



## Gordon Sien, Richmond, British Columbia

Gordon is the hygienist at Richmond Public Health and a colleague. He works long hours to ensure the toddlers of Richmond get a good healthy start with their oral hygiene. Gordon will often hold clinics on weekends and evenings to accommodate working parents. He is patient and his demeanour is calming as he teaches parents about good oral hygiene practices, and he encourages the children to practice what they have learned in their sessions with him. Along with English, Gordon speaks both Mandarin and Cantonese fluently which makes him an asset to the Richmond Community. Not only is he able to provide care but he is able to introduce and connect parents to other services provided by public health and our partners. Gordon is passionate about his work and continually advocates for the Dental Program at Richmond Public Health. Some of Gordon's achievements include Organizing dental screening for 200 Syrian refugees (adults & children). He found dental resources for refugee children to have their teeth fixed. He has established new public health partnerships to help improve the oral health of children in Richmond and has effectively taken over the public health dental program. During COVID Gordon took time to get the training he needed to assist with COVID nasal testing at the height of the COVID outbreak. He also volunteered to be a COVID peer tester for Richmond Public Health staff who fell sick while at work. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated person on our team.



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