

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

Early Challenges, Early Opportunities

Understanding policy, systems, and environmental (PSE) change

Navigating community partnerships

Developing effective communication strategies

Identifying clear, actionable PSE goals

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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for Dental Clinics Serving Vulnerable Communities**

- 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

Future Directions and Vision

Expand
ImpowerDent
SurgiCenters
statewide

Deepen integration
of oral health in
broader public
health initiatives

Mentor and guide
future cohorts in
oral health
advocacy

Continuous
advocacy for
equitable
healthcare access

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

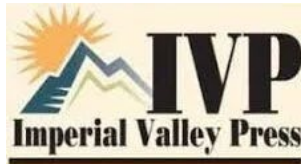
Partnership

- 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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