

# Oral Health Risk Assessment Training

## Speaker Biography



### Richard A. Simpson, DMD

Dr. Richard A. Simpson earned his B.S. from Auburn University, and his DMD from the University of Alabama School of Dentistry in 1987. He completed a one-year Advanced Educational Program in general dentistry with the U.S. Army in 1988. After six years of active military service, he completed a two-year residency in pediatric and hospital dentistry at Children's Mercy Hospital and the University of Missouri-Kansas City, where he was chief resident. In 1994, he was awarded his Fellowship in the American Academy of General Dentistry. Dr. Simpson continued to serve his country through the Army Reserves and the Alabama Army National Guard, and was honorably discharged as a Lieutenant Colonel in 2002. In 2012, Dr. Simpson completed the three-year Leadership Institute of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry taught at the prestigious Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry, a Fellow in the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and, in 2012, he was inducted as a Fellow in to the American College of Dentists.

Having a strong interest in child health and well-being, and the underserved pediatric population, Dr. Simpson has pursued advanced training in government affairs and child advocacy with the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. For the past several years, he has served in a variety of public policy capacities and as a child advocate and legislative liaison for the Alabama Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, as the dental liaison and co-chair of the Oral Health Committee of the Alabama Chapter-American Academy of Pediatrics, and as an active member and Chair of the Oral Health Coalition of Alabama.. Dr. Simpson is an Adjunct Assistant Clinical Professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at UAB, and serves as a consultant to the Alabama Medicaid Agency through the Medicaid Dental Task Force and the ALDA Medicaid Advisory Committee. Dr. Simpson served as President of the Alabama Academy of Pediatric Dentistry from 2012-2014. Dr. Simpson holds the "Most Excellent Fellow" designation with the Alabama Dental Association, and has received the Special Achievement Award from the American Academy of Pediatrics in recognition of his advocacy and outreach program efforts. Dr Simpson is the 2015 recipient of the American Academy of Pediatrics Oral Health Service Award, and in 2016, he was awarded the Alabama Dental Association Dentist Citizen of the Year Award.

Dr. Simpson is happily married to Jan (Breugem), a Tuscaloosa, Ala. native, and they have two children, Connor (Sumerlin) and Zoey. Dr. Simpson is in full-time private practice with Children and Teen Dental Group in Tuscaloosa.