



After graduating in New York, I practiced as a Dental Hygienist, in New York and Georgia for many years. Later I graduated from Georgia State University with a Masters in Health Administration.

In 1995, I accepted an administrative position as Director of Dental Hygiene at a two year college in Georgia. This was a new program requiring the skills to complete the accreditation and manage the new educational program, clinic, staffing, processes and policies. The first graduation class, 1997, had a success rate of 100% passing both the written and practical examinations required for licensing. I acted as administrator of the program with the responsibilities

of a clinic, faculty, staff, budget and accreditation for 14 years. In addition, I taught many courses, edited textbooks, and contributed to sections in textbooks.

In, March of 2009, I accepted a position to serve as the Director of the Oral Health Program for the Georgia Department of Public Health (GDPH), Maternal and Child Health Section. I manage the state budget, staffing, and strategically plan the state initiatives for improving oral health status in Georgia. Utilizing surveillance our team and partners work together for the efficient use of public health resources targeting populations to improve oral health. The Oral Health mission is focused on head and neck cancer, oral diseases and the systemic connection of oral infection and other chronic diseases. My job is multi-tasking and different everyday. I am pleased to have had the opportunity to transition my career from private practice, to education, to my present position as a public health administrator.