



West Virginia Association of Free & Charitable Clinics Multiple locations throughout West Virginia

Program Overview

The West Virginia Association of Free & Charitable Clinics (WVAFCC) provides free medical and dental care to low-income adults in West Virginia. WVAFCC is a nonprofit organization with 10 member clinics. It exists to advocate for the free clinics and the individuals they serve, to secure funding sources necessary to treat the individuals served by the free clinics' programs, and to assist free clinics with transitions and issues that impact all free clinics in West Virginia.

Program History and Development



WVAFCC was founded in 2001 to advance and promote access to health care for medically underserved West Virginians who lack insurance. Recognizing the connection between oral health and overall health, WVAFCC improves the quality of life for the individuals they serve. The 10 clinics are geographically dispersed throughout West Virginia and serve all 55 counties in the state. The clinics can treat or refer individuals needing dental care to volunteer dentists involved in the WVAFCC network.

In 2015, the program added 19 new volunteer dentists, and registered dental hygienists contributed 899 more hours than in previous years.

Program Sustainability

- WVAFCC partners with and receives funding from the Highmark Foundation and the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation. In the spring of 2014, WVAFCC received \$150,000 from the Benedum Foundation and \$100,000 from the Highmark Foundation for a two-year partnership to expand adult dental treatment and education at its affiliated clinics.
- The majority of medical and dental program funding received by member clinics comes from state grants, fundraisers, and donations from the local communities.
- This program is staffed by dentists and registered dental hygienists, some of whom are on staff and some of whom are volunteers.

Program Impact

- In 2015, the 10 member clinics within WVAFCC provided 9,239 dental procedures to 6,171 individuals and oral health education to 14,335 individuals. During this year, volunteer dentists provided \$3,046,684 worth of free dental care.
- In 2013, the member clinics of WVAFCC were the medical home to over 5,443 homeless or high-risk individuals.
- WVAFCC provides care for over 40,000 working poor individuals in West Virginia through the medical and dental services that they provide.
- In 2015, wait time for treatment at the dental clinics decreased to one day from previous wait times of two to four weeks.

"First year project results exceeded WVAFCC expectations. Patient benefits, from the upcoming activation of an on-site dental clinic at Wheeling Health Right (WHR) made possible by second year project funding, will include healthier medical outcomes, increased patient self-esteem, and job acquisition and/or retention for them. Fixing or preventing oral health problems can forestall other health issues, such as hypertension and heart disease, as well."

-WVAFCC Executive Director, Patricia Rouse Pope

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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 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Fluoride varnish <input 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Homeless individuals <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals with physical disabilities <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individuals with Medicaid <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Veterans <input type="checkbox"/> Refugees/immigrants	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dentist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dental hygienist <input type="checkbox"/> Dental therapist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dental assistant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dental/dental hygiene students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nursing staff <input type="checkbox"/> Community health workers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-dental clinical staff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-clinical staff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referrals to dental and oral health services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Care coordination/care management <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patient education <input type="checkbox"/> Caregiver education <input type="checkbox"/> Provider education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advocacy/coalition
Geography	Payment for Care	Integration with Services
<input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medicaid <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No charge to client <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vision services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy services <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation services <input type="checkbox"/> Translation services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nutrition services
Service Delivery Setting	Program Funding	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> Dental school <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Homeless shelter <input type="checkbox"/> Public housing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Foundation/organization grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public funding (e.g. local, state, federal) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private donations (e.g. individuals, businesses)	

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