

Children's Dental Health Program

This unique dental program provides ongoing dental care for school age children and teaches children and their families how to keep their teeth healthy for a lifetime.

Children may be eligible if they:

- are 4 through 18 years of age
- live in Dane County
- **DO NOT** have Medical Assistance/ BadgerCare or dental insurance
- meet income guidelines (income per month or per year & we will check for you)

Dental services provided at: Madison Area Technical College (MATC) - downtown campus, 211 North Carroll St., Madison. Dental hygiene students provide preventive dental treatment services and are supervised by clinic personnel including dentists &, dental hygiene instructors.

Initial dental appointments are 2-3 hours in length and include:

- ✓ dental health education information for child and parent.
- ✓ dental exam and professional teeth cleaning.
- ✓ fluoride treatment, x-rays or sealants as recommended – and with parent approval.

Follow-up appointments: are made for children needing dental work with the clinic dentist (such as fillings or extractions). This will require another visit to the clinic with appointment times lasting about an hour. MATC staff will set up these return appointments at the end of the initial appointment.

Initial enrollment and appointments made by MATC Program Administrator.

 **Please call: 259-2993**

Leave a message and your call will be returned.

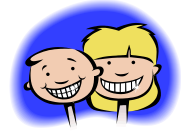
Dental emergency services: are available only for children who are already enrolled in this dental program.

The Children's Dental Health Program is provided through Public Health Madison and Dane County (PHMDC) in cooperation with Madison Area Technical College.



Interested? Please read further for program details...

Program Rules that keep us all smiling!



The Children's Dental Health Program is not an ordinary dental clinic. It not only offers education and dental services, but language interpreters are also provided as needed. There is no cost for the program but does require a commitment by families who want to participate.

- ❖ **Children must be accompanied by at least one parent** or guardian who will stay for the entire clinic visit. (Some exceptions may apply for older children *with prior permission*)
- ❖ **School-age children will miss ½ day from school** due to the length of the first appointment. Schools also see this program as a valuable educational experience and clinic staff can give you a written note to excuse your child from school.
- ❖ **Only two siblings per family will be appointed for any one clinic-day.** This allows parents to focus their attention on the dental needs of their child without distraction.
- ❖ **No other siblings or guests are permitted in the clinic.** It is important that only scheduled children and parent(s) attend the appointment. This means that if families have infants or other children, prior childcare arrangements must be made for them at home.
- ❖ **Parking is available** directly across from MATC on Carroll Street and costs approximately \$.85 per hour. City bus service is also available.
- ❖ **If appointments are missed without notice, the family will be dropped from the program.** Due to the limited number of appointments and the number of families waiting to get in to the program, missed appointments cannot be rescheduled.
- ❖ **This program does not cover procedures requiring dental specialists.** Although this dental program provides comprehensive general dental care, treatments such as orthodontia (braces) and oral surgery are not included in program services.
- ❖ **This dental program may not be appropriate for some children** due to the length of the initial appointment (2-3 hours) and children may have difficulty if they:
 - ✓ are fearful or fearful of medical settings
 - ✓ are very active and have trouble sitting still
 - ✓ are very young (5-6 years and older is recommended)

If problems occur, it is up to the discretion of MATC & PHMDC staff to determine future program eligibility. **Our primary concern is for the children's health, safety and well-being.**

We hope you will consider applying for this unique Dental Health Program!
For questions, please call 259-2993