

Mary Ann Gonzalez, D.D.S.
Dental Director, Staff Dentist, Safety Officer

Mary Ann Gonzalez has the distinction of being the longest serving employee at Consolidated Tribal Health Project. She started at CTHP as a staff dentist in 1987 doing treatment planning such as crown and bridge, root canals and some minor orthodontic services. Mary Ann initiated outreach to local Tribes to do dental screenings, provide oral health education and encourage parents and adults to schedule appointments for routine dental visits.

Mary Ann's leadership and passion for community service have been instrumental in the development and implementation of many special programs and projects over the years that have promoted good oral health care practices as a preventive measure, provided access to care for Native American patients of all ages, treated patients with chronic health conditions and addressed the chronic problem of early childhood caries in young Native patients.

Under Mary Ann's stewardship, the dental department grew to address the needs of CTHP patients. Mary Ann has been recognized for outstanding achievement in serving the needs of our patients; her Dental Department has been recognized for outstanding achievement, and individual dental staff have been recognized for outstanding achievement as well. She constantly strives for excellence in oral health care.

Mary Ann has served on the California Area Office Advisory committee for 15 years and acted as a liaison between clinics and the area office. She is a member of the Field Advisory Committee of the National Oral Health Council that meets monthly to discuss dental issues for all Indian Health Service and Tribal clinics.

Aside from her dental duties, Mary Ann has been instrumental in starting CTHP's Safety program and serving as the Safety Officer. In this capacity, Mary Ann has implemented safety programs and projects over the years to address disaster preparedness, environmental and workplace safety issues.