

Helpful Dental Links and Resources

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1-800-DENTIST®: How This Works: Answer a few simple questions about your dental needs and we will find the perfect dentist for you. www.1800dentist.com

Dental Clinic Directory: DentalClinicsDirectory.com is a free service and lists all dental clinics including low cost dental care facilities and clinics dedicated to meeting the needs of low income families and individuals. www.dentalclinicdirectory.com

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Dental public health focuses on improving oral health for all Americans by reducing disparities and expanding access to effective prevention programs www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/index.html

Delta Dental Oral Health Library: Assess Your Oral Health: Visit the Delta Dental Risk Assessment Tool to examine common risk indicators and provide custom feedback to help you maintain a healthy smile. <http://oralhealth.deltadental.com>

MouthHealthy: ADA's Award-Winning Consumer Website: MouthHealthy.org has information you need to take better care of your mouth today so it will take care of you for life. Find helpful dental information using A-Z topics or use the ADA® Dental Symptom Checker™ to understand what your dental symptoms may mean so that you can make informed decisions about your dental health www.mouthhealthy.org

National Maternal & Child Oral Health Resource Center: OHRC supports health professionals, program administrators, educators, policymakers, and others with the goal of improving oral health services for pregnant women, infants, children, adolescents, and their families. <http://mchoralhealth.org>

Oral Health America: Oral Health America (OHA) is a national 501(c)3 non-profit organization established in 1955 and headquartered in Chicago, Illinois. While not a direct service charity, OHA supports the efforts of “Bringing Healthy Mouths to Life” through its range of partnerships and program efforts. <http://oralhealthamerica.org>

The National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR): The National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR), one of the federal government's National Institutes of Health, leads the nation in conducting and supporting research to improve oral health. www.nidcr.nih.gov

The National Network for Oral Health Access (NNOHA): a nationwide network of dental providers who care for patients in Migrant, Homeless and Community Health Centers. The NNOHA Web site is a collection of information, contacts, and resources for current and prospective members. www.nnoha.org

Tooth Wisdom: Health Resources for Older Adults. Find the information that's right for you.
www.toothwisdom.org

Virginia Dental Association Foundation: The Virginia Dental Association Foundation provides dental care and education for Virginians without any other means of accessing dental services. We offer the following, free of charge: Exams and routine dental procedures for anyone without access to dental care on a first come, first served basis at our Mission of Mercy mobile projects. [See upcoming dates and locations](#), and then check the Details for Patient Information.

- Six to eight projects per year are held in locations across Virginia.
- You must arrive early and may be required to stand in line for an extended period of time to receive care.
- Services may include cleanings, fillings, extractions, and in a very limited number of cases, dentures. All services are not available at every project.

Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act Includes Oral Health Screenings

The Older Americans Act funds services such as health promotion, meals, job training, and transportation. In April, President Barack Obama signed a reauthorization of the Older Americans Act to continue to provide support to communities and families. As part of the health promotion and disease prevention services offered to older adults, oral health screenings will also be included now. Such services will be required to be part of an evidence-based program.

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