Benevolent Dentistry

In Oklahoma

Access to Dental Care

Challenges and Efforts
Your Input Welcome & Appreciated!

- Updates
- Corrections
- Additional information
- Don’t hold back!
Fully funded by Delta Dental of Oklahoma

- Member - Delta Dental Plans Association
- Started in 1954
- Oldest, largest dental benefits provider in nation
- Comprised of 39 independent member companies, like DDOK
DDOK is a not-for-profit corporation

- Started in 1973
- Headquartered in and serving Oklahoma

Nonprofit mission and mandate:

*Improve the oral health of all Oklahomans.*
DDOK Members have access to:

- 132,000 dentists nationwide
- 1,400 + dentists in Oklahoma
- 3 out of 4 dentists are Delta Dental providers
Uninsured Oklahomans:

- 18% - No medical health coverage
- 50% - No dental health coverage

About 1.4 million
Uninsured *with* means:
Individual benefit plans

Uninsured *without* means...
1998 - 2011 NEARLY $6 MILLION CONTRIBUTED
Goal:
To serve as the epicenter of benevolent dentistry in Oklahoma

Mission
To facilitate dental health and education in the state of Oklahoma by funding programs and services that promote oral health.
Funding:

- Dental Clinic Support
- Dental Care Facilitation Support
- Dental Education Support

Services:

- Consulting, collaboration
- Resource for Dental Care Summit
- Resource for Dental Care Guide
Comprehensive directory:

- To connect those in need to available care
- To help referral sources help those in need
- To connect resources to one another
### Central

**City Rescue Mission**  
Calvary Rescue Mission  
3017 N Western Ave  
Oklahoma City, OK 73107  
Oklahoma  
Phone: 405-225-2222  
Website: [www.cityrescue.org](http://www.cityrescue.org)  
**Services:** Homeless Emergency Shelter & Transitional Living/Recovery Program  
**Cost:** Free  
**Notes:** Clients must “enroll” in recovery program, be screened and interviewed, and take classes to better their situations in order to receive access to free dental treatment.

**Crossings Community Clinic**  
2208 W. Hefner Rd., Ste. B  
Oklahoma City, OK 73120  
Oklahoma  
Phone: 405-242-5478  
Website: [http://crossingsokc.org/clinic/](http://crossingsokc.org/clinic/)  
**Services:** Extractions, fillings, cleanings. For uninsured individuals unable to pay for dental services. By appointment only.  
**Cost:** Free  

**D-DENT**  
Dentists for Disabled and Elderly in Need of Treatment  
Oklahoma City, OK 73116  
Oklahoma  
Phone: 405-424-8092  
[www.d-dentok.org](http://www.d-dentok.org)  
**Services:** Free dental care to non-insured, low-income patients over age 60 and adults with developmental disabilities throughout the state. Limited special funding available for non-insured, low-income adults under 60. General dentistry, specializing in dentures/partials; waiting list.  
**Cost:** Free  

**Edmond – Ministries of Jesus Dental Clinic**  
1100 E. I-35 Frontage Rd.  
Edmond, OK 73034  
Oklahoma  
Phone: 405-340-7400  
[www.moj.com](http://www.moj.com)  
**Services:** Free medical, dental, vision, counseling, and recovery services. Must be enrolled in medical program to receive dental services. No emergency dental care available. Call for program details.  
**Cost:** Free  

**Good Shepherd Clinic**  
222 NW 12th  
Oklahoma City, OK 73103  
Oklahoma  
Phone: 405-232-8631  
[www.goodshepherdokc.org](http://www.goodshepherdokc.org)  
**Services:** OKC residents only; Requires picture ID, SS card, proof of address. Call for details and qualifications: T/W/Th - 9-11:30am, 1-3pm. **ADULTS:** Free simple extractions. **CHILDREN:** Extractions and restorative services.  
**Cost:** Free  
**Notes:** Se habla español
Join E-mail list for quarterly updates
www.ResourceForDentalCare.org
By phone: 405-607-4725
Access to Dental Care

Barriers and Challenges
Barriers to dental care

Financial
- Indigent, homeless
- Unemployed
- Working poor, marginal earners, fixed income, low-income

Geographic
- Dental professional shortage regions
- Lack of transportation to affordable or free services

Situational
- Must rely on caregiver: children, physically disabled
- Require specialized treatment: developmentally disabled, special needs
SoonerCare for Children

- Excellent dental benefits for children 18 & under:
  - NEW: Fluoride varnish at Well Baby Visit
  - Preventive, restorative, orthodontic

- However:
  - Some parents cannot take off work for dental appts.
  - Some parents will not take children to dental appts.
  - Some children live in dental professional shortage areas.
  - Undocumented immigrants do not qualify.
  - Legal immigrants do not qualify for services for 5 years.
SoonerCare for Adults

- Covers emergency extractions for adults over 60 only
- No restorative, no dentures
- No dental services for adults under 60 (except for disabled)
What about...?

- Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act
- aka Health Care Reform
- aka ObamaCare

- EXCLUDES DENTAL CARE
Dental Professional Shortage Areas

To be considered a shortage area, county must rate lower than the federally recommended target for all three of the following factors:

- Percentage of enrolled Medicaid clients under 21 **who have received dental services***.  
  *from a dentist only (dental hygienist services were counted toward this criteria prior to 2012)

- Ratio of enrolled Medicaid clients under 21, per one **Medicaid** dental provider.

