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
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

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Program Phone Number: 816-404-6904
Program Website: http://www.elksmobiledental.org/
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Program Features

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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

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)

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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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