and inquire about support for additional expanded functions. Members should watch their email for a survey link to be distributed in mid-January.



2023 Sioux Empire Smiles

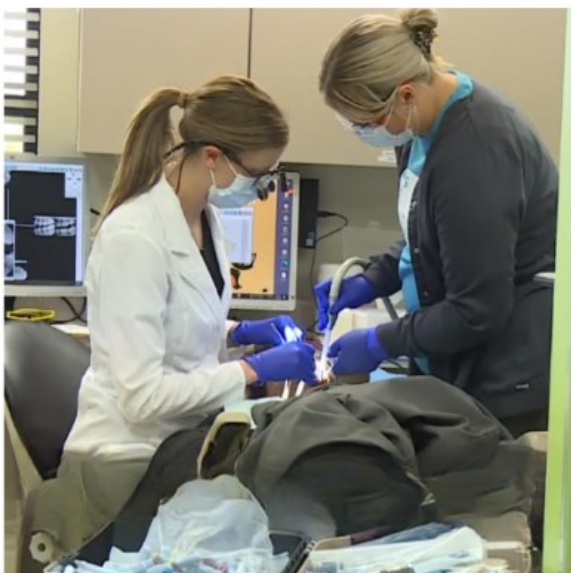


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The ninth-annual Sioux Empire Smiles event, organized by the Southeastern District Dental Society, was held on Saturday, October 7, and provided free dental care to 127 at-risk youth in the Sioux Empire area. It was a chilly morning, and we were delighted to see so many families in line, early! Several helped set up tables and chairs, and we were thankful for their assistance.

The Children’s Dental Center generously donated the use of their clinic, parking lot, and many of their staff for the event. Other volunteer dentists, hygienists, assistants, office staff, language interpreters, and students from across the Sioux Empire area donated their time and services to provide dental screenings, restorative treatments, cleanings, and education. In addition, some children needed follow up care and oral surgery.



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2023 Sioux Empire Smiles (cont.)

We thank those dentists, staff, and hospitals that have volunteered their time and space to treat those cases. Special thanks to Jean Gross for helping promote the event in area schools and other organizations to get these underserved and uninsured children the dental care they need.

Other sponsors and contributors that assisted in making the day a successful event include: The Delta Dental of South Dakota Foundation South Dakota Dental Foundation, Patterson Dental, Voco America Inc., Avera, Sanford, Jimmy John's and Hy-Vee Grocery Store on Louise Ave. in Sioux Falls, Coca Cola Bottling Company, and Simply Ever After Entertainment.

The clinic was a rewarding experience and witnessing the smiles on so many that day was heartwarming. If you are interested in volunteering your time for the 2024 event, please email melissa@sddental.org. Our tentative date is Saturday, October 5, 2024. Hope to see you there!



Classified Ads

Dakota Family Dentistry in Huron, SD is seeking a registered dental hygienist to join our team. The ideal candidate should be dedicated to providing excellent patient care with exceptional service. This is an outstanding opportunity to practice in a well-established clinic with a great team in a wonderful community. Benefits include \$5000 sign-on bonus, student loan repayment for 3 year commitment, competitive pay, 401K with profit-sharing, in-house dental benefit plan, paid sick leave, vacation, dues, licenses, CE, and 6 paid holidays. Visit our website: www.dakotafamilydentistry.org for an application or call 605-352-6999.

Dental Hygienist: Are you a dental hygienist looking for a change? Delta Dental of South Dakota's Mobile Program has opportunities for dental hygienists. These opportunities include both—full time and/or part-time flexible schedules, including working specific weeks and/or months out of the year. The dental hygienists will work under collaborative supervision in southwest South Dakota, primarily on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. The dental hygienists will join a team providing preventive services and oral health education in schools, Head Starts, etc. Extensive travel is required. Excellent salary and benefits including health, dental, vision, life/long term disability insurance, paid holidays, vacation/sick leave, 401k, and more. For more information visit www.deltadentalsd.com. Submit a cover letter and resume to: summer.sporrer@deltadentalsd.com. Questions? Contact Summer Sporrer at 605-494-2569.

The University of South Dakota Department of Dental Hygiene is looking for **retired dental assistants** who are willing to fill in for reception and dental assisting duties on an as needed basis. Please contact the Department Chair: Miranda Drake for more information (miranda.drake@usd.edu and/or 605-658-5964).

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DENTAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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South Dakota

DENTAL ASSOCIATION

CONTINUING EDUCATION CALENDAR

The listing of these programs is provided as a service to SDDA Newsletter subscribers, and does not mean that these programs have been endorsed or approved by the SD Dental Association or the SD State Board of Dentistry. All members are cautioned to evaluate the programs on their own merit.

SOUTH DAKOTA DENTAL ASSOCIATION

2024 ANNUAL SESSION

Contact: Melissa Afdahl , 605-609-1152
melissa@sddental.org, www.sddental.org
May 16-18, 2024; Sioux Falls, SD

WESTERN DAKOTA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Contact: 605-718-2410; email: corped@wdt.edu

Third Friday of the month (AM)

- American Heart Association CPR Class for Healthcare Professionals

Third Friday of the month (PM)

- American Heart Association CPR Recertification for Healthcare Provider

Dental Radiology (2-day course)

- Jan 5-6; Feb 16-17; or Mar 15-16, 2024 in Rapid City

SOUTHEAST TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Contact: 605-367-4607
or corporateeducation@southeasttech.edu

Dental Radiology

- March 1, 2024

LAKE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Contact: Nicole Pahl, 605-882-5284, ext. 362;
Nicole.Pahl@lakeareatech.edu
<https://www.lakeareatech.edu/corporate-education/corporate-education-registration/>

Home Study Radiology Courses available:

- Radiology Safety
- Radiography Production

Introduction to Basic Concepts in Dental Radiography

Dates for 2024 TBD

CPR COURSES

CPR: Contact: Tia Meyer; 605-842-5672 or meyertia@hotmail.com

605CPR: Local instructor with 20 years of CPR teaching experience. We provide AHA and Red Cross BLS/ACLS/PALS certification www.cprsiouxfallssd.com; jr@605CPR.com; 605-525-4CPR (4277). Will travel.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Contact: Dept. of Dental Hygiene, 605-658-5960

Nitrous Oxide/Oxygen Sedation Course

- June 6-7, 2024

Radiology Certification for Dental Assistants

- June 13-14, 2024

Local Anesthesia Certification

- June 18-20, 2026

Local Anesthesia Refresher

- June 14, 2024

Nitrous Oxide/Oxygen Inhalation Sedation Refresher

- June 20, 2024

AAP Periodontology Guidelines

- July 19, 2024

Advanced Instrumentation

- July 26, 2024

Home Study Courses available:

- Radiology Interpretation, Pathology & Anomalies
- Errors of PA's, BWS & Panoramic Radiography
- Oral Effects of Head & Neck Radiation Therapy
- Radiation Safety
- Portable Dental Radiography
- SDF

ADA CE ONLINE

Contact: www.ada.org/goto/ceonline

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF DENTAL BOARDS

Contact: 1-800-621-8099

- "The Dental Patient Record"

Dentistry in South Dakota
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Pierre SD 57501

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THE SOUTH DAKOTA DENTAL FOUNDATION PROVIDES FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO PEOPLE, ORGANIZATIONS, AND CAUSES THAT IMPROVE ORAL HEALTH IN SOUTH DAKOTA.

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- Dental health projects for the underserved
- Dental and student activities and scholarships
- Dental education programs for the dental professional and the public
- Continuing education and promotion of professional ethics
- Recruitment of dentists and dental students to South Dakota

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND AN APPLICATION:

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