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

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

### 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

### 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

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

### Integration with Services
- ☒ Medical services
- ☐ Behavioral health services
- ☐ Vision services
- ☐ Pharmacy services
- ☐ Transportation services
- ☐ Translation services
- ☒ Nutrition services

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