

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR DENTAL HYGIENE STUDENTS- APPLY TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER TO HELP PROVIDE ACCESS TO CARE IN A VARIETY OF WAYS TO IMPROVE ORAL HEALTH FOR AT-RISK FAMILIES

KinderSmile Community Service Learning Program

(CSLP) offers mentoring and guidance to students to acquire leadership skills, and to share in the mission and goals of KinderSmile Foundation. CSLP members have the option to participate in internships with the Foundation once they sign up. A member volunteer also has the opportunity to help teach children about oral hygiene at KinderSmile Community Oral Health Center, and volunteer at local health fairs and community events such as Give Kids a Smile Day.

Dedicated CSLP volunteers can increase their roles with CSLP and serve as ambassadors for oral health in New Jersey and abroad. In this capacity, students become aware of the lack of access to oral health among at-risk children and families, and the impact on their overall health. They gain a greater appreciation for their blessings by having the opportunity to visit under-developed countries in annual service trips to volunteer further.

Volunteers help to create a future where children have access to a dentist and preventable dental diseases can decrease. Dental hygiene students may apply to volunteer in this program by visiting the kindersmile.org website at this link: <u>https://www.kindersmile.org/programs/cslp/</u>

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