

DENTAL HEALTH IS IMPORTANT FOR ALL DELAWAREANS!



Did you know:

Adults with developmental disabilities in Delaware have less comprehensive access to oral health care.

- Delaware ranks 36th in the gap between those with and without disabilities who have visited the dentist in the last year
- Adults with disabilities are twice as likely to have not had a teeth cleaning in the last five years compared to those without a disability
- Medicaid doesn't typically cover routine dental care after age 21

Good oral health care, through at-home prevention and regular visits to the dentist, is important for adults with developmental disabilities for their general health, economic well-being and social acceptance.



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What can we do?

Education!

Routine cleaning, flossing and trips to the dentist play a role in the prevention of cardiovascular disease, stroke and other serious health conditions.

Prevention!

There are great online tools explaining oral health challenges adults with developmental disabilities face.

(Try nih.gov, cdc.gov and ada.org)

Access!

There are locations throughout Delaware specializing in providing accessible, low-cost oral care to those with developmental disabilities.

(<http://bitly.com/DEdentalresource>)

Talk to your legislator about options to provide access to good oral care for those with developmental disabilities.

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