

What does TDHA do for Texas Dental Hygienists?

As we prepare for the 2019 legislative year, TDHA urges you to take an active role in your professional association. Your TDHA membership and voice in the Texas Dental Hygienists' Association helps provide meaningful input as we work for legislation that helps you.

Following are some of the important efforts your TDHA Governmental Affairs Council has been working on and participating in:

1. **Texas State Board of Dental Examiners-** TDHA has been actively following and updating members on important rule changes and actions by the board.
2. **Texas Oral Health Coalition-** Working with TxOHC on important public health issues to promote oral health across Texas including speaking at TxOHC conference.
3. **Building Stakeholders-** TDHA works in collaboration with our lobbyist to build stakeholders that support TDHA's legislative efforts.
4. **Building Relationships-** TDHA helps connect you with your legislators to voice your concerns and alert legislators of upcoming or pending legislation.
5. **Draft Legislation-** TDHA works hard to develop and draft legislation that will benefit all Texas Dental Hygienists.
6. **Lobbies-** TDHA employs a lobbyist to advocate for dental hygienists, recruit stakeholders, and monitor legislation as the legislative session progresses.
7. **Texas Disabilities Issues Forum-** TDHA will be co-hosting this amazing event. The Texas Disability Issues Forum (TDIF) brings together members of the Texas disability community, major candidates for statewide office, and disability advocates to discuss current issues affecting the Texas disability community.
8. **Labor Laws-** TDHA helps educate and monitor labor laws that affect dental hygienists in Texas.
9. **Communication-** TDHA has an open line of communication with members regarding upcoming Governmental Affairs, Education, and different opportunities that would benefit Texas hygienists.

TDHA is an organization of licensed dental hygienists whose main purpose is to serve the citizens of Texas with quality dental health services. The focus is primarily on prevention of oral disease and the maintenance of good oral health.