Wisdom Tooth
Providence, Rhode Island

Program Overview

Wisdom Tooth, a division of CareLink, Inc., is a mobile program based in Providence, Rhode Island that travels to nearby nursing homes. Dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants provide screenings, cleanings, x-rays, fillings, extractions, and dentures. Wisdom Tooth targets older adults who have lived in a nursing home for a minimum of 45 days.

Program Contact Information

Program Website: http://carelink-ri.com/services/wisdom-tooth-mobile-dentistry/
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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

**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

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

**Integration with Services**
- ☐ Medical services
- ☐ Behavioral health services
- ➢ Vision services
- ➢ Pharmacy services
- ➢ Transportation services
- ➢ Translation services
- ➢ Nutrition services

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