

AADOOCR, ADEA and Friends of NIDCR 2024 Advocacy Day

U.S. Senate Asks

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We call on members of the U.S. Senate to support the following oral health priorities:

1. Pass an FY 2025 budget with adequate resources for oral health with funding levels of at least:
 - **\$51.3 billion** for the National Institutes of Health (NIH)
 - **\$559 million** for the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR)
 - **\$46 million** for **HRSA Title VII Oral Health Training Programs**
 - **\$36 million** for the **CDC Division of Oral Health**

The research and oral health programs supported by these federal agencies enhance the knowledge base of oral health professionals, researchers, and dental faculty members with the goal of improving dental clinical practices, preparing the dental workforce, closing the gap in oral health disparities, and addressing numerous public health challenges.

2. Cosponsor the **Action for Dental Health Act (S. 2891)**, bipartisan legislation that addresses dental workforce shortages and enhances access to dental care by funding workforce training, expanding dental services to underserved areas, and supporting oral health education initiatives.

The **American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research** (AADOCR) is a nonprofit organization with a mission to drive dental, oral, and craniofacial research to advance health and well-being. AADOOCR represents the individual scientists, clinician-scientists, dental professionals, and students based in academic, government, non-profit and private-sector institutions who share our mission. AADOOCR is the largest division of the International Association for Dental Research.

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The **Friends of National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research** (FNIDCR) is a broad-based coalition of academic and research institutions, professional associations, and foundations that champion NIDCR, the world's largest institution dedicated exclusively to research to improve dental, oral and craniofacial health. With programmatic activities operated out of AADOOCR, FNIDCR helps represent the interests of patients, researchers, educators, clinicians and students and the value they find in NIDCR and its critical research.

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