



Delta Dental of New Jersey Special Care Center Newark, New Jersey

Program Overview

The Delta Dental of New Jersey Special Care Center delivers dental care to individuals of all ages with disabilities in Newark, New Jersey and the surrounding regions. Individuals come from New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New York. Staff members are trained to work with a spectrum of individuals with disabilities including those with autism, Alzheimer's disease, and various physical, neurologic and psychiatric disorders. As part of the initiative, dental students and residents at the Rutgers School of Dental Medicine rotate through the Center and actively participate in providing dental care.

Program History and Development



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Dental Medicine

The Delta Dental Special Care Treatment Center was originally founded in 1994. After an enormous renovation of the clinic at the dental school, the center opened in 2014. The expanded facility now includes 35 operatories (with nine for special care) and has x-rays available in each room.

The Rutgers School of Dental Medicine has expanded educational programming in special needs dentistry for pre-doctorate and postgraduate students with increased student rotations, electives, summer externships, and fellowships.

Program Sustainability

- Delta Dental of New Jersey Special Care Center receives funding from: the Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey, the Reeves Foundation, Ronald McDonald House Charities, the Hyde and Watson Foundation, CVS Charitable Trust, and the Pond Foundation. Delta Dental of New Jersey provided initial funding for the program.
- Funding for the program is split between state grants, private grants, corporate donations, individual donations, and Medicaid reimbursement.
- The program is staffed by four dentists and one dental hygienist.
- The annual budget of the program is approximately \$850,000.

Program Impact

- The Delta Dental Special Care Center provides dental services to over 4,000 older individuals and individuals with disabilities each year.
- The Delta Dental Special Care Center collects data on demographics, medical history, number of individuals served, number of appointments, services provided, number of students trained, and program revenue and expenses.
- The new clinic hopes to accommodate the increased number of individuals that seek care, as well as improve access for individuals with disabilities.

Program Contact Information

Program Website: https://www.deltadentalnj.com/press/140219_Rutgers_School_of_Dental_Medicine.html



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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0-17 (Children and Youth) <input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fluoride varnish <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Orthodontics
Specific Populations	Staffing	Other Program Services
<input type="checkbox"/> Homeless individuals <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individuals with physical disabilities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individuals with specific or complex medical conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals with low income <input 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Referrals to dental and oral health services <input type="checkbox"/> Care coordination/care management <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patient education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caregiver education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provider education <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy/coalition
Geography	Payment for Care	Integration with Services
<input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medicaid <input type="checkbox"/> No charge to client <input type="checkbox"/> Sliding fee scale <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Out of pocket <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Transportation services <input type="checkbox"/> Translation services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nutrition services
Service Delivery Setting	Program Funding	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hospital <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dental school <input type="checkbox"/> Community/safety net clinic <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Foundation/organization grant <input type="checkbox"/> Public funding (e.g. local, state, federal) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private donations (e.g. individuals, businesses)	

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