

Fones Clinic ADHP Powerpoint

**Legislative Testimony Presentation to the Human Services Committee
Regarding: HB 5355 An Advanced Dental Hygiene Practice Pilot Program
Tuesday, March 2, 2010
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**Dear Senator Doyle, Representative Walker and
Members of the Human Services Committee,**

My name is **Laurel Risom**, I am a licensed, registered dental hygienist living in the town of Old Lyme CT. Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony to you regarding HB 5355.

Slide 1: I support the Establishment of An Advanced Dental Hygiene Practitioner (ADHP). I have been practicing dental hygiene for more than 30 years. I work in private practice and I teach Community Dental Hygiene at the University of Bridgeport, Fones School of Dental Hygiene, Bridgeport CT.

Slide 2: I have a power point presentation to share with you, photos of the University of Bridgeport, Fones School of Dental Hygiene clinical facility. I urge all of you to come and visit, to see that we can accommodate the ADHP program and the Bridgeport underserved citizens once the ADHP program is established and enacted.

Slide 3: According to Dr. Fones, who established the profession of dental hygiene in Connecticut in 1913 *"it is of equal importance that dental hygienists provide outreach services to those who cannot afford private dental care"*.

Slide 4: Dental hygienists providing care in the community and in public health settings is not a new concept. Dr. Fones graduates, (in 1915) 27 women, were employed by the Bridgeport Board of Education to clean the teeth of school children at their schools.

Slide 5: Here is a photo from 1916 showing dental hygienists providing dental services to school children.

Slide 6: This is a photo of our old Fones clinic.

The adoption of HB 5355 will expand access to care by adding a midlevel RDH oral health care provider within the dental team (ADHP) to serve our citizens in public health settings and underserved areas. HB 5355 is timely and our citizens need these services now.

Slide 7: This is the new University of Bridgeport Health Science Center . Our Fones Dental Hygiene Clinic is in this Center. Also in the Health Science Center is the School of Acupuncture, School of Nutrition, Naturopathic Medicine and the Chiropractic School Clinic.

Slide 8/9 : This is our reception areas, our clinic has 37 chairs, and is equipped with state of the art technology. You can see we have computers in each operatory.

Slide 10: Fones Clinic has the space to house an ADHP program and bring the Bridgeport community underserved to this clinic to receive care.

Slide 11: Here are some dental hygiene students applying sealants to community residents on Give Kids a Smile day, where free preventative services were offered to anyone who walked through our doors Saturday Jan 30, 2010.

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Slide 12: I believe the ADHP pilot program should also include the Greater Bridgeport area, there is so much dental need in this underserved population. The ADHP goal is to provide needed midlevel dental services to the underserved populations where these people live and work, in public health settings to help eliminate barriers to dental care.

Slide 13: Children in Bridgeport still get sent home from school because of a toothache! Our seniors suffer with inadequate dental care due to financial and transportation barriers. We all know there is an "Access to oral health care crisis in the U.S."

Slide 14: I take senior dental hygiene students into the Community to educate and dentally screen Bridgeport underserved residents. We go to the following sites in the Greater Bridgeport Area. I would like to share with you who and what my students see.

We go to **Nursing Homes and Senior Centers**

Slide 15: We visit **Adult Day Care Centers for Emotional & Physically Disabled**

Slide 16: We go to **WIC (Women Infant and Children Programs)** and see the **Pregnant moms and their young children**

Slide 17: These are just a few of the target groups ADHP could serve in the Community. Here is a list of additional special needs populations that ADHP could serve.

- **Mental Health Facilities**
- **Alcohol & Chemical Dependency Facilities**
- **Pregnant Teen populations**
- **Special Needs**
- **Mild/Moderately Developmentally Disabled**
- **Public & Private Schools-Grades K-8**

Slide 18 I have included photos of some of the findings that my students and I **Slide 19** commonly see at these sites that need dental care.

Slide 20/21: ADHP gives licensed registered dental hygienists the tools to take care of the dentally underserved in the community and address their needs.

Slide 22 In closing, I would be happy answer any questions. I hope you support ADHP Bill 5355 to increase delivery of dental health care in public settings and include the Greater Bridgeport Area for the pilot program, to improve dental access and deliver dental care to these underserved citizens.

Thank you

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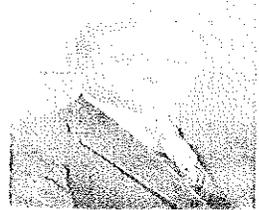
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Alfred C. Fones 1896-1938



Founder of the Fones School of Dental Hygiene
at the University of Bridgeport CT in 1913.

