Spanish Catholic Center Dental Program
Washington, District of Columbia

Program Overview
The Spanish Catholic Center is a social ministry outreach program operated by the Catholic Charities of Washington, DC. The program provides preventive, diagnostic, emergency, and restorative oral health care to Latino and immigrant adults and children who are underinsured or lack insurance.

Program History and Development
The Spanish Catholic Center’s dental program has been steadily expanding its outreach since it began in 2008. In 2010, an additional clinic opened in Montgomery County, Maryland. In 2011, the program adopted a compatible electronic health record (EHR) system – called eClinical Works (eCW) – across all its medical and dental clinics. eCW allows medical records to interface with dental records and contributes to the holistic and integrated approach of the clinic. In addition, the EHR system allows providers to access individuals’ full medical and dental records at the point of care and to schedule individuals for appointments at any of the program locations. In 2014, the clinic in Washington, D.C. added more chairs and extended their evening hours.

In addition to dental care, Catholic Charities provides many other health and social services, including food assistance, behavioral health services, legal aid, and adult education.

Program Sustainability
- The Catholic Charities program partners with: the Washington Redskins Charitable Foundation, Georgetown University, the Washington Capitals, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Catholic University Athletics, the Artists & Athletes Alliance, and the local radio station Washington’s Top News (WTOP), among others.
- The program provides services on a sliding fee scale.
- The program is staffed by 25 volunteer dentists.

Program Impact
- The Spanish Catholic Center provides about 13,170 dental services and procedures to about 3,158 individuals each year.
- The Spanish Catholic Center collects data on the dental plaque of individuals during the first appointment and tracks the progression each quarter. Statistical analysis has demonstrated a level of improvement.

Program Contact Information
Program Website: https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/Dental
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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

### 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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