



EARLY CAREER SUMMIT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026
Mississauga Convention Centre

PROGRAM

7:30 am – 8:20 am	REGISTRATION, BREAKFAST, NETWORKING, EXHIBITORS OPEN
8:20 am – 8:30 am	Welcome and opening remarks
8:30 am – 9:30 am	Building Professional Identity Michelle Aube-Simmonds, RDH
9:30 am – 10:30 am	Managing Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office Dr. Sanjukta Mohanta, DDS
10:30 am – 10:45 am	MORNING BREAK
10:45 am – 11:45 am	Myofunctional Therapy Joe Siegfried, RDH
11:45 am – 12:45 pm	LUNCH, NETWORKING, EXHIBITORS
12:45 pm – 4:00 pm	Roundtable Topics – attend your pre-selected choice for each slot • IPAC I-SPY: Spotting Risks – Michelle Aube-Simmonds, RDH • Volunteering and Oral Health Outreach Opportunities – Dr. Sanjukta Mohanta, DDS • Money Matters: Building Financial Peace of Mind – Jeff Chapman, CFP, CHS • Dental Hygiene Practice Ownership (Independent Practice) – Dezarae Aldridge, RDH, OM • Myofunctional Therapy Q&A – Joe Siegfried, RDH • RDH Career Paths – Becoming an Educator & Advanced Degrees – Cristina Gullo, MS, BS, RDH, DA • Beyond the Dental Chair: A Career in Public Health – Karen Richards, RDH, BScDH • RDH Career Paths – Orthodontics – Renata Albonese, RDH • From Doubt to Degrees: How Distance Education Changed My Academic Journey – Jennifer Barkans, RDH • Keeping the Spark Alive: Fueling Your Professional Fire Through Learning and Connection – Amy Currie, RRDH • Introduction to Interim Stabilization Therapy – Kim Lawrence, RDH, BA • Navigating CDHO's Quality Assurance Program – Kathleen Bokrossy, RDH, BSc
12:45 pm – 1:15 pm	Roundtable #1 – attend your pre-selected choice
1:15 pm – 1:20 pm	Transition time
1:20 pm – 1:50 pm	Roundtable #2 – attend your pre-selected choice
1:50 pm – 1:55 pm	Transition time
1:55 pm – 2:25 pm	Roundtable #3 – attend your pre-selected choice
2:25 pm – 2:55 pm	BREAK, NETWORKING, EXHIBITORS
2:55 pm – 3:25 pm	Roundtable #4 – attend your pre-selected choice
3:25 pm – 3:30 pm	Transition time
3:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Roundtable #5 – attend your pre-selected choice
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Closing remarks, exhibitors open and conclusion of event