



Highlighting our impact on Arizona's communities

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## HEALTHY SMILE LEARNING

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### Healthy Smile Learning

Looking for something fun and educational for kids to do over summer break? In partnership with Arizona PBS, we're excited to invite you to explore Healthy Smile Learning, a FREE, bilingual website full of engaging videos, activities and resources all about oral health. Perfect for children, parents and educators, this user-friendly site covers everything from how to brush and floss like a pro to fun facts about animal teeth and even careers in dentistry. It's a great way to keep kids learning and smiling all summer long!

[Check It Out](#)

### Hygienist Inspired Program

We're proud to support **Hygienist Inspired** with the American Dental Hygienists' Association—an innovative program that encourages dental hygienists to spark career conversations with their patients and communities. By turning everyday chairside chats into inspiration, this initiative helps address workforce shortages, improve access to care and build a more diverse, representative profession. Whether you're a dental professional, educator or oral health advocate, you can get involved and inspire the next generation of hygienists.

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### Meet the 2025 Oral Health Heroes

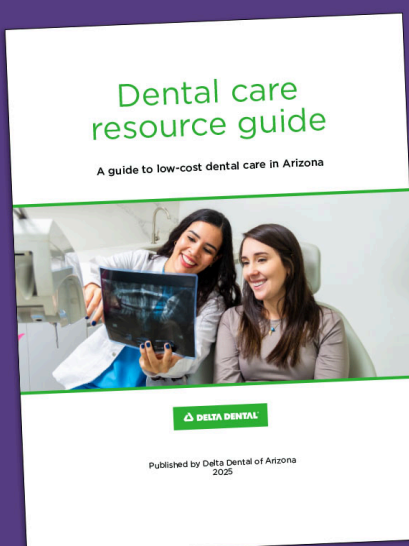
On March 7th, we were proud to sponsor the Northern Arizona Oral Health Coalition's 2025 Oral Health Heroes Award in Flagstaff, where Sandi Perez, PhD and Lydia Cockayne, RDH were honored for their outstanding contributions to improving oral health in the region. This year marked the first time the coalition recognized heroes in both clinical and nonclinical categories, celebrating professionals and advocates who are making a lasting impact in their communities.

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### New Dental Resource Guide

We recently updated our list of organizations that offer low-cost or no-cost dental care to uninsured individuals across the state! While we don't provide funding directly to individuals, we proudly support nonprofit clinics and programs that make dental care more accessible to those who need it most. If you or someone you know is uninsured and in need of dental services, explore our updated list of community clinics offering affordable oral health care.

[Explore Clinics](#)



### Applications Now Open for Future Workforce Fund

Delta Dental is committing up to \$1 million annually through the Future Workforce Fund to strengthen and diversify the oral health workforce. The 2025 application period is now open through June 11! This fund supports innovative programs that inspire school-aged children from all backgrounds to pursue careers in oral health. Nonprofits, schools, businesses and tribal or government entities across the U.S. are encouraged to apply.

[Learn More & Apply](#)



### Spring Cleaning for a Cause: Supporting UMOM

This spring, we supported UMOM New Day Centers, a 2025 grant recipient, by hosting a clothing drive to help restock their clothing closets with gently used items for adults and children. UMOM provides shelter, services and affordable housing for single women and families experiencing homelessness in the Phoenix area. Our team also volunteered onsite to help prep meals, stock shelves and organize donated clothing, lending a hand to support UMOM's mission of serving those in need.

[Learn About UMOM](#)



### Volunteer Spotlight

Even while on vacation in Arizona, Shannon Nockleby (pictured second from left, back)—who lives in Boise, Idaho and works remotely for Delta Dental of Arizona—found time to give back. She and her family joined our team for a volunteer event at United Food Bank, helping assemble emergency food bags for those facing hunger in our community. We're proud to have team members who lead with heart, even on their days off!

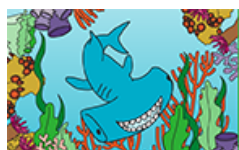


## POP QUIZ!

**TRUE or FALSE?** Flossing is the single most important thing you can do for the health of your mouth.

**Answer:** Half true. The friction created by floss rubbing against your tooth removes plaque between your teeth more thoroughly than brushing alone, but it's important to do both!

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