



**Healthy People
Healthy Communities
Healthy Tennessee**

State Dental Director

Join the Tennessee Department of Health in improving the dental health of citizens statewide. This position provides direction for the TDH Oral Health Services Program, with operational oversight of oral health services statewide, including high-level strategic planning and engagement with external partners and professional organizations.

- Teledentistry & Hub and Spoke Service Model
- School Based Dental Prevention Program
- Tennessee State Oral Health Plan
- TDH's "Healthy Smiles" Initiative
- 5-year Public/Private Partnership Pilot to Enhance Access to Dental Care for all Tennesseans
- 47 Dental Sites Statewide

**Competitive Pay
& Comprehensive Benefits Package**

Interested applicants should submit their CV to
Carolyn Woodard at Carolyn.Woodard@tn.gov by March 31, 2022

Position Announcement

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Who we are and how we impact Tennessee:

TDH incorporates our values into the work we do each day to achieve our mission, live our vision and address our two strategic priorities of prevention and access.

Mission:

Protect, promote, and improve the health and prosperity of people in Tennessee.

Vision:

- Healthy People
- Healthy Communities
- Healthy Tennessee

Our Values:

- Collaboration
- Excellence
- Integrity
- Compassion
- Respect
- Health Equity

Strategic Priorities:

- Prevention:
- Support Local Leadership
 - Decrease Youth Obesity
 - Decrease Tobacco Use
 - Decrease Substance Misuse
 - Prevent and Mitigate Adverse Childhood Experiences

Access:

- Optimize Internal Clinical Efficiency
- Improve External Primary Care Access
- Leverage Innovation
- Expand Partnerships

The Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) is actively accepting applications for its State Dental Director. This position provides direction for the TDH Oral Health Services Program, with operational oversight of oral health services statewide, including high-level strategic planning and engagement with external partners and professional organizations. The director will also spearhead expansion of services included in TDH's "Healthy Smiles" initiative, a 5-year public/private partnership pilot to enhance access to dental care for all Tennesseans, including the implementation of teledentistry, "hub and spoke" referral models, and integration of dental students into clinic sites – approaches directly related to the strategic goal of expanding dental services in the state.

TDH dental services include a large School-Based Dental Prevention Program, and 47 dental clinics across the state. These dental sites provide pediatric and adult preventive, basic restorative and emergency services to underserved populations. The State Dental Director supervises seven Regional Dental Directors who oversee clinical operations in county sites.

Qualities of the ideal candidate include:

Requirements

- Administrative/supervisory experience in a dental setting
- Licensure in a dental profession and/or master's degree in business or healthcare administration
- Excellent communication skills

Desired

- Proven organizational leadership in multisite operation
- Experience in public health, FQHC, or non-profit organization
- Experience in quality improvement and team-based collaboration