

Community Dental Health Coordinator

Empowering Communities Through Education and Prevention

By Dee Joyce, CDHC

Why The CDHC Program Was Right For Me

- ▶ Community outreach
- ▶ A chance at a dental career
- ▶ I have always had an interest in oral health
- ▶ The newspaper ad interested me
- ▶ My husband encouraged me to apply
- ▶ I had the perfect cheerleaders by my side
- ▶ Financial assistance through grants



What is a CDHC?

- ▶ Community health worker - training focuses on oral health
- ▶ Located in underserved communities
- ▶ Recruited from the same types of communities they serve
- ▶ Work in clinics, schools, Head Start centers, institutional settings, churches, social service agencies and others
- ▶ Work under a dentist's supervision within the confines of state dental practice acts
- ▶ Main goal is to bring more people into the oral health system



CDHC Job Responsibilities

A CDHC in a Clinic:

- ▶ Oral Cancer Screenings
- ▶ Fluoride Treatments
- ▶ X-rays
- ▶ Sealants
- ▶ Polishing
- ▶ Sterilization
- ▶ Schedule Appointments
- ▶ Maintaining Patient Records

A CDHC in the Community:

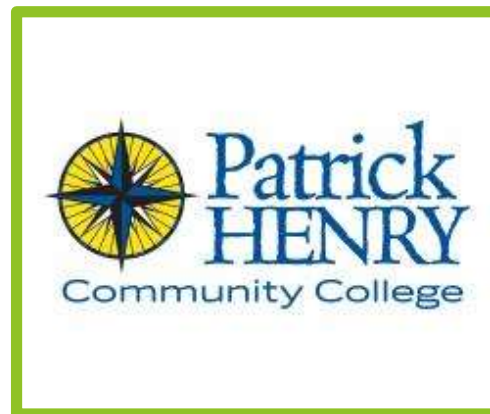
- ▶ An Oral Health Advocate
- ▶ A Peer Counselor
- ▶ A Navigator
- ▶ An Oral Health Educator



Clinical services can only be performed under the supervision of a dentist

CDHC Programs in the US and Virginia

- ▶ CDHCs are currently working in 9 states: Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California and Montana
- ▶ More than 100 students are currently in training and CDHC programs are available in all 50 states
- ▶ Virginia's first class of CDHCs began training last year with 5 students enrolled; 4 completed training and are now in internship; the second cohort is now training at PHCC



CDHC Training - What It Includes

- ▶ Online instruction for 1 year
- ▶ Monthly clinical practice and skill checks
- ▶ CPR training and certification
- ▶ X-ray certification
- ▶ Community project
- ▶ 6-month Internship (520 hours - 1040 hours)



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CDHC Training

- ▶ Focuses on community outreach, care coordination, educational and social interventions, prevention
- ▶ CDHCs are trained to:
 - Collect information to triage patients
 - Provide dental health education
 - Coordinate care
 - Help patients navigate the health care system
 - Address social, environmental, and health literacy issues
 - Provide clinical services



CDHC Curriculum

- ▶ CDHC basic training models include:
 - Advocacy and Outreach
 - Communication and Cultural Competence
 - Interviewing Skills
 - Legal and Ethical Issues
 - Introduction to Dentistry
 - Screening and Classification
 - Prevention of Dental Caries
 - Prevention of Oral Cancer
 - Financing and Payment of Dental Care



First Outreach Project - A Huge Success



**Brush at night to keep
your teeth; brush in
the morning to keep
your friends.**



**Floss the teeth
you want to keep.**

Community Projects!



Partnerships are



- ▶ Pregnancy Care Center
- ▶ Southern Area Agency on Aging
- ▶ Piedmont Community Services
- ▶ Harvest Foundation
- ▶ Smart Beginnings
- ▶ United Way
- ▶ Department of Social Services
- ▶ Virginia Cooperative Extension
- ▶ Community Fellowship
- ▶ Denta Quest
- ▶ Bassett Family Practices
- ▶ Henry County Public Schools
- ▶ Head Start
- ▶ Maplewood Apartments
- ▶ Grace Presbyterian
- ▶ Liberty University Medical
- ▶ Grace Network





**From Just
1 Partner!**



MARTINSVILLE *Community Care* COLLABORATIVE

Saturday, Nov. 4 | 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
Uptown Ministry Center (145 East Main Street)
Liberty.edu/LUCOM/MCCC

Community organizations to offer free services.

Free bus transportation, no ticket needed.

Health

Dental, medical, and vision

Services

Haircuts, hand and foot care, pre-k education screenings

Resources

Addiction recovery, disability services, housing, jobs, mental health, substance abuse

Free Box Lunch

Servicio en español disponible.

Supporting organizations shown below.

Henry County

Axton, Lancer Hall
Bassett, EMI (former Bassett H.S.)
Collinsville, Shopping Center
Fieldale, Community Center
Ridgeway, Tractor Supply Co.
Spencer, Spencer-Penn Centre

Martinsville City

See website

Patrick County

Patrick Springs, Post Office
Stuart, Patrick Henry Community College



Patients are provided with a 30-day supply of medications (as prescribed).

Community training initiatives are led by student-doctors, nursing and physician assistant students.

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My Biggest Event yet!

24 Volunteer Dental Professionals!

Thank You To My Community!

Dr. James Hartigan



Dr. Walcey Burris



Dr. John Wheless

Questions?



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