

**KERN COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
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**REGISTERED DENTAL HYGIENIST ALTERNATIVE PRACTICE (RDHAP)
KERN COUNTY CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH NETWORK**

DEFINITION

Under general supervision, the Registered Dental Hygienist in Alternative Practice (RDHAP) will assign, schedule, and oversee a team of dental hygienists in cleaning teeth and examining oral areas, head, and neck for signs of oral disease of school children and various elementary school districts and sites throughout Kern County;

do other related work as required.

EXAMPLE OF DUTIES

Screen all participating children for decay and abnormalities at school sites;

assists other dental hygienists while at school site clinics;

manage inventory and order dental supplies;

coordinate the delivery, pick up, and set up of dental hygiene equipment;

provide follow up written correspondence to school nurses;

maintain all dental equipment as needed, including spore test on sterilizer and water testing;

sterilize all clinical supplies and maintain compliance with CA State Guidelines;

provide and supervise the application of fluoride varnish to children at school sites;

provide guidance and support to on-call RDHAP's and Registered Dental Assistants, as needed;

act as lead contact and coordinate Oral Assessments for Ready to Start program;

provide oral assessments to children at Ready to Start sites as requested;

provide follow up reindices to children at school sites;

provide an oral report to parents of children who receive reindices;

ensure website has updated oral health information;

coordinate and provide training to school nurses (at least once a year);

attend OSHA mandated meetings/trainings as needed;

maintain mandated records for OSHA and Infections Control requirements;

act as HIPPA officer for Kern County Children's Dental Health Network;

other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

English usage, spelling, grammar, and punctuation;

basic methods and techniques of organization and planning;

the particular needs of children and their dental health needs.

Ability to:

Understand and carry out oral and written directions;

communicate effectively both orally and in writing;

establish and maintain cooperative working relationships;

establish and maintain comprehensive and accurate files and records;

demonstrate personal characteristics which are conducive to good communication and self-management;

present self favorably, both in personality and physical appearance;

perform duties and responsibilities with a high degree of professional integrity;

keep abreast of current trends and research in dental areas;

coordinate with agencies and organizations working with students with dental needs;

present results of dental assessments and the interpretations clearly and with awareness of the impact on the student and family.

Experience:

Minimum of three (3) years of experience providing successful dental services for education programs for students.

Education:

Equivalent to the completion of the twelfth grade;

Current California Registered Dental Hygienist License;

Current California Registered Dental Hygienist in Alternative Practice License.

Conditions of Employment:

Some positions may require proof of privately owned automobile insurance and possess a valid California Motor Vehicle operator's license.

Fingerprint clearance by both the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the California Department of Justice is a condition of appointment after all other required job conditions have been met.

Must present verification of completion of Child Abuse Mandated Reporter training or obtain verification within six (6) weeks of hire and annually thereafter, as required by the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act.

This position has a probationary period of six months or 130 days, whichever is longer.

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