DENTAL THERAPISTS:

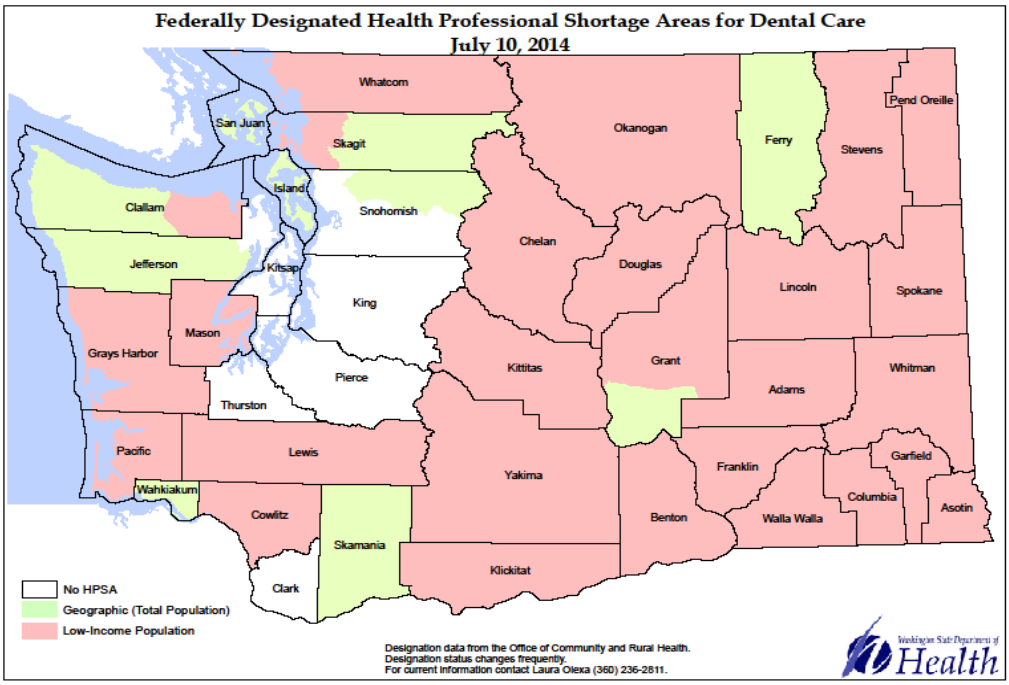
STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITIES ONE DENTAL VISIT AT A TIME

We need to <u>expand dental care access</u> to families and communities.

Tens of thousands of Washingtonians don't have access to dental care. Most of Washington's counties don't have enough dental providers for the people who live there.

In fact, all of the counties colored red, yellow or green on this map have a designated shortage of dental care.

Dental therapists can help change this picture.



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We need to <u>strengthen communities</u> by creating family wage jobs and cutting costs.

- Dental Therapists bring jobs to their communities: for the dental team, as well as for office secretaries and even the landlord collecting rent from a once-empty storefront.
- On average, Dental Therapists cost only 30 cents for every dollar of revenue they generate.
- Preventive care offered by Dental Therapists can prevent costly emergency room visits for dental-related health problems. This saves taxpayers valuable dollars.

All Washingtonians should be able to get dental care when they need it, regardless of where they live or how much money they have. Help us support stronger communities by creating family wage jobs, cutting costs, and ensuring good oral health for everyone.

Join us today in supporting Dental Therapists for Washington.

Washington DENTAL ACCESS Campaign

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