- Ratio of population under 21, per one licensed general practice or pediatric dentist.
Oklahoma Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas
For Purposes of the Oklahoma Dental Loan Repayment Program

Oklahoma State Department of Health
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Shortage Areas
January–December 2012
Free Clinic
Low-Cost Clinic
Give Kids a Smile/Other

918 Region: EODDS
Statewide: D-DENT, ODF Mobile Unit
Access to Dental Care

Benevolent Dentistry Efforts

Volunteer Driven
• 2-Day Free Dental Clinic Event
• 100 Portable Dental Operatories
• All volunteer
• Goals: Provide care to 2,000 in need
• Draw attention to the scope of the need
2010 – Tulsa
2011 – OKC
2012 – McAlester
2013 – Lawton

Feb. 1-2, 2013
RAM Oklahoma Event
Free dental, vision and medical clinic
August 25-26, 2012 at OKC Fairgrounds
Volunteers and sponsors needed
www.ramok.org
Oklahoma Dental Foundation
Mobile Dental Care Program
- State-of-the-art dental clinic on wheels
- Volunteer and paid dentists
Shortage regions throughout state
Schools (rural and urban at-risk)

In need of:
- Site partners
- Site sponsors
- Funding
- Volunteers
Volunteer-Driven Free Dental Clinics

- Free dental clinics cost more to operate than free medical clinics:
  - Free dental clinics require operatories, plumbing
  - Even with donated equipment, start up costs are easily $10,000 +
  - Generally $10,000 - $40,000 per operatory
  - Requires X-rays, suction, instruments, bio-hazard disposal, supplies, materials
Volunteer-Driven Free Dental Clinics

- Limited by number of volunteer dentists hours
  - Strong tradition of volunteerism; starts at OU-COD
  - Smaller pool of potential volunteers than medical
  - Volunteer dentists are drawn to the clinics with the best technology, allowing them to work faster and cover more patients per session
  - Some clinics are only open once or twice a month.
How to Help

Building an operatory isn’t always the best answer.

Many free clinic operatories are only used once or twice a month.

- Bus or cab fare
- Coordinate with existing Clinics
- Use private offices
- Buy a van for a transport ministry
- Low-Cost
Free Dental Clinics

CENTRAL
Crossings 
Community Clinic
OKC

Collaborates with OU College of Dentistry Dental Hygiene program.
Good Shepherd Clinic
Downtown OKC

Collaborates with OU COD
DENTAL CLINIC SUPPORT

North Highlands / Britton Neighborhood
DENTAL CLINIC SUPPORT

Ministries of Jesus Clinic
Edmond
DENTAL CLINIC SUPPORT

Catholic Charities
Mother Teresa Dental Center
Tulsa
DENTAL CLINIC SUPPORT

Neighbor for Neighbor
Free Dental Clinic
Tulsa
DENTAL CLINIC SUPPORT

Tri-County Technology Center
OU Dental Hygiene Program
& Volunteer Dental Clinic
Bartlesville
Free Dental Clinics

» NORTHWEST
DENTAL CLINIC SUPPORT

Western Okla. Family Care Center
Hope Dental Clinic
DENTAL CLINIC SUPPORT

Calvary Baptist Church
Free Dental Clinic
Lawton
Free Dental Clinics

SOUTHEAST
DENTAL CLINIC SUPPORT

Good Shepherd Clinic
Ardmore
DENTAL CLINIC SUPPORT

Southern Oklahoma Technology Center
OU Dental Hygiene Program
Dental Care Facilitation
DENTAL CARE FACILITATION

- **D-DENT**
  Dentists for Disabled & Elderly in Need of Treatment (statewide)

- **EODDS**
  Eastern Oklahoma Donated Dental Services (918/539)

**FACILITATOR**
- Qualifies potential patients
- Matches them with dentist

**VOLUNTEER DENTIST**
Delivers dental care free of charge in his/her private office

**DDOK FUNDING**
Covers “lab” costs (dentures, partials)
Nonprofit Low-Cost Clinics

FQHCs
NONPROFIT LOW-COST CLINICS

- FQHC - Federally Qualified Health Centers
- Not-for-profit, community-based health care providers
- Most have dental services
- Sliding fee scale
NONPROFIT LOW-COST CLINICS

- Morton Comprehensive Health Center
  Homeless Dental Clinic – Mid-town Tulsa

- Kiamichi Family Medical Center Battiest
  - Community Dental Outreach/Education Program
  - Led by Community Dental Health Coordinators
Nonprofit Low-Cost Clinics

Non-FQHCs
NONPROFIT LOW-COST CLINICS

› **Neighborhood Services Organization**  
  NSO Dental Clinic, OKC

› **OU College of Dentistry**  
  Student/Faculty Dental Clinic, OKC

› **Health for Friends**  
  Norman
Putting a face on the need
It’s all about changing lives!
Goal #1...
Decrease demand for services

- **Education**
  - Dental decay is almost 100% preventable
  - Oral health education is key
  - Self-care - how-to, importance of

- **Preventive care**
  - Cost of managing dental disease can be up to 10x higher than the cost of preventive care.
  - Sealants, fluoride varnish for children.
30-minute live presentation
Schools throughout Oklahoma
Toothbrush & chart
Target Counties
Priority Booking
CAPTAIN SUPERTOOTH AND TOMMY TOOTH
ORAL HEALTH DEFENDERS!

EVENTS

Captain Coming to Pryor!

Dear fans of Captain Supertooth at the 3rd Annual Back-to-School Event being held Tuesday, July 20th at Pryor Middle School in Pryor, OK. The Captain will be there from 10am - 1pm. Click here for details.

RECENT SIGHTINGS

Captain Supertooth visits the house at Kelley Elementary in Moore.

ARTWORK

MORE ART IN THE KIDS SECTION

BRUSH YOUR TEETH TWICE A DAY AND FLOSS ONCE A DAY!

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