



Elks Dental Care Program

Multiple locations throughout Missouri

Program Overview

Missouri's Elks Dental Care Program was established to serve the dental needs of children with physical disabilities and of children and adults with developmental and mental disabilities. Two mobile units serve multiple locations throughout the state.

Program History and Development



An Elks Dental Care Program mobile unit.

The Elks Dental Care Program was founded in 1962 by the Missouri Elks Association. The Missouri Elks Association is a subset of the Elks Benevolent Trust, a fraternal order and charitable foundation with more than 2,000 community center lodges throughout the United States. The Elks Dental Care Program is administered by the Missouri Department of Health and the Truman Medical Center. The Truman Medical Center staffs the mobile units, delivers the treatment, and reports results to the Missouri Elks Benevolent Trust.

Two mobile dental units serve 24 locations across the state, with each unit serving either the western or eastern region of Missouri. The mobile units provide care outside of Elks Lodges, health centers, and other community locations. Each visit lasts for two to three weeks and is based on demand and time of year. The dentist serves clients individually and can complete any service that requires local anesthetic. For procedures that require sedation, dentists provide referrals to local hospitals.

Program Sustainability

- The Elks Dental Care Program is supported by: the Missouri Elks Benevolent Trust, the Bureau of Primary Care (Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services), the Elks National Foundation, and the Ladies Auxiliaries.
- In 1981, the Truman Medical Center in Lakewood, Missouri began to provide administrative expertise to operate and coordinate the program.
- The majority of the program's funding comes from Elks Members and Auxiliary functions.
- The program provides services to individuals free of charge or who are covered by Medicaid.
- The program is staffed by salaried and volunteer dentists and dental assistants.
- The annual budget of the program is \$350,000.
- Initial funders include the Missouri Department of Health and the Elks Benevolent Trust.

Program Impact

- The Elks Dental Care Program provides dental services to about 1,000 individuals each year. The monetary value of these services is over \$400,000.
- The administrative cost to serve one patient through the Elks Dental Care Program is less than five cents per dollar.
- The Elks Dental Care Program collects data on demographics, medical history, number of individuals served, number of appointments, services provided, and program revenue and expenses.
- The Elks Dental Care Program was awarded the Missouri Rural Health Access Award in 2005.

"I would like to thank the local Springfield Chapter of Elk for bringing the Mobile Dental Unit. My son, Michael, who was born with Downs Syndrome, has benefitted many years from this dental clinic."
- Elks Dental Care Program client

Program Contact Information

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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 |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0-17 (Children and Youth) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18-60 (Adult) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 60+ (Older Adult) | <input type="checkbox"/> Dental clinic model (e.g. permanent setting) <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Sealants <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X-rays <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fillings <input type="checkbox"/> Scaling/root planing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extractions <input type="checkbox"/> Oral surgery <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Root canals <input type="checkbox"/> Dentures, partials, relines, repairs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crowns <input type="checkbox"/> Bridges <input 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 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medicaid <input 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Nutrition services |
| Service Delivery Setting | Program Funding | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> Dental school <input type="checkbox"/> Community/safety net clinic <input type="checkbox"/> Private dental office <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Long-term care facility <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public funding (e.g. local, state, federal) <input type="checkbox"/> Private donations (e.g. individuals, businesses) | |

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