



## Dr. Rachael Hogan, Dental Director



Dr. Rachael Hogan is a general dentist and the Dental Director of the Swinomish Tribal Dental Clinic in LaConner, WA where she helps lead the effort to address the oral health crisis in Indian County and supervised the first Alaska trained dental therapist in the Lower 48 States. Dr. Hogan is a strong advocate for well-rounded dental teams utilizing primary oral health providers and allowing all staff to work at the top of their scope. She recognizes the importance of holistic care delivered with cultural humility, evidence based clinical excellence and diversifying the dental profession. Dr. Hogan is also the acting director of *dəxʷəyabus*, a developing Dental Therapy Education Program at Skagit Valley College in Western Washington which was initiated by the Swinomish Tribe.

Dr. Hogan completed her dental education at Marquette School of Dentistry in 2002. After graduation, she moved closer to her Alaska roots to settle and fulfill a National Health Service Corp obligation in Bellingham, Washington. Prior to being recruited to Swinomish, Dr. Hogan worked for more than 10 years for Sea Mar, one of the largest non-profit community health clinics in the Pacific Northwest. During that time, her passion for access to care issues introduced her to the ADA's Diversity in Leadership Program, the Steering Committee of the Whatcom County Oral Health Coalition and she was the Membership Chair for the Mount Baker District Dental Society. Dr. Hogan has volunteered at Migrant Camps, Smile Mobile and Project Homeless Connect. She piloted programs such as the Placksmakin' Preschoolers, a Volunteer Hygiene Program and a symposium on Prenatal Oral Health. She encourages dental students to consider public health dentistry as a career and mentors externs yearly. When Dr. H is not in the office she is chasing her four active kids and rock star husband.