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You are receiving this message because you are either an IOHA member or have indicated that you are an oral health champion. If you no longer wish to receive any correspondence from the Idaho Oral Health Alliance, please respond to this email and ask to be removed from our list.

**Save August 10-11, 2023, for Idaho Oral Health Conference and IOHA 25th Anniversary**

Come to Boise the evening of **August 10, 2023**, for the Oral Health Conference Kick-off and the IOHA 25th Anniversary Celebration, then plan to attend the August 11, day-long state oral health conference. The conference is presented by the Idaho Oral Health Program and the IOHA with generous assistance from Delta Dental of Idaho. More details will be released soon.

**IOHA Membership Renewal Time**

It’s time to pay your 2023 IOHA membership! To pay your dues, visit: <https://www.idahooralhealth.org/membership/> ***Members receive discounts for IOHA events like the 25th anniversary celebration to be held on Aug. 10, 2023!***

We hope you find the following resources helpful:

**Idaho Resources**

**2022 Annual Report for the 2021-2026 Idaho Oral Health Improvement Plan**

The annual report is ready for download at <https://www.idahooralhealth.org/idaho-oral-health-improvement-plan/> Take a look and see what activities oral health champions across Idaho did to help improve the oral health of all who live within our borders. Send reports on your organizational activities throughout the year, and we’ll cover them in the 2023 report.

**Idaho State Dental Foundation Grant Due May 15**

Idaho Dental Foundation is accepting grant applications from organizations that provide direct dental care to under-served citizens in Idaho. Grant applications are due May 15th. Qualification guidelines and an application can be found [here](https://www.theisda.org/member-center/idaho-dental-foundation/idf-grant-application).

**IOHA Provider Seminars: *Mouths Matter: The Inextricable Link Between Oral, Mental, and Physical Health***

The IOHA, in partnership with SW AHEC will deliver the sixth in a series of eight seminars at noon (Mtn) on May 17, 2023. The session, *focusing on mental health and its link with oral and physical health,* will be presented by Danielle Rulli, DHSc, MS, RDH, and Adrienne Lapidos, PhD, both from the University of Michigan. *No pre-registration required.* [To attend on May 17, click here](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89820322773) and use the passcode IOHA. The session is part of the series titled: *Putting the Mouth Back in the Body: How Oral Health Affects Whole Patient Care*. Our thanks to series sponsor Delta Dental of Idaho. Registration for the July 11 seminar on medical-dental collaboration will open in May.

**Idaho State Dental Association Annual Session – June 7-9 in Boise**

This year's ISDA Annual Session is one you don't want to miss! With 16 different courses and 12 different speakers you can choose your own adventure! Early bird pricing ends May 4th so [register today](https://www.theisda.org/events/annual-session)

**Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs: Hispanic/American Indian Healthcare Conference**

Register now for the June 7-8, 2023, Hispanic/American Indian Healthcare Conference hosted by the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs. This two-day event will be held at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. Conference goals: understand the intersection and diversity of individual and community health and social needs; share best practices to support these underserved populations; advance health equity goals, and provide networking opportunities. [Registration link.](https://icha.idaho.gov/menus/ihh_conference_registration.asp)

**National Resources**

**American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Research & Policy Center Brief**

The AAPD Research & Policy Center has released its latest brief, *Hidden Crisis: Pediatric Oral Health in Rural America.* This report brings to light some of the challenges faced by children and families accessing dental care and offers suggested actions. The AAPD encourages dental providers and teams, policymakers, educators, community leaders, and other advocates for children to partner on such efforts. The publication can be found [here](https://www.aapd.org/research/policy-center/rpc-publications/).

**Gerontological Society of American Oral Health Interest Group Meeting**

Join this meeting on May 17, 2023, 1-3:00 ET. Agenda items include: an update on expanding Medicare coverage for medically necessary oral treatment; presentation on the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors’ Toolkit of Older Adult Oral Health Resource for Collaboration, and an update on geriatric oral health research following the American Association for Dental Oral and Craniofacial Research meeting. [Register here](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUvcu2prjIvH9EbchhrV4YjgvsVb82r6r0A#/registration).

**National Council on Disability Special Report**

The National Council on Disability released a new special report, “Incentivizing Oral Health Care Providers to Treat Patients with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.” The report offers recommendations to national leaders, medical professionals, and policymakers on access, equity, and Medicaid and Medicare issues. The report can be found [here](https://www.ncd.gov/publications/2023/incentivizing-oral-healthcare-providers-treat-patients-IDD).

**CDC Oral Health Communications Resources Webpage**

The Division of Oral Health within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has released a new communications resource webpage that includes infographics, featured articles, media statements, print materials, podcasts, and more. Resources can be used to educate individuals, families, dental healthcare providers, patients, medical providers, and more. [Resource Page](https://www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/communications_resources/index.htm?ACSTrackingID=USCDC_19_1-DM103335&ACSTrackingLabel=New!%20Communications%20Resources%20Webpage&deliveryName=USCDC_19_1-DM103335).

**We hope you will continue your support of the IOHA by joining us as a member.** Annual memberships start every January, but you can join at any time. For more information or to pay your dues, visit <https://www.idahooralhealth.org/membership/>

We offer our sincere thanks to our annual corporate sponsors: Delta Dental of Idaho, Eide Bailly, Managed Care North America, and the Idaho Oral Health Program.

Thank you for all you do to support the oral health needs of all who live within the borders of Idaho.