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SLATED TO OPEN in fall of 2010, the Washington Dental Service Building for Early Childhood Oral Health (ECOH) entered its initial construction phase when Bayley Construction and A.R.C. Architects were hired to renovate the existing facility.

The historic site, NE 74th Street and 63rd Ave NE in Magnuson Park, Seattle, was an administration building for the former Sand Point Naval Air Station starting in the early 1930s.

Paving the way in support of the vision, the Washington Dental Service and Washington Dental Service Foundation provided a gift of \$5 million toward the project. To create that project, Children's Hospital and

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ECOH is about vision:
education and service
in UW pediatric oral health

DR. ANA LUCIA SEMINARIO AND DR. ROOPA PURUSHOTHAMAN IN UW CLINIC. SEE PAGE 2.

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Program devoted to helping most vulnerable children

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Regional Medical Center and the University of Washington are collaborating. The result: the emergence of a program and facility designed to help children in need as well as teach future generations of pediatric dentists.

The clinical program will accommodate up to 38 dental chairs with three fully-equipped operating rooms. Additional space will be allocated for teaching, consultation, conferences, and administrative and operational support of ECOH's varied programs.

"It will be a premier facility where pediatric residents, pre-doctoral dental students, and undergraduates interested in the dental profession will receive a world-class education in pediatric dentistry. But most importantly, it will be a dental home for many in need," explained Dr. Joel Berg, Chair of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry and Director of Dental Medicine, Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center.

"We intend to become a world leader in early childhood oral health," Dr. Berg continued. "Our work will help to prevent childhood caries, an especially devastating problem for underserved children. We will actively seek talent, expertise, and ingenuity to develop a world class facility devoted to early childhood oral health. ECOH will improve the oral health of infants and toddlers through research, education, service delivery, and public policy.

To fulfill the goals and objectives, ECOH will collaborate with diverse organizations, people and programs that understand the impact dental health has on the overall health and well being of children. ECOH will study and explore new and different ways of meeting patients' and families' needs – emphasizing the importance of establishing a dental home by age one.

Operations council represents the three partners

As part of this joint effort, the University of Washington, Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center, and Washington Dental Service created an operations council to help guide major decisions. The council consists of representatives from all three partners:

University of Washington

Joel Berg, DDS, MS

Professor, Lloyd and Kay Chapman Chair for Oral Health, Pediatric Dentistry, School of Dentistry, and Director, Dental Medicine, Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center

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FRONT COVER

Dr. Ana Lucia Seminario, acting assistant professor, and Dr. Roopa Purushothaman, resident, study a patient's x-rays in the current clinic to determine treatment. They are part of the growing diverse faculty and residents making up the Pediatric Dentistry Department.

H. MARKS PHOTO

Screened background is architectural drawings for addition to original administration building at Sand Point Naval Air Station circa 1940.



FACULTY & STAFF NEWS

Dr. Mariella Garcia

Dr. Mariella Garcia joined the department this spring as acting assistant professor. She will work with residents in the UW clinic and at Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center.

Dr. Garcia, from Lima, Peru, received her DDS from the Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia School of Dentistry. She then completed two years of AEGD training at the University of Connecticut Health Center School of Dental Medicine as well as her pediatric dentistry residency training, receiving her certificate in 2007. Dr. Garcia was working in private practice at Castillo Odontologos-Comprehensive Pediatric Dentistry Clinic in Lima, Peru.



Dr. Mariella Garcia

Dr. Joseph Kelly

Dr. Joseph Kelly has accepted an appointment as pediatric dentist-clinician at Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center starting this summer. His training, experience, and career direction represent a perfect match for the expanding work in pediatric dentistry. Dr. Kelly received his DDS summa cum laude from Creighton University in 1993. In 2006 he received his MSD, MPH and Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry from the University of Washington School of Dentistry. He has extensive experience working with Native American populations in both Nebraska and North Carolina.

Dr. Kelly will focus on patient care and teaching, and will assist the Department of Dental Medicine in Children's LEAN project activities.



Dr. Joseph Kelly

Denise Perkins, MEd, CDA

Denise Perkins joined the department as a research scientist engineer to coordinate clinical trials in Seattle and Yakima. She has a background in nutrition as well as an M.Ed. As a certified dental assistant (CDA), she developed the dental assisting curriculum at Sno-Isle Technical High School in Everett where she currently teaches.



