



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



Photo courtesy of the Spanish Catholic Center Dental Program

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

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

Age	Service Delivery Model	Dental and Oral Health Services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0-17 (Children and Youth) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18-60 (Adult) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 60+ (Older Adult)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dental clinic model (e.g. permanent setting) <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emergency services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Screenings <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cleanings <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fluoride varnish <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sealants <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X-rays <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fillings <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scaling/root planing <input type="checkbox"/> Extractions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oral surgery <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Root canals <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dentures, partials, relines, repairs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crowns <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bridges <input type="checkbox"/> Orthodontics
Specific Populations	Staffing	Other Program Services
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individuals with no dental insurance <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals with Medicaid <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Refugees/immigrants	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dentist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dental hygienist <input type="checkbox"/> Dental therapist <input type="checkbox"/> Dental assistant <input type="checkbox"/> Dental/dental hygiene students <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing staff <input type="checkbox"/> Community health workers <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> No charge to client <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sliding fee scale <input type="checkbox"/> Out of pocket <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial dental insurance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Behavioral health services <input type="checkbox"/> Vision services <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy services <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation services <input type="checkbox"/> Translation services <input type="checkbox"/> Nutrition services
Service Delivery Setting	Program Funding	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> Dental school <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Church <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless shelter <input type="checkbox"/> Public housing	<input 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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