



Pediatric Dental Initiative (PDI) Surgery Center

PDI's Mission: To maintain a sustainable dentistry resource that will serve the low income children of Northern California who needs safe sedation for dental treatment, and to provide prevention education and promote oral health.

POSITION SUMMARY

PDI Promotor de Salud Dental off-site position (Mendocino/Lake County)

Promotores are community health workers who share many social, cultural and economic characteristics of target population and communities they serve. They are the bridge between diverse families in the counties they serve and the healthcare systems; create connections between vulnerable populations and oral health providers; help parents/caregivers to navigate healthcare and social service systems; support care transitions for pediatric and special needs populations; and provide culturally appropriate health education on topics related to oral health and nutrition. This position reports to the Prevention Education Program Manager.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. High School diploma.
2. Valid CA driver's license and clean driving record.
3. Upon hire, must pass criminal background check.
4. Must be able to communicate well both orally and in writing, in both English and Spanish.
5. Background in public health or medical/dental field preferred.
6. Must be comfortable with public speaking, must have strong presentation and leadership skills.

Must be capable of presenting and communicating health information to families served and community members. In addition, this professional must be able to solve problems, understand research methods, and understand community-based practice and policy associated with oral health promotion.

OVERALL GOALS

The PDI Promotor de Salud Dental will:

1. Provide oral health prevention education for parents/caregivers and children, and promote good oral health.
2. Offer oral health prevention education for individuals including, but no limited to: parents/caregivers and children, pregnant women, school aged children, educators and community health workers.
3. Decrease the number of children referred to PDI, provide education for the prevention of tooth decay, and resources for increased access to basic health services.

4. Serve as a liaison to help parents and caregivers to navigate and access dental health services for their children.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The PDI Promotor de Salud Dental will perform the following activities:

1. Provide information on the following topics:
 - a) The importance of dental health to overall health
 - b) Healthy dental practices
 - c) Healthy eating and avoiding sugary drinks
 - d) How to access dental care services
 - e) Interpretation services and helping to fill out forms for healthcare services (dental referrals, H&P's, anesthesia questionnaires etc.)
2. Weekly social distanced or virtual visits to families with children treated at PDI and provide parents with one-on-one prevention education. In the future, this position will be expected to conduct in person visits as appropriate and welcomed by families served.
3. Participate, organize and attend virtually and in-person health fairs and community events.
4. Provide virtually or in-person culturally appropriate ECC (Early Childhood Caries) workshops to different groups including: PTA (Parent Teacher Associations), ELAC (English Learners Advisory Councils), DELAC (District English Learners Advisory Committee), or other.
5. Partner with other local organizations serving as a bridge to connect families to dental care and other health related services.
6. Provide the Prevention Education Program Manager with weekly reports, information about activities, recording information such as number of presentations conducted and number of people served.
7. Maintain database, mailing lists, telephone networks and other information to facilitate the functioning of the Prevention Education Program.
8. Educate other Promotores de salud about our services and provide educational materials for their use when assisting their own clients (including sugar board and ECC literature).
9. Attend OHAC (Oral Health Advisory Committee) meetings in the county assigned.
10. Other duties as assigned.

If interested, please email resume to tien@pdisurgerycenter.org