Denise Perkins

UW Alumni Reception

May 24 5-7 pm

Hors d'oeuvres | hosted bar

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DR. PETER DOMOTO IS WELL KNOWN AND RESPECTED throughout Washington State and across the nation for his work in seeking ways to increase good oral health in young underserved populations. His commitment continues, and through the Domoto Fund you can join his team to serve these children. Many uninsured patients still cannot meet the costs for basic dental care. That is why the Peter K. Domoto Fund was established through the University of Washington's President's Club level gifts in 2002. This fund provides dental care for children who don't qualify for aid and who are referred to the UW by community resources. It also helps dental students learn about the impact of dental disease and little access to care. "Tooth decay is the most widespread disease among children," notes Dr. Joel Berg, chair of UW's Pediatric Dentistry Department. Treatments for Domoto Fund patients may be ongoing for several months due to the complex nature of their diseases.

The Pediatric Dentistry Department is pleased that the Domoto Fund is one of three funds the University selected to spotlight this year. The University of Washington recognizes its most generous annual donors by welcoming them into the President's Club. The President's Club honors our alumni and friends who display their Husky Pride by contributing \$2,000 or more annually to any UW school, college, program, department, or campus.

"We urge department friends, colleagues and alumni to contribute to this important President's Fund," said Dr. Berg. "Your donations can impact future generations—your children and grandchildren—by contributing to improved health for these children, and teach future dentists how to foster good oral health. Unfortunately, *not* contributing to the Domoto Fund will also impact future generations. Please join me in one of the giving levels listed here."

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Social worker joins the clinic dental team

Pediatric dental social worker Heather Marks, MSW, joined the UW pediatric dental clinic to help families address problems which keep them from their dental appointments. As part of the multidisciplinary team, Ms. Marks will develop a process to identify both the barriers to dental care and the resources required to help families overcome them.

This case management approach has been used successfully in many medical model settings but rarely in dental settings. Including social work in the pediatric dental clinic is consistent with the Surgeon General's emphasis on oral health as a part of overall health and the recommendation of better integration of all general health services.

"Families miss out on dental care for their kids for a variety of reasons," explained Ms. Marks. "It's easy to think missed appointments are a result of irresponsible parents, but that simple answer is often not the case.

"Many families deal with multiple issues, any one of which can obstruct their plans," said Ms. Marks. "For example, their problems include difficulty finding a provider, appointment-scheduling challenges, inconvenient or unreliable transportation, and discrimination because of Medicaid coverage." As part of a multidisciplinary team, she can help provide outreach education, appropriate resources, and anticipatory guidance for parents and agency case workers. Researching barriers to care, Ms. Marks will collaborate with Teresa Jones, MSW, PhD, and Christine Riedy, PhD.

More than 25 years ago, University of Washington School of Dentistry researchers published a journal article recommending that social workers be added as case managers in pediatric dental clinics, but funding cuts prevented implementation of the concept at the UW. "I'm glad that pediatric dentistry recognized the benefits of adding a social worker to the healthcare team—and took the initiative to make it happen," said Ms. Marks.

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A fond farewell...

Dr. Slayton named department chair at U of Iowa

In June Dr. Rebecca Slayton will leave her position as graduate program director in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry and return to the University of Iowa to head their Department of Pediatric Dentistry.

She received her DDS and PhD degrees from the University of Iowa as well as a specialty certificate in Pediatric Dentistry. Dr. Slayton came to the University of Washington in 2004 from Oregon Health and Sciences University where she was chair of the Pediatric Dentistry Department.

Among her accomplishments, she is a diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry and served as the Region 10 Head Start Oral Health Consultant. She is the District VI representative to the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Council on Scientific Affairs, a member of the Advisory Council for the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry and was editor of the Journal of Dentistry for Children.

She will be missed greatly by faculty, residents and staff.



Dr. Rebecca Slayton

WELCOME TO 6 NEW RESIDENTS



Two-year Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry: Yakima-based

Dr. Nolan Gerlach will graduate from the UW School of Dentistry in June. His interest in pediatric dentistry, specifically in working with children with disabilities, began as an undergraduate. He has coached special needs athletes, raised money for special needs organizations, and volunteered and completed a Fellowship in the DECOD (Dental Education in the Care of Persons with Disabilities) department.

