



Association of State & Territorial Dental Directors

**Who we are,
What we do,
&
What we can do
for YOU!**



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Who We Are

ASTDD is committed to improving the nation's oral health.

The Association of State & Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD)

is a national non-profit organization representing staff of state public health agency programs for oral health and other partners. Organized in 1948, it is one of 17 affiliates of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials.

Our vision and mission guide us to provide leadership and support to:

- Promote a strong governmental infrastructure and workforce in each state and territory;
- Formulate and promote sound oral health policy;
- Increase awareness of oral health issues; and
- Assist in developing and implementing initiatives for prevention and control of oral diseases.

ASTDD's 10 Core Values and Beliefs

Oral Health for Everyone- Everyone should have the opportunity to achieve optimal oral health.

State and Territorial Oral Health Programs- State and territorial oral health programs should have adequate financial and human resources.

Prevention- We support evidence-based efforts to prevent oral disease.

Diversity- We value the individuality, culture, professional backgrounds, and competencies of our members and the populations they serve.

Member Contribution- We value and depend upon the involvement of our members in ASTDD and nationally to promote oral health.

Competency- We value a knowledgeable and skilled public oral health workforce.

Science-Based Learning- We value scientific principles and our work is grounded in data, research and rigorous evaluation.

Collaborative Leadership- We value those individuals, agencies and organizations with whom we interact.

Accountability- We value being as good as our word and good stewards of our resources.

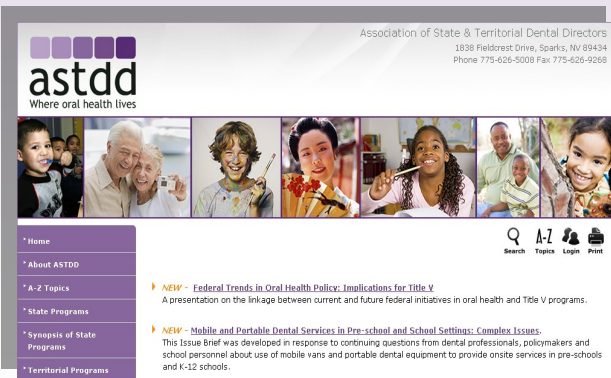
Integrity- We value fairness and impartiality and respect for all with whom we interact.

What We Do

ASTDD's national network of members and associate members collaborate and share best practices, evidence-based strategies and resources to support improvements in community, state and national oral health programs.

Members are encouraged to join committees and workgroups to advance ASTDD's mission through its key directions by:

- Enhancing state oral health program infrastructure and workforce;
- Promoting evidence-based practices;
- Influencing policy;
- Building partnerships; and
- Strengthening ASTDD.



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What We Can Do For YOU!

As an ASTDD member or associate member, you will have access to:

- **National leadership and support** for state oral health program infrastructure, workforce and leadership development
- **Credible oral health information**, position papers, policy statements and state-specific surveillance data to inform policymakers and the public
- **Evidence-based, population-based strategies** to improve and maintain oral health across the lifespan
- **“Go To” resources** to promote, enhance and evaluate state oral health programs; build assessment and surveillance systems; develop coalitions, policies and state oral health plans; and implement quality improvement programs.

For more information about membership, contact Chris Wood at cwood@astdd.org

Interested in
Joining
ASTDD?



State Member

- Membership is comprised of the Chief Dental Public Health Officer (State Dental Director) of each State Health Department or equivalent agency.

Associate Member

- Associate membership is open to individuals from a public agency, voluntary organization or tribal entity, or health professionals employed or interested in dental public health.
- Associate members can serve on/ chair committees or workgroups and can access the members-only section of the Website.
- The cost is only \$50 per year.

Organizational Associate Member

- Organizational associate membership is open to not-for-profit organizations.
- This membership opportunity entitles organizations to one primary associate member contact and up to 3 additional associate member contacts.
- The cost is only \$300 per year.