

BIOS:

Heather Waldron:

Heather graduated from IUSB with an Associate's degree in Dental Hygiene in 2004 and then returned to finish her Bachelor's and graduated in 2013. She is currently finishing her certificate for Community Dental Health Coordinator online at Catawba Valley Community College in North Carolina and also scheduled to finish her Master's degree in Healthcare Innovation from Arizona State University online in July 2023. Heather has practiced clinically since 2004. She has a history outside the clinic in Revenue Cycle Management and has worked closely with oral surgery offices to improve systems. Currently, she works as an adjunct faculty at Ivy Tech from 2020 and teaches Community Health which has a special place in her heart. On top of all that Heather works as an oral health consultant with Summit Managed Solutions working with clients to improve oral health strategies that utilize community outreach to bring services to Hoosiers. She has been part of the association on and off since graduation but has stayed committed since 2020 and served as the Northwest Component Chair to get involved. Heather is currently our IDHA Treasurer, HI-PAC Treasurer, and on the Legislative Committee.

Kimmy Rezutko:

Kimmy graduated from IUFW with a Bachelor's of Science in Dental Hygiene in 2021. Prior to graduation, Kimmy was a member of SADHA and assisted IDHA in planning their Annual Conference. As a professional member, she attended the IDHA Annual Conference and self nominated from the floor to be President Elect. She served as President Elect and a partial term as President. Kimmy remained active on the Legislative Committee and due to changes in the Board of Directors' was asked to fill the position of Trustee At- Large. Due to even further changes in the Board, she moved back into the role of President in 2024. Kimmy's passions in the Association include Legislation and Networking. In her paid professional life, she started at a private practice in Muncie and has been there ever since. Kimmy loves the relationships she has built with her coworkers and patients. Her hope is to support hygienists so they can better serve their patients and find their passions in dental hygiene even if it isn't in private practice. Her current life motto is "See a need, fill the need." She encourages everyone to explore their extended interests in dental hygiene so they can fill the needs in their communities that matter the most to them.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- Understand the ADHA's and IDHA's view on all peoples' right to oral health care
- Understand the discrepancies in oral health needs and amount of providers in Indiana
- Who can participate in an Access Practice Agreement (APA)?
- What is an APA?
- When can an APA be utilized? What are important timelines for an APA?
- Where can a provider use an APA in Indiana?
- Why is an APA beneficial?
- How do you form an APA?
- How can you learn more about APAs? How can you get involved in promoting the use of

APAs and expanding the available knowledge for dental health professionals?

- Understand the current state of legislative affairs in Indiana as they relate to dental hygiene
- Understand the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact