

Marjie Armstrong RDH, BA.



Marjie Armstrong RDH, BA, has worked in private practice for over thirty years. For the past six years she has worked in the field of public health as the only hygienist reaching the low-income schools of Yolo County. The Smile Saver Program, a dental outreach program of CommuniCare Health Centers, has doubled in size under Marjie's leadership and presently reaches over 4000 children annually. Marjie wears many hats in her position performing school screenings and placing sealants in addition to providing dental health education for children from pre-school through sixth grade. She is also responsible for administering the program, scheduling schools, completing grant reports, distributing toothbrushes, floss and fluoride, as well as evaluating the overall performance of the program. She also provides dental health education to participants at local health fairs, distributes dental health materials and performs dental screenings. Marjie makes her home in Davis, California and spends much of her free time visiting her three grown children in San Diego and Kansas City. She loves gardening and swimming and spending time with her family.

“Volunteering for county agencies prepared me for my work”

Education :

UC Davis, pre-dental hygiene

Foothill College Dental Hygiene, A.A. Degree;
Washington State University, B.A. Degree

Personal/Program Awards and Recognitions:

Yolo County United Way, Esparto Healthy Start, Woodland HealthCare West, West Sacramento Even Start

Primary function in public health position:

Dental health outreach for Yolo County and Coordinator for Children's Dental Disease Prevention Program in Yolo County

What experiences prepared you for your work in public health?

Many years in private practice and volunteering in county agencies for the low-income population

What is the most enjoyable aspect of dental public health?

Interacting with children who have deeply ingrained fears of dental procedures, and having them leave the chair with a smile.

Proudest public health accomplishment:

The day-to-day successes of identifying children's dental needs through screening followed by successful partnering with a local dental home.

Public Health employer/branch/department and official job title:

CommuniCare Health Centers
Dental Outreach Coordinator

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