Dr. Neal Smith grew up in Yakima. Before attending the Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health, he was a teacher in the Wapato School District. In dental school he served in a variety of leadership positions, including Student Ambassador to the Arizona Department of Health, and Class Vice-President and Community Service Chair, while maintaining an outstanding academic record. He will graduate this June.



Two-year MSD: Seattle-based

Dr. Cara Mudd graduated from Creighton University's School of Dentistry where she was recognized for her extensive volunteer work in the free Indian Chicano clinic. She is currently practicing general dentistry in Chehalis as the Dental Director of a large private practice that primarily treats low-income families. She has been involved in community outreach and has participated in several UW research studies.



Dr. Tracy Takenaka is currently at the US Naval Hospital in Yokosuka, Japan, completing her service in the Navy. After finishing dental school at New York University, she completed a one-year GPR residency at the Naval Medical Center in San Diego. She was a leader in her dental school and served as Class President, and her leadership skills led to her promotion to Primary Care Division Officer at the Naval Hospital in Japan.



Three-year MSD/MPH: Seattle-based

Dr. Ameera Thomas received her DMD degree from University of Pennsylvania's School of Dental Medicine while also completing a Master of Science degree in Bioethics. She is currently in a GPR residency at the Cambridge Health Alliance which is affiliated with the Harvard School of Dental Medicine. She has done a variety of research and community outreach projects, including a dental relief trip to Malawi and a research paper on dental paleopathology, in addition to mentoring other students throughout her education.



Dr. Leann Yoda finished dental school and her Master of Public Health degree at the University of Alabama. She became a commissioned US Public Health Corps dental officer and worked at the Lummi Tribal Health Center in Bellingham for two years. She remained in the Northwest for an additional two years and worked in the UW Dental Fears Clinic before returning to the South to be near her family. She has been working as a general dentist in Georgia.



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Mission

The mission of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry is to promote the health of infants, children, adolescents, and persons with special needs, through education, research, and service, by:

- Educating pediatric dentists for a lifetime of continuous learning and leadership.
- Generating new knowledge through basic and clinical research.
- Promoting effective preventive measures to ensure a lifetime of oral health.
- Collaborating with other disciplines and organizations to develop policies to increase access to oral health care for all people.

Vision

Our vision is to be the recognized international leader in pediatric dental education, research, and the development of service delivery models and to be the leader in establishing mechanisms for policy change to dramatically mitigate the unmet need in the management of dental caries in children worldwide.

Every effort was made to make this list accurate. We sincerely apologize for any oversight. Please contact the SOD Development Department with any corrections by calling 206-685-9350 or 1-800-550-2977.



Dr. Joel Berg
Professor,
Lloyd and Kay Chapman
Chair for Oral Health

Continue the legacy:

Expand access to oral health care

WE ARE MOVING FORWARD with our Early Childhood Oral Health (ECOH) project addressing the hundreds of details involved in the creation of a new program. With every decision we keep our mission in mind: to improve the oral health of infants and toddlers through research, education, service delivery and public policy.

Caries rates in preschoolers are on the rise. Many of these children have complex needs that compromise their health and sometimes finding a dental provider can be difficult, especially for Medicaid-eligible children. ECOH aims to catch these high risk kids even before preschool and help teach families about the importance of optimal oral health. We know the journey is a long one, but we will make a difference.

As we build ECOH, I am reminded of the ground work Drs. Pete Domoto and Peter Milgrom laid for the community, creating the foundation of what is now the Access to Baby and Child Dentistry (ABCD) program. They saw a community-based need for pediatric dental care but they also recognized that it extended beyond the local community. ABCD is in its 14th year and continues to grow and involves over 1000 dentists in direct care of infants and toddlers providing care to more Medicaid-eligible children than originally imagined. As the program matures, its focus will be on the youngest, most vulnerable children - those at greatest risk of falling into the "silent epidemic."

Inspired and motivated by the "Two Petes" we are expanding our horizons and thinking big when it comes to ECOH. The University of Washington and Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center have nationally recognized experts from dentistry, public health, psychology, medicine and social work who are providing leadership in advancing access to care and overcoming health care barriers. This multidisciplinary team will challenge and teach a new generation of leaders in pediatric dentistry at ECOH. Together we will study issues and conduct research that will improve treatment and delivery of care, for children here at home and around the world.

We hope that what we initiate at the Washington Dental Service Building for Early Childhood Oral Health will reach far and wide and benefit the children of our immediate community and state, and eventually the nation and the world.

It will happen, I'm sure of it.

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