

## Access to Care Task Force Strategic Plan 2023-2025

**Task Force Mission** – *To increase access to oral healthcare for Hoosiers through the use of Access Practice Agreements*

**Vision** – *Dental hygienists are valued and recognized for their ability to improve the public's health.*

### Values

**Respect**

Treat each other with courtesy and respect, encouraging constructive dialogue, assuming *good intent* in all interactions.

**Trust & Integrity**

Create an environment that advances curious, courageous, innovative and accountable decision-making.

**Diversity & Inclusion**

Support and cultivate an environment of *inclusion, diversity, equity, and access.*

**Engagement**

Seek robust input to inform wise decisions. Broadly and frequently communicate ADHA strategies, direction and values.

### Domains

**A. Community**

Provide an engaging, inviting, and supportive space for dental hygienists.  
Celebrate differences.

**B. Continuing Education**

Be the leader in developing and delivering dynamic, high quality learning opportunities.

**C. Governance & Infrastructure**

Advance structures that enable strategy development and execution in an inclusive, decisive and competent manner.

**D. Advocacy**

Support dental hygienists in a variety of roles.  
Pursue opportunities to advance the profession.  
Promote the recognition, awareness and importance of dental hygienists.

### Objectives

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Keep current information on the IDHA website regarding use of APAs</li> <li>2. Create “Expert Spotlight” for IDHA social media       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Several hygienists who are using APAs</li> <li>b. Find out if they would be willing to collaborate and be a resource for the task force.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Continuously invite all interested parties to join the task force</li> <li>4. Seek out dentists and dental hygienists who may be interested in forming an APA</li> <li>5. Send out a survey prior to creating CE to send to members, non-members, and Indiana dentists to gauge current knowledge, need for, and interest in APAs</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Create a continuing education presentation on APAs       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Send out a post-CE survey to gauge what you was learned, what further education is needed, and gauge interest in APAs</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Create an infographic on APAs</li> <li>3. Identify our target audience for presentations       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Hygienists, dentists, dental assistants, hygiene programs, dental programs</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Reach out to hygiene schools and dental schools to collaborate on CE</li> <li>5. Create contract templates for streamlining the process of forming an APA</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Explore opportunities for IDHA to support access to care in Indiana</li> <li>2. Maintain partnerships with other organizations with a stake in APAs, such as the IDOH and IDA.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pursue future legislation to improve APA (identify further needs during implementation)</li> </ol>
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