



FLORIDA DENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION "School Resource Dentist of the Year Award"

Description

The Florida Dental Health Foundation "School Resource Dentist of the Year Award" was initiated in 2008 by the Council on Dental Care and Health. It is presented at the House of Delegates meeting at the Florida National Dental Convention to the Florida Dental Association school resource dentist who has most effectively met the criteria of the school resource dentist program. The winner will be selected by the members of the FDA Council on Dental Care and Health at their April meeting.

Award Criteria:

1. The main criterion is for the school resource dentist to meet with the district school superintendent to discuss the most beneficial ways to assist the schools in the district as a dental health liaison. Some areas of service that are commonly identified are:
 - A. Serving as a liaison with the school nurses or designated health staff to assist in addressing oral health emergencies.
 - B. Coordinating dental health education programs and providing educational materials for school health services.
 - C. Coordinating with PDC volunteer dental programs to refer children for relief of oral pain.
 - D. Volunteering on the School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) representing the dental health perspective.
 - E. Providing input for revisions of the school wellness policy.

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