

# Washington State Dental Therapy Task Force

Legislation creates Dental Therapy Task Force (2021)

"Pierce county center for dispute resolution (PCCDR) to convene a task force, staffed by the PCCDR, to review and make recommendations on bringing the current practice of dental therapy on tribal lands to a statewide scale, and on the practice, supervision, and practice settings needed to maximize the effectiveness of dental therapy." [Section 222 \(DOH\) Section 17](#)



Questions to  
Ground Dialog

- Please help me understand that and why it is important?
- How does this improve oral health care?
- What informs this opinion?
- How does this impact people who aren't on this task force?

# **Dental Therapy Task Force Interaction Agreements (2021)**

## **Commit to the task force work:**

- Respect that all care about dental access
- Be open minded
- Give each other benefit of the doubt
- Practice patience and creativity
- Learn from other experiences

## **Positive & productive communication**

- Be open to asking and answering questions
- Check assumptions at the door
- Speak with goal of collaboration
- Listen and process other points of view
- Step up/step back

## **Take time to think**

- Come prepared
- Fully share on Zoom