



ADEA Advocacy Day will take place on Tuesday, September 19, 2017. ADEA Advocacy Day is one of the most important events of the year in which dental educators, dental and craniofacial researchers, and dental students from across the country can tell members of Congress why funding for oral health training programs and the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) is critically necessary for the overall health and well-being of the nation. This will be the most opportune time to provide information on programs that could affect you and your dental school just before Congress takes decisive action on Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18) appropriations.

ADEA Advocacy Day will take place on the Hill in the Rayburn House Office Bldg., Gold Room, 2168. The day will begin with a light breakfast at 8:30 a.m., and the program will start at 9 a.m. There will be presentations from federal agency representatives on the benefits of oral health training programs and innovative dental and craniofacial research at NIDCR. Throughout the morning, members of Congress will stop by to bring greetings and provide the latest insights into negotiations on FY18 appropriations. There will be a review of the “asks,” or funding requests, during the briefing. At approximately 11:30 a.m. the program will conclude; box lunches will be provided before participants depart for appointments.

Please register as soon as possible [online](#). Once registered, ADEA staff will use the ZIP code provided to schedule meetings with your members of Congress and/or staff (your one House member and two senators). For assistance with arranging hotel accommodations, contact Ryne Chua, M.P.A., ADEA Program Manager at ChuaR@adea.org. If you should need additional information about Advocacy Day, contact Yvonne Knight, J.D., ADEA Chief Advocacy Officer, at KnightY@adea.org.