Oral Health Prevention Program
New Bedford, Massachusetts

Program Overview

The Oral Health Prevention Program, run by Visiting Dental Hygienist, LLC and funded by the Area Agency on Aging Coastline Elderly Services, Inc. (CESI), is located in New Bedford, Massachusetts. Services, including oral and dental screenings, cleanings, fluoride treatments, referrals, and patient education, are offered by a mobile unit in residential areas and Council on Aging Centers. The program targets older adults (60 and older) without dental insurance.

Program Contact Information

Program Website: http://www.visiting-dental-hygienist.com/about-vdh.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)

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