







29 tribes in Washington. An additional 12 states are actively exploring dental therapy legislation, and Oregon has authorized a tribal dental therapy pilot project. Students from two Oregon tribes are enrolled in the dental health aide therapist training program in Alaska and will return to their communities to join dental teams.

Governments, the ADA, educators, and communities all share a responsibility to eliminate health disparities in tribal and other underserved communities. It will take a united effort to achieve oral health equity in our communities. The Swinomish Tribe will continue this fight on all fronts—legislative, administrative, and in the clinic—to provide oral health services to our communities, which is a basic need of all youths, adults, and elders. This generation will be the last to suffer needlessly and the first to usher in a new era of oral health care. **AJPH**

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