

Alaska Dental Therapy Educational Program

About the Alaska Dental Therapy Education Program

Dental Health Aide Therapists (DHATs) provide professional and culturally competent dental care and prevention services to our people in rural communities.

DHATs currently practice in 81 communities; many of them are Alaska Native people serving who returned to their home communities and regions. More than 40,000 rural Alaskans now have regular access to dental care from a DHAT; most have never had this kind of access or continuity of care before.

In addition to expanding care in Alaska, the DHAT program also supports expanding dental care in Tribal communities across the U.S. Since 2015, 13 students representing Tribes from the Pacific Northwest have enrolled in the program.



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Working Dental Health Aide Therapists

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Samantha Brown, Maniilaq Association, Kotzebue
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Stephanie Woods, Maniilaq Association, Shungnak
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Sadie Green, YKHC, Hooper Bay
Ruby Okitkun, YKHC, Kotlik
Bernadette Charles, YKHC, Mt. Village
Allison Ayapan, YKHC, Toksook Bay
Shawn Martin, YKHC, Toksook Bay
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Kari Douglass, NARA & NPAIHB, Portland, OR
Arielle Cawston, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Coulee Dam, WA
Angela Johnson, Lummi Nation & NPAIHB, Lummi, WA
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Sarah Chagnon, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, Bellingham, WA
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DHAT Students - Class of 2020

Gwedolyn Owletuck, YKHC, Marshall
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Rhonda Wulf-LaBelle, Chugachmiut, Port Graham
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Natalia Ballard, YKHC, Hooper Bay
Loretta Coffee, YKHC, Marshall
Jerilyn Glenn, YKHC, Emmonak
Jodi Crandall, Kenai