U.S. Public Health Service: It’s a Career and an Adventure!!!
Mission and Core Values

• Protect, promote, and advance the health and safety of our Nation
  – Rapid and effective response to public health needs
  – Leadership and excellence in public health practices
  – Advancement of public health science

• Core values:
  – Leadership
  – Service
  – Integrity
  – Excellence
Where Dentists Work

- National Institutes of Health (NIH)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Indian Health Service (IHS)
- U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
- Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA)
- U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)
- Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
- U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
- U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)

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Indian Health Service

• Population
  – 2.3 million American Indians and Alaska Natives
  – Children, adolescents, and adults in 573 recognized Tribes

• Types of facilities
  – 404 dental programs located in 35 states
  – Most dental programs are co-located with medical programs

• Types of dental procedures
  – Operative, endodontics, periodontics, exodontia, prosthodontics
  – Levels of services are dependent on location
  – Emphasis is on providing basic dental care to a vastly underserved population
Federal Bureau of Prisons

• Population
  – More than 100 institutions across the U.S.
  – 170,000 male and female inmates, variety of offenses

• Types of facilities
  – Stand-alone location to multi-institution Complexes
  – High security Penitentiary to minimum security Prison Camp
  – Medical Centers for medically complex

• Types of dental procedures
  – Operative, endodontics, periodontics, exodontia, removable prosthodontics
Health Resources and Services Administration

• Health Center Program
  – Provides primary health care to underserved communities and vulnerable populations including children, rural residents, and those living in poverty (1 in 12 people in U.S.)
  – Nearly 1,400 health centers operating approximately 12,000 service delivery sites with over 4,800 dentists and nearly 2,500 dental hygienists
  – In 2017, health centers served 6.1 million dental patients

• Ryan White HIV/AIDS (RWHAP) Program
  – 12,395 dental providers received training and education on HIV oral health care through the RWHAP Part F Dental Reimbursement Program
  – 3,453 dental providers received training and education on HIV oral health care through RWHAP Part F Community Based Dental Partnership Program

• Maternal and Child Health Block Grant
  – 32 states and jurisdictions addressing National Performance Measures on oral health
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Health Service Corps (IHSC)

- **Population**
  - Direct care for 16,500 detainees at 15 facilities across U.S.
  - Case management for 15,000 detainees at 119 contract facilities
  - Children, adolescents, and adult detainees

- **Types of facilities**
  - Medical/dental units within ICE Detention Facilities
  - Dental clinics located in both urban and rural locations: WA(1), CA(1), AZ(2), TX(7), LA(1), VA(1), FL(1), and NY(1)

- **Types of dental procedures**
  - Operative, exodontia, limited endodontics
  - No prosthodontics
U.S. Coast Guard

• Population
  – 41,000 Active Duty male and female Coast Guardsmen
  – Members of Department of Defense assigned to USCG stations

• Types of facilities
  – 26 clinics at USCG stations across the contiguous U.S. and Alaska

• Types of dental procedures
  – Operative, endodontics, periodontics, exodontia, prosthodontics, implants
Centers of Disease Control and Prevention

• Division of Oral Health
  – Part of National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
  – Monitor and study oral health, diseases, and cancer (National Oral Health Surveillance System, National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey)
  – Extend proven prevention strategies
  – Guide infection control in dentistry
  – Increase state oral health program capacity and effectiveness

• Dental Public Health Residency
National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research

• One of 27 National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD

• Funds research and supports research training
  – Perform and support basic, translational, and clinical research
  – Conduct and fund research training & career development programs
  – Coordinate and assist relevant research and research-related activities
  – Promote the timely transfer of knowledge gained from research

• Variety of training and career development opportunities
  – Intramural training in Bethesda, MD
  – Extramural training across the nation supported by grants
U.S. Food and Drug Administration

• FDA Components
  – Center for Devices and Radiological Health
  – Center for Drug Evaluation and Research
  – Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research
  – Center for Tobacco Products

• Dental Officer Roles
  – Device Evaluation
    • Ensure safety, efficacy, and security of dental devices
    • Receive reports of adverse events, initiate recalls as needed
  – Drug Evaluation
    • Ensure the availability, quality, & integrity of safe and effective dental drugs
    • Protect public health by promoting the safe use of marketed drugs
Current Openings

- CDC: https://www.usajobs.gov/
- FDA: https://www.usajobs.gov/
- HRSA: https://www.hrsa.gov/hr
- IHS: https://www.ihs.gov/dentistry/index.cfm/currentopenings/search/
- IHSC: https://www.usajobs.gov/
- NIH: https://www.usajobs.gov/