



Project Renewal Health Services New York, New York

Program Overview

Project Renewal's Fort Washington Dental Clinic offers a full range of preventive, ongoing, and emergency oral health care services for homeless and indigent individuals in New York, New York, regardless of insurance status or ability to pay. The clinic integrates oral health care within the primary care clinic at the Fort Washington Program Shelter in Manhattan. The program works in partnership with Columbia University's School of Dental and Oral Surgery. Through street outreach and relationships with primary care patients, the clinic is able to find individuals who need dental care, provide transportation to the clinic, and encourage follow-up care.

Program History and Development



Renewing lives. Reclaiming hope.

Project Renewal Health Services opened in 1967 with a mission to end the cycle of homelessness by empowering men and women with mental illness and addiction to renew their lives with health, homes, and jobs. Project Renewal's Fort Washington Dental Clinic opened in 2003 after a survey made it apparent that New York City's homeless population needed accessible oral health care. Out of 300 primary care patients from Project Renewal Health Services, none reported that they received regular preventive dental care. A Mobile Medical Unit visits over 13 sites throughout

New York City and makes dental referrals to the Fort Washington Clinic. The majority of individuals are referred from one of five primary care sites. To solve transportation problems for homeless individuals who must travel outside their neighborhood to reach the clinic, the clinic provides Metro cards and rides in small vans driven by clients recovering from substance abuse.

Program Sustainability

- Project Renewal Health Services receives funding from: the William Randolph Hearst Foundation and the Health Resources and Services Administration.
- This program provides services to individuals who are covered by Medicaid.
- Individuals that require more complex dental surgeries are sent to Harlem Hospital, which is affiliated with Columbia University.

Program Impact

- In 2005, Project Renewal Health Services provided dental services to 1,900 individuals.
- The clinic has a rigorous research-based evaluation program in place, which includes client surveys and data collection. A quality assurance committee meets quarterly, and a quarterly report is prepared.

Program Contact Information

Program Phone Number: 212-620-0340

Program Website: <http://www.projectrenewal.org/programs-overview/>



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Program Features

Note: A checked box below indicates an existing program feature.

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

Program Funding

- Foundation/organization grant
- Public funding (e.g. local, state, federal)
- Private donations (e.g. individuals, businesses)

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

Integration with Services

- Medical services
- Behavioral health services
- Vision services
- Pharmacy services
- Transportation services
- Translation services
- Nutrition services

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