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Children's Dental Services

Who are we?

Children's Dental Services (CDS) is a non-profit, public health dental clinic that provides dental care to low income children and pregnant women. CDS is able to serve patients who have special needs or speak a language other than English.

Who do we serve?

- ◆ Children age 0-26
- ◆ Pregnant women
- ◆ Patients with any type of insurance
- ◆ Families eligible for sliding fee scale



What do we offer?

- ◆ Screenings
- ◆ Onsite Dental Care
- ◆ Oral health education

Why do we do it?

- ◆ Dental disease is the most common chronic childhood illness
- ◆ Dental issues cause 51 million hours of missed school time every year
- ◆ **Oral health is essential to a child's overall health and school success**

Contact

Please don't hesitate to contact CDS regarding services, scheduling on site care, screenings, outreach events, or helping families connect with resources. If a student is in immediate pain, please call immediately and we will work to provide care for them as soon as possible.

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Outreach

CDS offers our knowledge, materials, and energy at school and community events! This is a great opportunity for families to ask any questions and sign up for on site dental care. Screenings can also be performed at these events!

Outreach is most often completed at the following school events:

- ◆ Open Houses and Back to School events
- ◆ Parent/Teacher Conferences
- ◆ Kindergarten Round-Up
- ◆ Any School event where families will be gathered

Oral Health Presentations are also offered during school hours. These are 30-60 minute oral education classes for all ages. Students will be taught about the importance of oral health and access to care.



Services for Your School

CDS addresses the three main problems with accessing dental care:

1. Access to a dentist
2. Money for dental services
3. Language or cultural barriers

- ◆ Portable equipment is set up, taken down, and transported by trained CDS staff
- ◆ Follow-up care is easy and efficient
- ◆ Equipment is small enough to fit almost any room
- ◆ CDS has several sets of equipment, meaning that multiple sites can be served in one day



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Who's eligible?

ALL STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE!

CDS accepts all public and private insurance and offers a sliding scale discount for families not eligible for medical assistance. Families who do not have insurance at the time of signing a consent will be contacted prior to care to discuss options.

Active Consent

1. Parents or guardians fill out a medical history and consent form to treat students. These are valid one year from the date signed.
2. By signing the form, parents consent to an exam and preventive services without a parent or guardian present.
3. If restorative care is required, parents are contacted and a treatment plan is discussed.

Verifying Consent

All students will be identified before care using two checks:

1. Students are identified by a school staff member
2. A CDS provider will identify the student using information from the consent form

Screenings

The Service

A screening is not done by a dentist and is not meant to replace regular visits to your family's dentist. The purpose is to determine which children have problems that need immediate attention from a dentist.

The time needed to screen an entire school greatly depends on student body size and school class schedule.

The Process

1. Passive Consent

Letters are sent home one week prior to the screening. If a family does NOT wish to participate, the form must be filled out and returned.

2. The Screening

Trained CDS staff will arrive at school and screen all students who did NOT return the passive consent form.

3. Follow up

After screening, CDS sends a second letter home to all students who were screened. This letter will tell the family if a student has visible cavities and urgent dental problems.

A follow up phone call is also made to answer questions about the screening.



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Moderate ECC

Advanced ECC

www.cda.org/popup/Early_childhood_caries