

DENTAL CARE FOR CHILDREN

The best way to ensure that your child does not get cavities or gingivitis is to instill proper oral habits early. Good oral hygiene routines should be established as early as infancy and continued throughout life.

Registered dental hygienists may recommend these tips:

- Even before teeth begin to erupt, thoroughly clean your infant's gums after each feeding with a water-soaked infant washcloth or gauze pad to stimulate the gum tissue and remove food. When the baby's teeth begin to erupt, brush them gently with a small, soft-bristled toothbrush using a pea-sized amount of fluoridated toothpaste.
- A small amount of fluoridated toothpaste will help to inhibit decay. Fluoride is also found in mouth rinses, community water supplies, and in some foods.
- At age two or three, you can begin to teach your child proper brushing techniques. But remember, you will need to follow up with brushing and gentle flossing until age seven or eight, when the child has the dexterity to do it alone.
- Schedule regular oral health appointments starting around your child's first birthday. Your oral health professional will check for cavities in the primary teeth and watch for developmental problems, as well as help to create a positive experience that may alleviate fear at future visits.
- Allow and encourage your child to discuss any fears he or she might have about oral health visits, but do not mention the words 'hurt' or 'pain'. Saying "it won't hurt" instills the possibility of pain in the child's thought process.
- Determine if the water supply that serves your home is fluoridated. If there is not fluoride in your water, discuss supplement options with your dental hygienist.

Ask your dental hygienist about sealant applications to protect the chewing surfaces of your child's teeth; and about baby bottle tooth decay, which occurs when teeth are frequently exposed to sugar-containing liquids for long periods of time.

Programs of the Fulton County Health Department 647-1134

FAMILY & COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

- Immunizations
- WIC Nutrition Program
- Family Case Management For Pregnant Women and Infants
- Family Planning
- Women's Health Care, Mammograms, Building Better Bones, Illinois Breast & Cervical Cancer Program.
- Screenings for High Cholesterol & Diabetes
- Prostate Cancer Testing and Referral
- STD Testing For Men & Women and Confidential HIV Testing
- Blood Pressure Screenings
- School, Community and Professional Presentations and Programs
- Tuberculosis Screening
- Building Better Bones/Osteoporosis
- Breast Cancer Survivor Support Group
- Students With Advocacy Training
- Emergency Preparedness & Response

ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

- Vital Statistics
- Birth & Death Records
- International Travel & Immunization Information
- Rules of the Road Classes
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
- Home Weatherization Services
- Home Rehabilitation Services

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

- Private Water Well Program
- Private Sewage Disposal System Program
- Food Protection Program
- Nuisance and Solid Waste
- Tanning Facility Inspections
- Tattoo Parlor Inspections

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The Fulton County Health Department Dental Center

Teeth are important to personal appearance and health. Your overall general health is at its best when you have healthy teeth and gums. Seeing an oral health professional regularly can help you keep your teeth for a lifetime. Take advantage of the services offered at the **Fulton County Health Department Dental Center**. The Dental Center takes private pay from income eligible residents of Fulton County and surrounding communities based on our discounted fee schedule.. The Dental Center also takes persons enrolled in KIDCARE and MEDICAID.



Services Offered

- Diagnostic Services (Oral Evaluation and X-Rays)

- Endodontic Dentistry (therapeutic pulpotomy—children only)
- Extractions (Limited Surgical)
- Periodontic Dentistry (Limited Scaling and Treatment)
- Preventative Dentistry (Teeth Cleaning, Fluoride Application, Sealants, Oral Hygiene & Nutritional Counseling, Space Maintainers)
- Prosthodontics (Full and partial dentures, minimal denture repair)
- Restorative Dentistry (Fillings, Cement Crowns, Sedative Fillings, Limited Crowns-children only)

Services not provided:

- Crown and bridge work—adults
- Orthodontics (braces)
- Extensive Oral Surgery

Who is Eligible?

The Dental Clinic has established eligibility guidelines as follows:

1. You must have no dental insurance (except for KIDCARE OR MEDICAID).
2. Fulton County and surrounding community residents.
3. Your household income must fall within our guidelines

What Are The costs?

The Fulton County Health Department Dental Center provides a discount fee schedule for persons who meet the eligibility requirements listed above.

Clinic Appointments

We are not a walk-in clinic – you must have an appointment. Your eligibility must be up to date to make an appointment. Eligibility appointments may be made by phone, please call:

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