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Dr. Helgeson will describe the keys to Apple Tree's successful team approach while providing insights that could help other safety net providers deliver primary oral health care to underserved and special needs populations in urban and rural areas. This year, Apple Tree will add two of the nation's first Advanced Dental Therapists to its dental team. Learning about Minnesota's new mid-level workforce model will help stimulate a healthy dialogue about "what's next?" as Kansas moves forward with it's own dental workforce initiatives.

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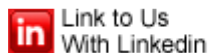
About Apple Tree

Apple Tree is a nonprofit dental organization dedicated to bringing dental care to people who otherwise would be without. Over 600,000 Minnesotans are not able to get the dental care they need. That's enough people to fill 10 Metrodomes!

Many people don't have the choice of going to the dentist. This is a choice that is often taken for granted, but for nursing home residents, people with disabilities, low-income families, and others, dental care is often beyond reach. Barriers are financial, physical and/or cultural. Apple Tree's nonprofit status and mobile delivery systems are the keys to overcoming these problems.

Apple Tree brings care directly to people who need it most. With support from individual donors, foundation grants, and corporate sponsors, Apple Tree can relieve the suffering and improve the lives of people who have barriers to obtaining the care they need.

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