



Calhoun County Senior Services Dental Program Calhoun County, Michigan

Program Overview

The Calhoun County Senior Services Dental Program is funded by the Calhoun County Senior Millage (a local property tax) and partners with two clinics to annually provide hundreds of thousands of dollars in dental services for older adults in Calhoun County, Michigan. Grace Health and Fountain Clinic provide the dental and oral health services, together covering multiple cities in the county. These clinics provide dentures, extractions, fillings, and other dental services to low-income adults who are over the age of 60, live in Calhoun County, Michigan, and have no dental insurance. County-wide transportation is available for all of the individuals served in the Dental Program.

Program History and Development



The Senior Millage was first passed by Calhoun County voters in 1996. It was renewed every five years after its initial passing, and was renewed for a 10-year period starting in 2010. The Senior Millage was created to provide funds for planning, coordinating, evaluating, and providing services to Calhoun County residents who were over the age of 60.

Grace Health and Fountain Clinic both partner with the Calhoun County Senior Services Dental Program to provide dental services to eligible older adults. Grace Health is a federally qualified health center with locations in Albion and Battle Creek, Michigan. It treats Senior Millage clients up to the level of the funds granted. The Fountain Clinic is a free clinic that

provides basic dental services and partners with this program to provide advanced services. The Senior Millage almost exclusively funds its dental services for older adults.

Program Sustainability

- The majority of the program's funding comes from the Senior Millage funds provided by the Calhoun County Office of Senior Services.
- The Calhoun County Senior Services Dental Program receives annual grant funding from the Calhoun County Senior Millage and received grant funding from the United Way from January 2015 through June 2016, which helped expand services to reduce waitlists at the clinics.
- The annual budget of the program was \$245,000 in 2011 and increased to \$464,000 in 2015. This was primarily direct treatment expenses.

Program Impact

- In 2015, Fountain Clinic provided oral health services to 225 older adults through the Senior Millage funds (valued at \$208,000) and to 117 individuals through United Way funds (valued at \$112,000). Also in 2015, Grace Health provided oral health services to 103 individuals through the Senior Millage funds (valued at \$144,000).
- The Dental Program collects data on demographics, client satisfaction from both Fountain Clinic and Grace Health, number of individuals served, and services provided.
- Grace Health hosts fourth year dental students for Community-Based Dental Education. These students provide dental services (under direct supervision) for all Grace Health patients, including those eligible for services funded by the Senior Millage. This partnership fosters awareness regarding the oral health needs of low-income older adults in Calhoun County.

"Thank you for showing seniors 'that they still matter.'" – excerpt from a letter written by Janice, a client at Fountain Clinic

Program Contact Information

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Program Website: http://www.calhouncountymi.gov/government/senior_services/senior_millage_funded_services/



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Program Features

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

Age	Service Delivery Model	Dental and Oral Health Services
<input type="checkbox"/> 0-17 (Children and Youth) <input type="checkbox"/> 18-60 (Adult) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 60+ (Older Adult)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dental clinic model (e.g. permanent setting) <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile-portable model <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eligibility and enrollment model (e.g. referrals, care coordination) <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual model (e.g. telehealth) <input type="checkbox"/> Event-based model <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach and education model	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Screenings <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cleanings <input type="checkbox"/> Fluoride varnish <input type="checkbox"/> Sealants <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X-rays <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fillings <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scaling/root planing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extractions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oral surgery <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Root canals <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dentures, partials, relines, repairs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crowns <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bridges <input type="checkbox"/> Orthodontics
Specific Populations	Staffing	Other Program Services
<input type="checkbox"/> Homeless individuals <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals with physical disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals with specific or complex medical conditions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individuals with low income <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individuals with no dental insurance <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals with Medicaid <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans <input type="checkbox"/> Refugees/immigrants	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dentist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dental hygienist <input type="checkbox"/> Dental therapist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dental assistant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dental/dental hygiene students <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing staff <input type="checkbox"/> Community health workers <input type="checkbox"/> Non-dental clinical staff <input type="checkbox"/> Non-clinical staff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referrals to dental and oral health services <input type="checkbox"/> Care coordination/care management <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patient education <input type="checkbox"/> Caregiver education <input type="checkbox"/> Provider education <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy/coalition
Geography	Payment for Care	Integration with Services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban	<input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No charge to client <input type="checkbox"/> Sliding fee scale <input type="checkbox"/> Out of pocket <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial dental insurance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical services <input type="checkbox"/> Behavioral health services <input type="checkbox"/> Vision services <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation services <input type="checkbox"/> Translation services <input type="checkbox"/> Nutrition services
Service Delivery Setting	Program Funding	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> Dental school <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community/safety net clinic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private dental office <input type="checkbox"/> Long-term care facility <input type="checkbox"/> Senior center/community center <input type="checkbox"/> Private residence <input type="checkbox"/> Fairgrounds/stadium/parking lot <input type="checkbox"/> Church <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless shelter <input type="checkbox"/> Public housing	<input type="checkbox"/> Foundation/organization grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public funding (e.g. local, state, federal) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private donations (e.g. individuals, businesses)	

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