

Dental Programs

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Western Tidewater Dental Voucher Program

PROGRAM: Improves access to oral health care for financially disadvantaged and dentally uninsured adults residing of Western Tidewater by providing dental vouchers to individuals with acute dental needs to services.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Residents of the cities of Suffolk and Franklin; Surry, Dendron and Elberon in the eastern half of Surry County; Waverly and Wakefield in Sussex County; Boykins, Newsoms, Courtland, Sedley and Ivor in Southampton County; Isle of Wight County; and Gates County, North Carolina.
- Acute dental needs only (pain, infection, extensive decay or condition affecting health). This program is not for routine or preventive care.
- No dental insurance
- No resources to pay for dental care
- Within 200% poverty level

A financial screening and application is completed by the Western Tidewater Oral Health Navigator. Proof of household income and residency are required. Once approved, applicants are referred to participating dental providers. Voucher is limited to \$300 per person per year.

LEARN MORE: Request an application by emailing WTNavigator@accesspartners.org or calling 757-502-7400 Option #4 (voice mail) or 757-809-2716.

Donated Dental Services (DDS)

PROGRAM: A nationwide program founded by Dental Lifeline Network, and administered in Virginia by The Virginia Dental Association Foundation. Comprehensive dental care is provided through a network of local volunteer dentists, oral surgeons and dental laboratories to eligible adults. Access Partnership manages the DDS program for VDA components 1&2 (1 = Counties of Accomack and Northampton and cities of Norfolk, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach, Chesapeake and Suffolk and other cities within the area; 2 = Counties of Middlesex, Mathews, Gloucester, York, James City, Charles City and New Kent and cities within the area).

ELIGIBILITY: Participating volunteer dentists have agreed to provide dental care at little or no charge to people who, because of a disability, advanced age or serious medical problems, do not have income to pay for needed dental care.

To qualify for the DDS program, an individual **must meet one** of the following requirements:

- Elderly (over age 65) or
- Permanently disabled (receiving SSI, SSDI) or
- Being treated for a serious medical condition which requires dental care to improve the condition or treatment options (i.e. transplants, chemotherapy, uncontrolled diabetes, heart surgery)

In addition the applicant **must meet all of the following criteria:**

- Demonstrate sufficient financial need (household income must be within 150% federal poverty guidelines)
- Have reliable transportation

- Require comprehensive dental care (more than simply a check-up, cleaning, or requesting dentures only)

COST: There is usually no cost to those who qualify but individuals who can pay for part of their care will be asked to do so, especially when laboratory work is involved.

LEARN MORE: In Virginia: VDAF.org Nationwide: DentalLifeline.org Eligible adults in Hampton Roads may request additional information or an application by emailing oralhealth@accesspartners.org or call 502-7400 ext.3.

Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) Program

PROGRAM: The HCH program emphasizes a multi-disciplinary approach to delivering care to homeless persons and may include dental care through Community Health Centers that receive funding.

Learn More: <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/technicalassistance/taresources/hchfaq2011.pdf>

Local HCH Health Centers:

1. **Hampton Roads Community Health Center (HRCHC)** - Norfolk and Portsmouth sites
www.hrchc.org
2. **Southeastern Virginia Health System (SEVHS)** - Hampton, Newport News and Suffolk sites: <http://www.sevhs.org/featured-services/healthcare-for-homeless/>

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program

PROGRAM: The Dental Reimbursement Program (DRP) and the Community-Based Dental Partnership Program (CBDPP) specifically focus on funding oral health care for people living with HIV. Locate HIV/AIDS Providers at <http://findhivcare.hrsa.gov/index.html>

ELIGIBILITY: See resource guide on enrollment at <http://careactarget.org>

Virginia Victims Fund

PROGRAM: The Virginia Compensating Victims of Crime Act was enacted to compensate victims who suffer injuries as a result of a crime (§ 19.2-368.1 et seq., Code of Virginia). Benefits are limited to a total of \$25,000 and are payable for medical and dental expenses, wage loss, moving expenses, crime scene clean-up, counseling costs, and other expenses incurred by or on behalf of a victim.

ELIGIBILITY: Individuals that have suffered personal injury, mental trauma or death directly related to a crime which occurred in Virginia (or a resident of Virginia, if crime occurred in a territory where a compensation program does not exist).

LEARN MORE: Visit www.cicf.state.va.us or call 1-800-552-4007.

Give Back a Smile

PROGRAM: The American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry Charitable Foundation's (AACDCF) Give Back a Smile (GBAS) program restores the smiles of adult women and men who have suffered dental injuries to the front 8 teeth only, from a former intimate partner or spouse, family member, or due to sexual assault.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Adult (18+) women and men who have received dental injuries to any of the front 8 teeth only (aka "smile-zone") from a former intimate partner or spouse, family member, or sexual violence. Human trafficking is taken into consideration
- If hurt by an intimate partner or spouse: you must be out of all abusive relationships for at least one year, unless the abuser has died or is in jail/prison.
- If hurt by a family member: you must have lived in a separate home from that person for a least one year.
- If hurt because of sexual assault: it must have happened at least one year ago.
- All applicants must meet with a domestic violence/sexual assault advocate, social worker, counselor, minister, therapist or doctor at least once, to complete the application.
- The program does not help with cavities, gum disease, jaw injuries, or orthodontic treatment (braces, shifted teeth, and/or spaces between teeth).
- The program does not replace or fix dental work. In other words, dental work that does not fit, looks bad, no longer works, an implant that was started but not completed or any work that has been completed by a GBAS dentist in the past.

COST: In order to apply for the program, one of the following must be fulfilled:

- Pay a \$20.00 application fee paid by money order only, to the GBAS program
- Or, complete 10 hours community service before sending in your application

LEARN MORE: Visit www.aacd.com/applyforgbas for program details and to download an application or call 800-773-4227

Clinical Trials

PROGRAM: Clinical trials are research studies involving people. They seek to answer specific scientific questions to find better ways to prevent, detect, or treat diseases, or to improve care for people with diseases.

ELIGIBILITY: Based on clinical research trial

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See trials conducted on the NIH campus & at institutions across the country
- Search by dental or medical condition, treatment, or sponsor: [ClinicalTrials.gov](#)