



Mission of Mercy

Multiple locations throughout Maryland and Pennsylvania

Program Overview

Mission of Mercy is a nonprofit, faith-based community organization that provides free health care to individuals who are economically disadvantaged and have difficulty accessing services. The program's mission is to restore dignity and provide free health care, dental care, and prescription medications to those without insurance, as well as to low-income and homeless populations. The Maryland/Pennsylvania service location, profiled here, is the only Mission of Mercy service location that offers dental services in addition to medical services. The program partners with churches in the service area and a mobile van visits these locations. Health and dental services are provided on the van by a volunteer team of licensed medical and dental professionals.

Program History and Development



Mission of Mercy was founded in 1991 to provide free and compassionate care to those who did not qualify for or could not afford health assistance programs. The program began in Maryland, expanding to Pennsylvania in 1995, Arizona in 1997, and Texas in 2007. Mission of Mercy currently operates 17 mobile medical clinics across these four states.

The Maryland/Pennsylvania service location operates a mobile dental clinic that visits six different communities in the region. In each community, the program partners with a church, where the mobile clinic van arrives and is operated on a regularly scheduled basis. The program is focused on expanding services and capacity to serve more individuals. The program is currently raising money for a new multi-chair mobile dental unit.

Program Sustainability

- Mission of Mercy partners with the Kahlert Foundation, the Knott Foundation, and the Baltimore Women's Giving Circle.
- The majority of Mission of Mercy's funding comes from donations from churches, individuals, corporations, and employees in the communities that are served.
- As of March 2015, the program was staffed by 12 volunteer dentists and five volunteer dental hygienists or assistants.

Program Impact

- Mission of Mercy provides more than 500 dental visits and about 2,500 dental procedures in the Maryland/Pennsylvania service location.
- The Maryland/Pennsylvania service location of Mission of Mercy provided 16,362 dental visits and 68,310 dental procedures to 10,121 individuals as of March 2015.
- According to a 2009 study by the Harvard Medical School, every \$1 spent by Mission of Mercy results in a savings of at least \$18.

Program Contact Information

Program Website: <http://www.amiissionofmercy.org/maryland-pennsylvania/dental/>



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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 type="checkbox"/> 0-17 (Children and Youth) <input type="checkbox"/> 18-60 (Adult) <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Cleanings <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Root canals <input type="checkbox"/> Dentures, partials, relines, repairs <input type="checkbox"/> Crowns <input type="checkbox"/> Bridges <input type="checkbox"/> Orthodontics |
| Specific Populations | Staffing | Other Program Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Homeless individuals <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals with physical disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals with specific or complex medical conditions <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 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 checked="" 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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