

DENTAL SAFETY NET PROGRAMS

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

LEARN MORE: [Learn about clinical research & participating in clinical trials](#)

- Find a National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research Trial: [NIDCR clinical trials](#)
See trials conducted on the NIH campus & at institutions across the country
- Search by dental or medical condition, treatment, or sponsor: [ClinicalTrials.gov](#)

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 & 3 (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; 3= Counties of Isle of Wight, Southampton, Sussex, Surry, Prince George, Chesterfield, Dinwiddle, Greenville, Brunswick, Nottoway, Amelia, Prince Edward, Lunenburg and Mecklenburg 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, x-ray, or cleaning 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: Hampton Roads residents may request additional information or an application by emailing oralhealth@accesspartners.org or call 502-7400 ext.3. In Virginia: www.VDAF.org; Nationwide: www.DentalLifeline.org

Donated Orthodontic Services (DOS)

A Program of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO)

PROGRAM: Donated Orthodontic Services (DOS) is a once in a lifetime opportunity that utilizes a network of orthodontists who volunteer their time and resources to care for the children of low-income families. Established in 2009, DOS works to provide children and families with another, more obtainable option for braces so they may have a new, straighter smile.

ELIGIBILITY: Your child must meet ALL of the following areas to apply for the program:

- i. Be between the ages of 8 and 18 (depending on the state where the child lives) when they begin treatment,
- ii. Not currently be in active orthodontic treatment (i.e. – not wearing braces),
- iii. Have a current general dentist and good oral hygiene,
- iv. Have a total household income at or below 200% of federal poverty level
- v. Have no other resources or means through which they can receive orthodontic treatment, and...
- vi. Be able to pay the non-refundable \$200 fee upon acceptance into the program and BEFORE the first visit with a volunteer orthodontist.

LEARN MORE: <https://dentallifeline.org/dos-app/>

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

Health Care for the Homeless (HCH)

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. **Park Place Health and Dental Center** – Norfolk site
www.parkplaceclinic.org/
2. **Southeastern Virginia Health System (SEVHS)** - Hampton, Newport News and Suffolk sites:
<http://www.sevhs.org/featured-services/healthcare-for-homeless/>
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Isle of Wight Christian Outreach Dental Assistance

PROGRAM: The Dental Assistance program provides dental assistance to seniors (55 or older) who live in IOW county.

ELIGIBILITY: Referral by IOW Department of Social Services

LEARN MORE: Visit www.iowcop.org, email info@iowcop.org or call (757) 356-9267

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Care

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. <http://hab.hrsa.gov/about-ryan-white-hiv-aids-program/part-f-dental-programs>.

Locate HIV/AIDS Providers at <http://findhivcare.hrsa.gov/index.html>

ELIGIBILITY: See resource guide on enrollment at <http://careacttarget.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.