2025-26 Texas Public Health Fellowship

Fellowship Name: Oral Health Fellowship

Fellowship Details

Host Site Organization Name: Texas Department of State Health Services

Host Site Division/Program: Community Health Improvement; Oral Health Improvement Program

Host Site/Fellowship Location: 1100 West 49th Street, Austin, Texas 78756

Host Site Workplace Setting: 100% remote/virtual

Workplace Setting Description: Employees work regular hours from home using state issued laptop and Microsoft Teams for virtual meetings. Individuals are expected to be on video during calls. Team meets in Austin twice a year.

Public Health Core Disciplines: Epidemiology   Social and Behavioral Sciences

Primary Fellowship Focus/Topics: Maternal and Child Health   Health Promotion

<u>Fellowship Overview</u>

Host Site Mission
Promoting oral health through leadership in public health practices, policy development, education, and population-based preventive services.

Fellowship Projects
The fellow will assist staff with ongoing projects such as our urgent needs project focused on case management and Smiles for Moms and Babies which focuses on improving oral health of pregnant women. The fellow will also assist with our Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) cooperative agreement funding projects directed at medical and dental integration to improve access and oral health of pregnant women. Additional opportunities such as posters, presentations, data analysis, research, surveys, and more will be available as they arise or the fellow shows interest in it.

Fellowship Deliverables
Complete at least one deliverable for each of the following program activities:

- Urgent Dental Needs tracking
- Medical and dental integration activities
- Other Oral Health Improvement Program activities

Fellowship Activities/Responsibilities
The fellow will lead the urgent dental needs project which requires them to follow up with school nurses to see if children went to the dentist and maintain a tracking sheet. They will have opportunities to lead additional projects, such as presentations, designing educational materials, research, data analysis, and/or surveys as they arise or show interest. The fellow will also assist with grant projects and reporting as needed.

Skills the fellow will develop include written and verbal communication, presentation, educational material design, accountability, time management, grant process, research, data analysis, project evaluation, project management and leadership.

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Salary and Benefits
Annual Salary: Tier 2, $56,000
All fellows will be eligible for DSHS employee benefits including health insurance and leave.

Travel
Percent Travel: 5%
Travel Description: Employees work regular hours from home using state issued laptop and Microsoft Teams for virtual meetings. Individuals are expected to be on video during calls. Team is expected to meet in Austin twice a year.

Required Applicant Qualifications
(The following qualifications are REQUIRED. Do NOT apply to this position unless you currently meet or plan to meet these requirements by the start of the Fellowship, June 1, 2025.)

Required certification/license:
No requirement

Ability to Speak in Spanish:
No Requirement

Ability to Write in Spanish:
No Requirement

Preferred Educational Qualifications
(The following preferences are guidelines provided by the Host Site. These are NOT requirements. Host Sites prefer that applicants have completed or are currently working toward these.)

Preferred Level of Education: Bachelor's Degree

Preferred Specialized and Technical Skills
(The following skills will be a focus during this Fellowship position. If you have or are interested in developing data analysis skills or building technical skills in the software listed below, this could be a good Fellowship position for you.)

Data Analysis Skills:
No Preference

Statistical Software Skills:
No Preference

Statistical Software:
None.

Other Software:
Microsoft Office/Excel