



**Community Catalyst**  
**2021 Dental Therapy Webinar Series**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8 AT 4:00 – 5:00 ET**

**Dental Therapy: Bringing Care to People in the Community**

Millions of Americans do not have access to dental care, especially low-income families, the elderly, people with disabilities, Tribal communities and communities of color. One highly effective way of ensuring more people get the dental care they need is to bring the care to people where they are. Dental hygienists have been bringing preventive services into schools and other community settings for decades but recently dental therapists have made it cost-effective for more care to be delivered in the community.

This webinar will highlight the efforts of dental therapists who work as part of a dental team to provide care to people where they are. Join us to hear from dental therapists about how they are in the community bridging gaps in care. This webinar will highlight the efforts of dental therapists who work as part of a dental team to provide care in diverse settings – bringing preventive and lifesaving dental care to kids in schools, emergency room patients, and people with special needs in rural communities. Join us to hear from dental therapists about how they are in the community bridging gaps in care.

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**MONDAY, MARCH 8 AT 4:00 – 5:00 ET**

**Dental Therapy: An Economic Analysis**

Communities with dental therapists see improvements in both oral health and economic outcomes. Dental therapists are cost-effective to employ, allowing community health centers and nonprofit clinics to treat more patients with the same budget. Hiring a dental therapist is also a smart investment for private practice dentists looking to grow their practices while taking care of their community. And dental therapy increases access to jobs and quality dental care for people in underserved communities. The high cost of dental school puts it out of reach for many people from underserved communities but dental therapy shows that it's possible to build an accessible pathway to education that allows people from underserved communities to become the dental providers their communities need, while earning a good wage. This webinar will highlight the economic benefits of investing in dental therapy, a model for community-driven workforces. We will hear about how dental therapy is making a difference to clinics, patients and to dental therapists themselves.

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**MONDAY, APRIL 12 AT 4:00 – 5:00 ET**

**Adding Dental Therapists to the Dental Team**

Dental therapists have opened the door for clinics and dental offices to serve more people in a cost-effective way, including low-income and uninsured patients. Patients are experiencing a reduction in wait times for appointments and more time with their care providers as a result of the full dental team (dental therapists, hygienists, assistants and dentists) working at the top of their licenses. Local employers – who span the breadth of small offices to large clinics, non-profit and private practices – are key stakeholders in the exciting growth of the dental therapy profession in the U.S. This webinar will highlight the experiences of employers, teammates, and dental therapists in the process of integrating dental therapists into existing dental teams.

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