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Dr. Alfred Civilion Fones

Dr. Fones had a vision "it is of equal importance that dental hygienists provide outreach services to those who could not afford private dental care"

CEAH website www.ceah.org/ceah/History/Fones/Fones%20MD.pdf

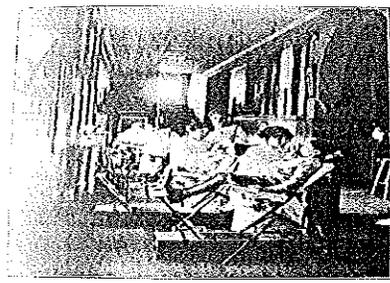
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27 Women, graduates of the first DH class were primarily employed by the Bridgeport Board of Education to clean the teeth of school children. They greatly reduced incidence of caries among these children in Bridgeport, CT. (1915) www.dca.org/History-of-Dentistry

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Public School Dental Hygiene 1916



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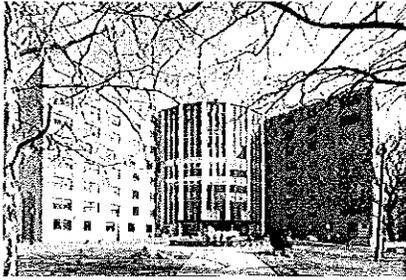
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1960's Fones Clinic



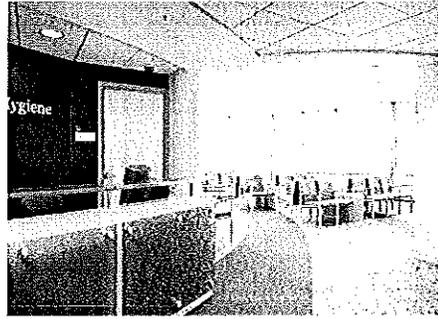
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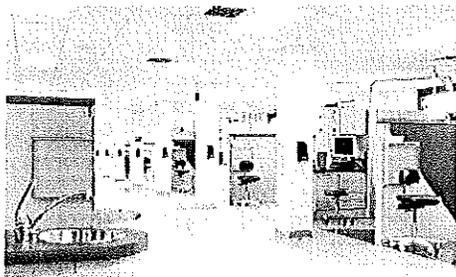
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Reception



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Clinic



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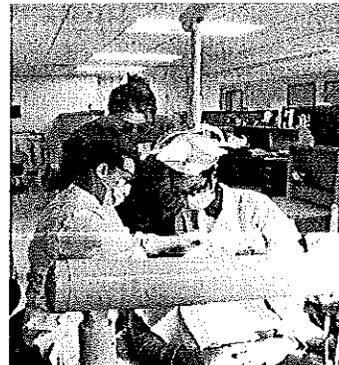


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Students performing dental sealants GKAS day Jan 30, 2010

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Faculty supervising oral care GKAS day Jan 30 2010

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Faculty performing a preventative oral care GKAS day
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Community Senior Screenings Identifying senior dental needs



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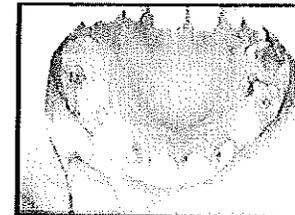
Patients with Special Needs: Cerebral Palsy Patients

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WIC Women Infant and Children

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/>

Baby Bottle Caries
 ECC Early childhood Caries



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What Target Populations Groups could we be serving with ADHP?

- Nursing Home Clients
- Adult Day Care Centers
- Senior Centers
- Mental Health Clients
- Alcohol & Chemical Dependency
- Pregnancy and Teens
- Emotional & Physically Disabled
- Special Need Clients
- Developmentally Disabled
- Public & Private School- Children

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Community Findings



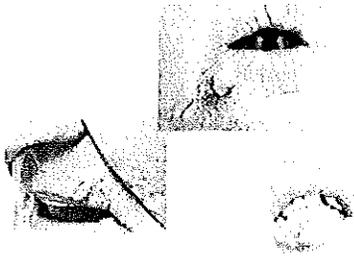
DENTAL DECAY

Dental Abscess/ Fistula



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Oral Cancer



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Snuff dipper's pouch under cleaning tobacco



Snuff dipper's pouch of tobacco use

Snuff Oral Tissue Changes

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Drug induced gingival overgrowth dry mouth and tooth erosion



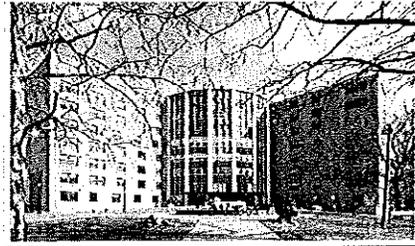
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Tooth abrasion and erosion

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