

ASTDD Orientation Module: Dental Public Health 101 Syllabus

Learning Objectives

- Define Dental Public Health and compare DPH practice to clinical dental practice, noting any areas of overlap or controversy.
- Describe the various components and work sites of the DPH infrastructure and how they relate to each other.
- Compare the missions, members and activities of various national organizations.
- List the three core public health functions and the 10 essential public health services to promote oral health.
- Define selected important public health concepts and the national prevention agenda.
- List some key dental public health/oral health accomplishments.
- Discuss some key DPH challenges.

Learning Activities

1. **View** the [Dental Public Health 101 PowerPoint](#) slides with notes as well as overview PowerPoints and links to [Federal Agencies](#) and [National Organizations](#) and links to other relevant information.
2. **Review** the [ASTDD Guidelines](#) for examples of roles and activities that state/territorial oral health programs play in the dental public health infrastructure using the framework of the core public health functions and the 10 essential public health services to promote oral health.
3. **Interview** professionals who work in dental public health related jobs about the range of activities they perform and the skills they feel are most useful.
4. **Review** [Competencies for State Oral Health Programs](#) for examples of critical skills for professionals working as a team in state oral health programs; **complete the individual self-assessment** to determine your own strengths and areas for additional learning.
5. **Review** [A Model Framework for Community Oral Health Programs Based Upon the Ten Essential Public Health Services](#) and **discuss** how roles might be different for professionals working in city or county dental programs or FQHCs vs state oral health programs.

Links to other useful Resources

[State & Territorial Dental Public Health Activities: A Collection of Descriptive Summaries](#)
[ASTDD Best Practices](#)
[ASTDD DPH White Papers, Issue Briefs and Policy Statements](#)