5 reasons to connect with your state professional association

1. **Representation:** Members receive expert representation on workplace, professional and licensing issues, as well as access to oral health before the New York State Legislature, state regulatory agencies, and Congress. Through our Advocacy and Public Policy Program, we promote measures to maximize use of the experience and education of dental hygienists.

2. **Communications:** DHASNY has retooled its website and electronic alerts to increase communications about what's happening, what DHASNY is doing on your behalf, opportunities for you to get involved and express your perspectives, and shine a spotlight of appreciation on members of the profession for their exemplary work for oral health.

3. **Continuing Education and Empire Conference:** As a member, gain reduced fees for sponsored continuing education programs, including special member rates for the statewide Empire Conference, providing multi-CE credits in two days and public policy updates - practical information you can put to use. The conference features nationally recognized speakers, as well as student table clinics and of New York State and national oral health exhibitors. Local components also sponsor CE programs throughout the year across the state. DHASNY members can access continuing education programs on line through 360training.com at discounted rates. See the link on www.dhasny.org.

4. **Networking:** Through involvement in your professional association, get to know colleagues in your community and across the state – a resource for sharing and seeking out voices of experiences on career and practice.

5. **Public Service:** DHASNY members have opportunities to serve on special task forces and public service projects to advance oral health access, consumer information, and the profession. Contact info@dhasny.org to check on current opportunities. Components also conduct public service activities.

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