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.
(http://bitly.com/DElegislators)