



## Adopt a Vet Dental Program Reno, Nevada

### Program Overview

The Adopt a Vet Dental (AAVD) Program provides pro bono dental care to northern Nevada's low-income Veterans who cannot afford to see a dentist. Most of these Veterans do not have a family or support system, which forces them to rely on help from community resources, such as AAVD. Dentists, oral surgeons, and dental specialists from northern Nevada volunteer their services to address the Veterans' needs for comprehensive oral health care.

### Program History and Development



The Adopt a Vet Dental Program was started by two Veteran advocates in 2010 as a Veterans Outreach Program. Its goal was to provide care for the Veterans who do not qualify for treatment at the Department of Veterans Affairs Dental Clinic. Most of the Veterans served do not have dental insurance and have an average income of \$900 per month or less.

In 2011, as the program grew, AAVD was incorporated as a nonprofit organization. AAVD merged with Northern Nevada Dental Health in 2013 to accelerate the process for providing dental care to Veterans with low incomes and to provide sustainability and growth for the program. It is now administered by the federally qualified health center, Community Health Alliance.

### Program Sustainability

- The majority of this program's funding comes from tax-deductible donations from various organizations, businesses, and individuals.
- AAVD is staffed by local volunteer dentists, oral surgeons, and other specialists. As of 2014, the program had 123 participating providers.
- Several major labs subsidize or completely cover the expenses from the prosthetic treatment provided at the labs. In 2014, 17 dental labs participated.

### Program Impact

- From 2010-2014, this program provided dental services worth \$1,697,539 to 542 veterans.
- AAVD received the 2014 Newman's Own Award as a nonprofit organization that improves military quality of life.
- According to data from the Adopt a Vet Dental Program, for every \$1 donated to AAVD, \$6.50 worth of dental services is provided.

### Program Contact Information

Program Phone Number: 775-870-4358  
Program Website: <http://nndhp.org/veterans/>



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### Program Features

Note: A checked box below indicates an existing program feature.

#### Age

- 0-17 (Children and Youth)
- 18-60 (Adult)
- 60+ (Older Adult)

#### Specific Populations

- Homeless individuals
- Individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities
- Individuals with physical disabilities
- Individuals with specific or complex medical conditions
- Individuals with low income
- Individuals with no dental insurance
- Individuals with Medicaid
- Veterans
- Refugees/immigrants

#### Geography

- Rural
- Urban

#### Service Delivery Setting

- Hospital
- Dental school
- Community/safety net clinic
- Private dental office
- Long-term care facility
- Senior center/community center
- Private residence
- Fairgrounds/stadium/parking lot
- Church
- School
- Homeless shelter
- Public housing

#### Service Delivery Model

- Dental clinic model (e.g. permanent setting)
- Mobile-portable model
- Eligibility and enrollment model (e.g. referrals, care coordination)
- Virtual model (e.g. telehealth)
- Event-based model
- Outreach and education model

#### Staffing

- Dentist
- Dental hygienist
- Dental therapist
- Dental assistant
- Dental/dental hygiene students
- Nursing staff
- Community health workers
- Non-dental clinical staff
- Non-clinical staff

#### Payment for Care

- Medicaid
- No charge to client
- Sliding fee scale
- Out of pocket
- Commercial dental insurance

#### Program Funding

- Foundation/organization grant
- Public funding (e.g. local, state, federal)
- Private donations (e.g. individuals, businesses)

#### Dental and Oral Health Services

- Emergency services
- Basic services
  - Screenings
  - Cleanings
  - Fluoride varnish
  - Sealants
  - X-rays
- Comprehensive services
  - Fillings
  - Scaling/root planing
  - Extractions
  - Oral surgery
  - Root canals
  - Dentures, partials, relines, repairs
  - Crowns
  - Bridges
  - Orthodontics

#### Other Program Services

- Referrals to dental and oral health services
- Care coordination/care management
- Patient education
- Caregiver education
- Provider education
- Advocacy/coalition

#### Integration with Services

- Medical services
- Behavioral health services
- Vision services
- Pharmacy services
- Transportation services
- Translation services
- Nutrition services

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