

DHAT projects in Washington and Oregon



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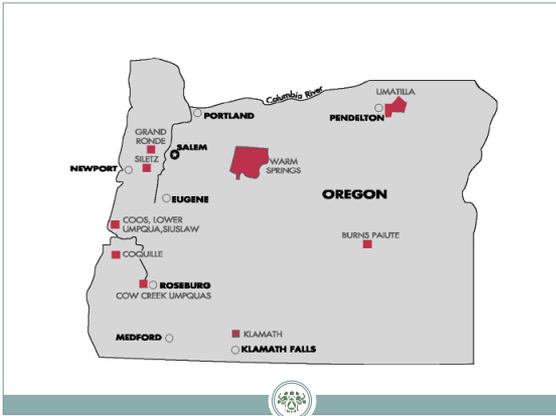
Our DHAT Pilot Goals

- Expand access to consistent, routine, high quality oral health care in tribal communities;
- Grow the number of AI/AN oral health care providers available to tribal communities;
- Bring culturally competent care into tribal communities;
- Establish cost effective solutions to oral health challenges into tribal communities;
- Bring care where it is needed most.



Oregon Tribes DHAT Pilot Project







CTCLUSI Dental Clinic

- Fully staffed 3-chair clinic serves primarily tribal members/families
- CTCLUSI also provide services to Coquille Indian Tribe. Coquille serves CTCLUSI members at their Community Health Center
- CTCLUSI has a 5-county service area including Coos, Curry, Lane, Lincoln and Douglas

Our Students!



Naomi Petrie
DHAT Class of 2017

Marissa Gardner
DHAT Class of 2018

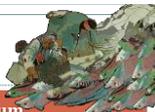


Coquille Indian Tribe Health Services

- Coquille operates Community Health Clinic for their members/family, community members, and CTCLUSI members in the 5-county service area: Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson and Lane
- They currently do not have a dental clinic or dental team but are exploring facility expansion and other options for housing a dental program



Our Students!



Alexandria Jones
Class of 2018

Jason Mecum
Class of 2018



Evaluation

- Working with an outside consultant to evaluate:
 - the effect of dental therapists on access to care
 - the quality of care
 - Patient satisfaction
 - Provider satisfaction
 - Clinic productivity/personnel costs
 - Staff turnover



New Pilot Site in Oregon



Demonstration in Washington

The Swinomish dental team has celebrated the first anniversary of Daniel's arrival to the clinic



Swinomish today

- Dentists working at the top of their Scope
- Daniel Kennedy (DHAT) out in the community
- A more efficient dental team
- Daniel is a natural fit to the clinic
- Young Swinomish tribal members considering Dental Therapy as their future career



Statewide Dental Therapy Bill

- **The Statewide Dental Therapy Bill in Washington:**
 - Has been renegotiated to reflect the language in the tribal bill and
 - Creates a work group to establish a pathway for federally certified or tribally licensed DHATs to become licensed by the state.



SB 5079 Tribal DHAT Bill Summary

- **Authorizes DHATs in Washington that are**
 - Certified by a CHAP Certification board
 - Licensed by a Federally Recognized Tribe
- **All DHAT services must be performed:**
 - In a practice setting within the exterior boundaries of a tribal reservation and operated by an Indian health program or an urban Indian organization
 - On persons who are members of a federally recognized tribe or otherwise eligible for services under Indian health service criteria, pursuant to the Indian health care improvement act, U.S.C. Sec. 1601 et seq.
- **Directs HCA to coordinate with CMS for Medicaid Reimbursement**



Thank you!



QUESTIONS?