## One Nation Overdosed: Unmasking the Opioid Epidemic Presented by: Edie Gibson, RDH, MS

One pill can kill, one pill can cause addiction. Opioid abuse is destroying lives, devastating families and communities across the United States. Addiction and overdoses are happening in communities from all backgrounds, all ages, in both men and women. According to the NIDA, more Americans died from overdoses than from car accidents or gun violence in 2018. As health care professionals, we are ideal first responders and poised to help our patients that "use" in an unhealthy manner, *STOP* the cycle of addiction.

This program will uncover the mysteries of these addictive drugs and elevate our awareness as health care professionals. Edie will share, with brutal honesty, her own stories of living with addicts. Participants should be able to:

- Appreciate the cycle of addiction
- Identify the current trends in opioid misuse, including Fentanyl, Heroin and others
- Recognize signs and symptoms of opioid addiction
- Understand pain management alternatives to opioids



Edie Gibson is a charismatic, knowledge-wealthy trainer with a mission and passion to affect CHANGE!

Edie is a Registered Dental Hygienist that brings over 30 years of diverse, hands-on clinical and business expertise to the podium. She incorporates real world experiences and humor into all her programs, making difficult subjects fun, empowering, and thought provoking for the entire *TEAM!* 

Edie is a "wife in recovery" and works closely with recovering addicts and their families. She is the CEO of EGibson Consulting, Lecturer for Misch Implant Institute, a 2013 Sunstar RDH Award of Distinction recipient, and a Registered Psychotherapist. She is also a Thought Leader/KOL for several prestigious companies and a contributing author to the bestselling book, Overcoming Mediocrity.

Edie is passionate about affecting change through her motivational presentations. Get ready to be inspired, entertained, and *FIRED UP!*