



UCSF DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

Open Smiles Collaborative

A Collaboration Between UCSF Dental Public Health and Pediatric Dentistry

Improving oral health for underserved children

Welcome to the UCSF School of Dentistry Open Smiles Collaborative, a HRSA grant-funded collaboration between the UCSF Dental Public Health and Pediatric Dentistry post-doctoral training programs and community partners who believe all children deserve access to preventive oral healthcare for happier, healthy smiles.

Training the Future Leaders of Dental Public Health and Pediatric Dentistry Specialists

Expanded cross-learning academic courses, real world clinical experiences, and interactions with UCSF faculty and leaders in the field prepare dentists to lead collaborations across dental public health and pediatric dentistry to improve the oral health care system and equal access to care.

The UCSF Open Smiles Collaborative...

- Increases cross-learning between UCSF Dental Public Health and pediatric Dentists
- Enhances the delivery of care at Federally Qualified Health Centers through community-based Quality Improvement and Medical-Dental Integration projects
- Heightens field training and clinical experiences by bringing dentists to rural communities
- Expands opportunities for dual specializations
- Training for dentists in working with children with Autism Spectrum Disorder

How to apply

To become part of the UCSF Open Smiles Collaborative, please apply to the UCSF School of Dentistry Public Health (DPH) or Pediatric Dentistry (PD) programs.

For the UCSF Open Smiles Collaborative, UCSF Dental Public Health is seeking applicants who are passionate and motivated to take public health training into the UCSF Pediatric Dentistry world.

Apply to the UCSF Dental Public Health Program at:
dentistry.ucsf.edu/programs/post-grad/dental-public-health/admissions

For the UCSF Open Smiles Collaborative, UCSF Pediatric Dentistry is looking for applicants with a mindset focused on public health and interested in the UCSF Dental Public Health program.

Apply to the UCSF Pediatric Dentistry Program at:
dentistry.ucsf.edu/programs/post-grad/pediatric-dentistry/admissions

The UCSF Open Smiles Collaborative encourages cross-over. We invite those who take the UCSF Dental Public Health program to apply for the UCSF Pediatric Dentistry program, and those who take the UCSF Pediatric Dentistry and Masters in Public Health (MPH) programs to apply for the UCSF Dental Public Health program.

Scholarships are available up to \$35,000 for eligible UCSF Dental Public Health applicants.

For More Information

Please contact us at dphpostgrad@ucsf.edu or visit opensmiles.ucsf.edu



A curriculum to elevate and transform your career

Upon program completion, UCSF Dental Public Health (DPH) and Pediatric Dentistry (PD) graduates will be prepared and motivated for clinical practice and delivering care to California's rural, underserved and most vulnerable populations.

UCSF OPEN SMILES COLLABORATIVE OBJECTIVES



INCREASING

cross-learning between UCSF Dental Public Health and Pediatric Dentistry

- Incorporating DPH topics into the PD curriculum. Key subject matter areas include cultural competency, oral health literacy and promotion, and social determinants of health and advocacy.
- Incorporating PD topics into the DPH curriculum. Key subject matter areas include behavioral management of children, children with special healthcare needs, pediatric oral health assessments, anticipatory guidance, and atraumatic restorative techniques.



ENHANCING

the delivery of care at Federally Qualified Health Centers

- UCSF Open Smiles expands the experiential learning of UCSF DPH and PD dentists in Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs).
- Adding clinical training sites for PD dentists at the Petaluma Health Center in Sonoma, and La Clinica de Raza, in Vallejo, California.
 - Integrating oral health into primary care pediatrics during well-child visits.
 - Developing community-based quality improvement (QI) projects for DPH and PD dentists.



IMMERSING

residents into rural communities through field site rotations and the virtual dental home

- UCSF Open Smiles expands the hands-on, experiential learning of UCSF Dental Public Health (DPH) and Pediatric Dentistry (PD) dentists in rural local oral health programs (LOHPs).
- Adding field site rotations for DPH dentists in rural Local Oral Health Programs (LOHPs) in partnership with the California Office of Oral Health (OOH).
 - Piloting the virtual dental home/school-based telehealth model in Tuolumne County.



EXPANDING

opportunities for dual specializations

- A unique and valuable aspect of our DPH and PD collaboration is that it provides the opportunity for expanded dual specialization for interested candidates.
- Dentists interested in an MPH are invited to apply to the UC Berkeley MPH/UCSF DPH dual program to receive co-mentoring by UCSF DPH faculty and preferred acceptance into the UCSF DPH program.
- Dentists interested in Pediatric Dentistry and a MPH degree, can do both concurrently through a special agreement with San Jose State University while attending UCSF's PD residency program.



IMPLEMENTING

telehealth for autism and neurodevelopmental disorders

- A hybrid in-person and virtual oral health program for children with special healthcare needs such as autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and other neurodevelopmental disorders (NDDs).
- Dentists will gain experience in creating effective pre-visit imagery and patient specific interventions for desensitization.
- Dentists will gain experience in interprofessional care by integrating behavioral therapists in the dental setting.

Pioneering the Future of Pediatric and Dental Public Health

The UCSF Open Smiles Collaborative offers you the opportunity to learn and work alongside some of the most notable leaders pushing the boundaries of dental research, clinical treatment, and public policy.

Evolving the Landscape of Healthcare

If you are inspired to help bring about a new, more inclusive and more equitable oral healthcare environment for California, and for all our children, we look forward to meeting you and having you become part of our community of leading academic dental professionals, industry-pioneering researchers, and fellow residents on the frontlines of change and the future of pediatric oral health.

UCSF Dental Public Health Residency Program and the Open Smiles Collaborative

The UCSF DPH postgraduate program is a one-year full-time certificate program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). Our UCSF DPH program offers a full-time, supervised program of field experiences, academic courses, and opportunities for hands-on, practical experiences.

The UCSF DPH program is known for its research, community partnerships, and for preparing students for the American Board of Dental Public Health (ABDPH). And now, with the HRSA grant, it provides an enhanced Pediatric Dentistry experience in addition to the core curriculum. The activities are uniquely tailored to each resident's past experience and interests, with a goal of developing expertise in the ten ABDPH core competencies which identify the skills, and knowledge expected of DPH specialists.



“Residents are given extensive responsibilities with plentiful opportunities to learn and master dental public health and where faculty is readily available to guide and teach.”

KAREN RAJU, BDS, MPH
CLASS OF 2019-20

Where You Can Work

- Government
 - State and local health departments
 - Federal agencies
 - U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS)
 - Branches of the military
 - Federally Qualified Health Centers
- Education
 - Schools of Dentistry, Dental Hygiene, Public Health
 - Early Education-Head Start; School-based programs