Louisiana Smiles for Life Program
Multiple locations throughout Louisiana

Program Overview

The Louisiana Smiles for Life Program is an education-based program for independent older adults, and is supported by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals Oral Health Program (OHP) and the Governor’s Office of Elderly Affairs (GOEA). The program was developed as a part of the Louisiana Oral Health Coalition's Oral Health for the Elderly Task Force and was a collaborative effort between the OHP, the GOEA, and the Capital Area Agency on Aging to address the educational needs of individuals participating in Councils on Aging (COA) congregate meals program. The program manual includes information on how to get the Louisiana Smiles for Life Program started in local settings such as meal sites and senior clubs. Lesson plans focus on nutrition, denture care, and the overall importance of oral health and hygiene.

Program Contact Information

Program Website: http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/newsroom/category/135
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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-portal 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)

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