



RHIP-TIDES

Rural Health Improvement for Pediatric Treatment in Dental Essential Services

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Program overview

The RHIP-TIDES mini-residency program is a continuing education learning collaborative for general dentists committed to caring for young children in rural communities. It was developed by MUSC's Center for Rural Oral Health Research and Community Engagement in collaboration with the South Carolina Department of Public Health and the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

Designed to strengthen the dental safety net for young children in South Carolina's rural and underserved communities, RHIP-TIDES equips general dentists with the skills and knowledge needed to effectively address the oral health needs of children from birth to age 5.

Through a series of immersive learning sessions, participants build practical expertise in:

- Pediatric dentistry
- Practice management
- Community engagement



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Key learning areas

- **Clinical Techniques:** Hands-on experience in simulation labs focusing on pediatric dental care.
- **Health Literacy & Outreach Best Practices:** Strategies to engage rural communities and improve pediatric oral health outcomes.
- **Efficient Clinical Operations:** Practical tips for streamlining your practice, optimize reimbursement, and implement innovative staffing models.
- **Interprofessional Care:** Learn how to collaborate with medical professionals to provide holistic care for young patients.
- **Patient Management & Quality Indicators:** Techniques to enhance patient interaction and ensure high-quality care.

Key features

- **Continuing Education Credits:** Earn CE credits while enhancing your expertise in pediatric dentistry.
- **Hands-On Learning:** Participate in simulation labs and practical sessions on clinical techniques and practice operations.
- **Collaborative Approach:** Learn and network with peers, experts, and community partners dedicated to improving rural pediatric dental care.

Mini-Grant Application

- **South Carolina dentists only:** Eligible participants can apply for a **\$10,000** mini-grant to implement a quality improvement project in their practice. This funding will help dentists apply their new knowledge to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of care for vulnerable early childhood populations in their own practices. The goal is to expand access to care by increasing practice capacity, reaching more children in need.
- **Ongoing Support:** You will receive continued mentorship and guidance to help implement their projects and report on progress.

Why participate?

- **Professional Growth:** Strengthen your skills in pediatric dental care and earn continuing education credits.
- **Community Impact:** Be part of the effort to close the gap in pediatric oral health care for rural and underserved populations.

Registration
Scan here to register or learn more



Center for Rural Oral Health Research and Community Engagement

RHIP-TIDES is part of Prioritizing Oral Health Workforce and Education in the Rural Pediatric Dental Safety Net (POWER PEDS), an initiative of the MUSC Center for Rural Oral Health Research and Community Engagement within the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine.

Located in Marion County, the center serves as a hub for research, professional development and community-based programs that address oral health needs in rural communities. The team works with regional and national partners to advance oral health and strengthen the dental safety net.

The center does not provide direct patient care.

Funding and support

The MUSC Center for Rural Oral Health Research and Community Engagement is supported by federal and philanthropic funding, enabling a portfolio of projects that advance oral health in rural and underserved communities.



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