Continuing Dental Education for Dentists – Improving the Oral Health of Your Older Patients
Seattle, Washington

Program Overview

Continuing Dental Education for Dentists – Improving the Oral Health of Your Older Patients was launched in 2015 and is a one-day educational course for dental providers and staff. The goal of the course is to improve care and access to care among older adults, as well as to encourage providers to treat this unique population. The program focuses on a variety of topics such as the importance and benefits of treating older patients, the ways in which oral health changes with age, ethical considerations when considering treatment options, and clinical and administrative tips (i.e., billing) to better accommodate older individuals. The program is free for participating providers and held in the state of Washington.

Program Contact Information

Program Website: https://www.deltadentalwa.com/
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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

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- 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)

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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