Important News!

NHPS School Dental Clinic remains open during remote learning!! While schools are closed during remote learning, your dental clinic staff continue to provide needed services safely, by appointment, and following CDC guidelines.

Staff, please encourage families in our 6 schools with dental clinics to contact us for an appointment!

Barnard - 475-220-3507, Brennan Rogers – 472-220-2219

Hill Central - 475-220-6121, King Robinson – 475-220-2793

Troup - 475-220-3078, Truman – 475-220-2148

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Tracey Oberg, Lead RDH at Troup, Truman and Hill Central (Dental screening).

Elicia Lupoli, RDH at Brennan Rogers, King Robinson and Barnard (reviewing radiographs).

Tracey has been with the New Haven Public Schools Dental Program since our first dental clinic opened in 2015. Since then, the program has expanded to 9 schools, 6 are staffed by NHPS staff and 3 by Fair Haven Community Health Center staff.

Elicia has been with the program for 3 years now, and has been a great addition to the dental team’s expansion of the programs offered. Dr. DelVecchio, our program dentist has been with us since 2015.

Currently, services offered by the hygienist’s include:

- Dental Cleaning/screening
- Digital X-rays
- Fluoride Application
- Sealants and Referrals

Dr. Richard DelVecchio DDS, Dental Director.
Teaching oral health to students is important to a lifetime of good habits!

- Brushing twice a day
- Flossing daily
- Limiting sugary snacks and drinks, but drinking plenty of water!
- Visiting your dentist/dental hygienist every six months.

**Fun Dental Facts**

- Enamel is the hardest substance in your entire body, but cannot regenerate.
- Brushing and oral care goes back thousands of years. The first-ever toothbrush traces its history to ancient China in the Tang Dynasty, between the 7th and 10th-century.
- Your teeth and bite are unique and one-of-a-kind. Your saliva has your DNA. Dental records can identify you. Visit CTCHIP.org for an example.
- Your teeth start to form before you are even born. Teeth usually begin to erupt in a baby’s mouth around six months of age, while forming in the womb before you are even born.
Dental services with our dentist have been postponed due to the pandemic. We hope to resume this service for the students soon.

Until then, referrals are made to outside providers as necessary.

Services are still available for all enrolled in the dental program and schools noted. Appointments continue to be available for students that are either remote learning or in class.

We may look a bit different now due to the COVID-19. Staff and student’s safety are our first priority. We continue to follow CDC guidelines and school protocols for services rendered with proper PPE used as seen here.

Have a Question......Contact us!

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Questions about the NHPS Dental program?
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February is National Children’s Dental Health Month

This year’s slogan for children is “Water, Nature’s Drink!” How can we help our students to increase their water intake?

- Add lemon or fresh fruit juices for taste
- Always have water with meals and snacks
- Use fun straws
- Be an example by drinking water too!

See attached links for fun activities that you can use with your students or children at home.

https://www.ada.org/~/media/ADA/Public%20Programs/Files/NCDHM%202021/2021NCDHM_ColoringPage_English.pdf?la=en

https://www.ada.org/~/media/ADA/Public%20Programs/Files/NCDHM%202021/2021NCDHM_BrushingCalendar_English.pdf?la=en

Have ideas to share that work with your children? Send them to our team or share on our Facebook page!

Visit our Facebook page for oral health updates!

Visit our NHPS Webpage for more information!