Methods

A Qualtrics survey of current enrollees and recent graduates (< 1 year) of the CDHC training program was conducted to 1) evaluate motivation for enrolling in the program, 2) determine what they feel are the most prevalent barriers to oral care in their communities and 3) assess how the CDHC training will enable them to overcome these barriers.

Results and Conclusions

- All current (n=28) and former (n=20) students were female, and 77% were dental hygienists and 23% were dental assistants with education ranging from associates (38%) to master’s degrees (8%).
- Nearly 70% had 10 or more years of experience working in oral healthcare.
- Participants were employed in a variety of clinical academic and public health venues.
- Motivation for participation appears to be recognized need among community for oral health care, oral health education and addressing oral health disparities.

CDHC Educational Profile

- Master’s degree
- Bachelor’s degree
- Associate’s degree
- High school/equivalent

CDHC Employment Profile

- Health department
- Local health center
- Academic institution
- Private dental practice
- Other
- Not employed
- Other clinical setting

Oral Health in the Community

- There are people in the community where I work who need help getting dental care.
- There are people in the community where I work who have unmet dental needs.
- There are oral health disparities in the area where I work.

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF CDHC ENROLLEES

- Older
- 45-54
- 35-44
- 25-34
- 18-24

Years of Work Experience

- <=2
- 3-5
- 6-9
- 10-19
- 20-29
- >=30