

Shanda Wallace, RDH



Shanda Wallace, RDH, received her dental hygiene degree from Cabrillo College in 1983. Career opportunities have included: private practice, serving as consultant for San Joaquin County Health Care Services, and program manager for dental outreach programs for San Joaquin General Hospital. Mrs. Wallace has held numerous state and local component positions in CDHA including president in 1997-98 and currently serves as Corporate Development Consultant. Additional accomplishments include: serving on the Dental Hygiene Exam Subcommittee for the Committee on Dental Auxiliaries as a recorder, examiner and Chief Examiner; being a founding member of the Oral Health Access Council and representing the California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems Safety Net Institute on the Council; serving on the Board of Directors of The Dental Health Foundation; lecturing to parent groups and agencies on oral health care and the special needs of children; and coordination of a dental sealant program under a subcontract from San Joaquin County Public Health Services.

“Do... and do without being asked, Do more than you are asked and when you can~ leave things better than you have found them.”

Education

Associate Degree and Dental Hygiene education-
Cabrillo College, Aptos, CA
Graduated and Licensed in 1983

Personal Awards and Recognitions

Outstanding Student/HuFriedy Golden Scaler Award-
1983
Outstanding Component Member- 1994
President, California Dental Hygienists' Assoc. - 1997-98
City of Stockton, Mayorial Proclamation- 1998
Gubernatorial Appt. to COMDA- 2003

Primary function in public health position

As Manager for Healthy Smiles San Joaquin and Dental Sealant Coordinator for the San Joaquin County California Children's Dental Disease prevention program I am responsible for: fund procurement, administration, reports, fiscal aspects, staff management, interface with agencies, organizations and other dental health professionals as well as working as a clinician on occasion.

What experiences prepared you for your work in public health?

My experience started as a young girl accompanying my grandmother as she did volunteer work. As a student I volunteered at community events, school screenings and association activities. Most of all, the mentorship and information sharing that I have received from my dental public health colleagues have prepared me for this role.

Proudest public health accomplishment

The creation and development of Healthy Smiles San Joaquin. I wrote the grant and received \$1.5 million from the San Joaquin County First 5 Commission for San Joaquin General Hospital/San Joaquin County Healthcare Services. We have conducted the first ever oral health needs assessment of children under age 5 in San Joaquin and are continuing with a multi component program that incorporates early screening and intervention, parent and professional education and case management services to help children obtain dental treatment.

Public Health employer/branch/department and official job title

Employer: San Joaquin County/San Joaquin County Health Care Services

Official Job Title: Professional Dental Hygienist
Program Manager

Contact Information

Email: shandawallacerdh@comcast.net
Phone: 209/464-7406