

Biographical Sketch



Matt Crespin, MPH, RDH
Associate Director
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Matt received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Health Sciences/Dental Hygiene from Marquette University in 2002 and his Community Dental Health Certificate from Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC) in 2007. Matt received his Masters in Public Health from A.T. Still University in 2010. Prior to his promotion to Associate Director with Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin in 2011, Matt served as oral health project manager at the Alliance from 2006-2011. Prior to his work at the Alliance, Matt worked in clinical practice for several years in the Milwaukee suburbs.

As associate director of Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin, Matt directs both the oral health and early childhood literacy programs along with providing operational support to the entire organization. The oral health program at the Alliance includes the Wisconsin Seal-A-Smile program, Earlier Is Better, Healthy Smiles for Mom and Baby, the Wisconsin Oral Health Coalition. Wisconsin Seal-A-Smile is the state school-based dental sealant program and has grown under his direction to serve more than 50,000 children in nearly 850 schools across the entire state. Matt has been successful in increasing funding at the Alliance through local, state and federal grants. Matt also is active in efforts to promote and maintain community water fluoridation across Wisconsin. Matt coordinated efforts to keep the city of Milwaukee fluoridated in 2012 which impacted nearly one million Wisconsin residents.

Matt is a member of various local, state and national associations, advisory boards, councils and committees. Matt has been involved in creating, protecting and promoting oral health policy across Wisconsin through his work at the Alliance. Matt currently serves as chair of the Children's Dental Health Project's Sealant Workgroup. Matt also served on the most recent expert panel convened by the American Dental Association to review the clinical guidelines for the placement of dental sealants.

In 2015, Matt was elected as the American Dental Hygienists' Association District VII trustee. Matt was one of two men elected and along with his colleague they are the first men to serve on the board in the association's nearly 100 year history. Matt speaks nationally on a variety of topics including oral health policy, school-based dental sealants, the use of dental sealants in clinical practices, community water fluoridation and the use of other fluorides.

Matt was featured in *Modern Hygienist Magazine* in 2007 in a feature on men making their mark in dental hygiene. Matt was named the Young Hispanic Professional of Greater Milwaukee by the Hispanic Professionals of Greater Milwaukee and received the Distinguished Alumnus in Dental Hygiene Award from Marquette University in 2009. In 2016 Matt received the Wisconsin Public Health Association's Distinguished Service to Public Health Award and the Wisconsin Dental Hygienists' Association Carol B Benson Award for Outstanding Service to Dental Hygiene. Matt currently lives in Milwaukee with his wife Laura and son Connor and enjoys cooking, cycling and competing in duathlons.