

# UCSF Champion Provider Fellowship: A Journey of Transformation

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# Starting Point – My Initial Goals

- Integrate dental care with general healthcare
- Advocate for underserved communities
- Develop leadership and advocacy skills
- Influence policy and systems change in oral health

# Fellowship Activities – Learning and Growth

- Participation in policy, systems, and environmental (PSE) change workshops
- Media training and effective public communication
- Networking with health advocates, policy-makers, and healthcare leaders
- Implementation of integrated healthcare strategies

# Key Milestones Achieved

- Appointment as California's designated expert on Black Oral Health
- Role as primary spokesperson for CDPH "Not So Sweet Side" campaign
- Establishment of ImpowerDent SurgiCenters Inc.
- Successful integration of dental care within perinatal and pediatric healthcare



# Fellowship Impact – Professional and Personal Growth



- Enhanced skills in policy advocacy and public speaking
- Expanded professional network and collaboration opportunities
- Recognition as a thought leader in oral health and health equity
- Increased confidence and clarity in leadership roles

# Tangible Outcomes and Ongoing Initiatives



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- Secured \$5 million CHFFA funding for ImpowerDent SurgiCenters
- Strengthened oral healthcare access in Imperial County
- Ongoing media engagements and public health advocacy
- Developing sustainable healthcare models for special healthcare needs populations

# Lessons Learned

- Importance of continuous learning and flexibility
- Strategic collaboration as key to systemic change
- Communication and storytelling as powerful advocacy tools
- Resilience and persistence in policy and systems advocacy

# Closing Reflections and Gratitude

- Reflecting on two years of transformative growth
- Gratitude to the UCSF Champion Provider Fellowship team
- Encouragement for the incoming cohort to leverage fellowship opportunities for meaningful impact

# Partnership

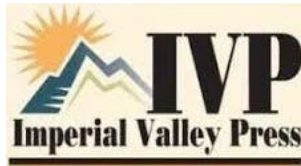
- Collaboration with Local Health Departments and community stakeholders, partnerships built on shared goals underpinned by mutual respect and commitment to those we serve.



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