San Antonio Christian Dental Clinic
San Antonio, Texas

Program Overview

The San Antonio Christian Dental Clinic (SACDC) provides a wide range of dental services to low-income and homeless individuals in San Antonio and Bexar County through volunteer support. The clinic also offers dental care to members of Haven for Hope, a local organization that helps individuals experiencing homelessness. The SACDC’s Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) training program is a free, 15-week course that aims to prepare students for certification via the State of Texas Dental Assistant Course Exam.

Program History and Development

SACDC was founded in 1986 and has 12 dental treatment rooms and four surgery suites. There are three training programs available through SACDC: fourth year dental student training, dental resident training, and RDA training. Through a partnership with the University of Texas (UT) Health Science Center, fourth year dental students provide general dental care. Dental residents in the Advanced Education in General Dentistry program at UT provide specialized treatment under the supervision of dental school faculty. The RDA training program began in 2008.

Program Sustainability

- In the year 2014, SACDC was supported by the Baptist Health Foundation of San Antonio, First Presbyterian Church, Methodist Healthcare Ministries, WellMed Charitable Foundation, and numerous other organizations and individuals.
- Among SACDC’s community partners are Aspen Dental, Methodist Healthcare Ministries, The University of Texas Health Science Center Dental School, and the San Antonio Nonprofit Council.
- SACDC is entirely privately funded.
- The program is staffed by over 70 clinical partners who provide care. In total, nearly 300 volunteers work at SACDC each year.

Program Impact

- Each year, SACDC conducts over 60,000 procedures and 7,000 individual visits. In total, the dental care provided each year is worth $3.5 million.
- SACDC received the highest Gold Star rating through GuideStar, an organization committed to providing information on non-profits to increase transparency and enable users to make better decisions.
- Since opening in 2008, the SACDC RDA program has trained 58 RDA students. In 2014, all RDAs in the program passed the certification exam.

Program Contact Information

Program Website: https://sachristiandental.org/
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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

☒ 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)

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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