



Dual Diagnosis Professional Conference Series

More Than a Smile: Why Oral Health Matters

July 21, 2025, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

What is the Dual Diagnosis Professional Conference Series?

The Department of Human Services' **Office of Developmental Programs (ODP)** and the **Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS)** are pleased to announce the Dual Diagnosis Professional Conference Series, which offers presentations focused on supporting individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism (ID/A) and mental health needs. The selected presenters share their expertise on best and promising practices as well as provide general knowledge. Session topics, which focus on increasing capacity to serve individuals with dual diagnosis in the community, are chosen based on identified needs and with input from the field of professional stakeholders.

- The invited audience of all professional stakeholders, including direct and clinical supporters for individuals with ID/A are encouraged to attend.
- Registration is required and at no charge to attendees.
- Two (2) hours of training credit and a certificate of achievement are provided.

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DESCRIPTION

Join Us for an Empowering Presentation on Oral Health and Disability Care! Learn from the experts behind Special Outreach Services (SOS), an oral health education program for caregivers of people with disabilities, and Special Smiles, Ltd., a dedicated dental clinic providing anesthesia-supported care for individuals with disabilities. This presentation will dive into the powerful connection between oral health and overall wellbeing—plus, you'll walk away with practical, proven strategies to improve daily oral hygiene for individuals. Don't miss this opportunity to explore inspiring stories, impactful outcomes, and the meaningful history of two organizations making a real difference.

PRESENTERS

Kelly Parker, RDH: Ms. Parker was the Clinical Manager at Special Smiles, Ltd., where she worked directly with patients with intellectual disabilities for three years before joining the Special Outreach Services team as the Outreach Hygienist. In her new role, Ms. Parker developed a core curriculum that can be customized to each individual; educates caregivers and individuals on proper oral health; and teaches onboarding and continuing education courses at facilities and universities.

Saumya Ayyagari, MSN, MPH: Ms. Ayyagari provides overall direction and management of Special Outreach Services and supports directly in delivering SOS programs to facilities and families. She has worked in nursing and public health

since 2015, and her focus areas have been patient- and family-centered care and serving vulnerable populations.

Mark Goldstein, DDS: Dr. Goldstein has dedicated over 20 years to serving individuals with intellectual disabilities who require general anesthesia for dental care, founding Special Smiles, Ltd. in 2003— treating more than 40,000 to date. He also established the Special Smiles Dental Foundation, a nonprofit supporting Special Outreach Services, which delivers free preventive oral health education programs to families and care facilities.

Jordan Strott, DMD: Dr. Strott earned her dental degree from the University of Pennsylvania and completed advanced training in all dental specialties, including operating room dentistry, through a General Practitioner Residency at Mountainside Hospital. As a dentist at Special Smiles, she takes pride in providing comprehensive, personalized care, working closely with patients and their guardians to develop tailored treatment plans and ensure they understand the procedures and ongoing oral health maintenance.

HOW TO ATTEND

REGISTRATION LINK: [Dual Diagnosis Professional Conference Series](#)

The session will be offered virtually via the Zoom© platform. To participate, you will need access to a computer that meets the Zoom system requirements. Read about [Zoom Technology Requirements](#) to be able to participate in the session.

For questions on registration, email: patraining@columbusorg.com