



Washtenaw County Health Department

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Washtenaw County Dental Clinic Celebrates Three Years *Enter to win a kids' bike during Children's Dental Health Month*

YPSILANTI, Mich., Feb. 22, 2018 – February marks both Children's Dental Health Month and the Washtenaw County Dental Clinic's third anniversary. Since opening, the dental clinic has provided more than 13,000 patient visits to adults and kids with Medicaid or who are uninsured and low income.

The Washtenaw County Dental Clinic is accepting new patients of all ages. It takes most types of Medicaid, MIChild and Healthy Kids and provides low cost dental care to people who are uninsured and low income.

"Outstanding service," said one patient about the dental clinic. "The true care and dedication is unparalleled – everyone in this office is always upbeat and smiling. So refreshing and very greatly appreciated."

The creation of the Washtenaw County Dental Clinic, along with expanded Medicaid coverage, led to 6,700 additional Washtenaw adults and kids with Medicaid receiving dental services in 2015 compared to 2013. Still, only one in two Washtenaw kids, and one in four adults, on Medicaid had any dental exams in 2015 (Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Medicaid Office).

Children should start dental visits by age one. This creates a positive experience and establishes a dental home before problems arise. Adults should also visit a dentist on a regular basis to prevent oral diseases and maintain their overall health. Oral health has been linked with chronic diseases, including diabetes and heart disease.

To celebrate Children's Dental Health Month, the Washtenaw County Dental Clinic is participating in a sweepstakes that offers children aged ten and under a chance to win a bicycle and helmet. To enter the sweepstakes, parents should fill out an entry form at the Washtenaw County Dental Clinic by Feb. 28. My Community Dental Centers, which operates the Washtenaw County Dental Clinic, is putting on the [sweepstakes](#).

The eleven-chair Washtenaw County Dental Clinic is located in the Haab Health Building at 111 N. Huron Street in downtown Ypsilanti. For more information, new patients and community members are welcome to stop by the clinic, visit www.ewashtenaw.org/smile or call patient services at 877-313-6232.

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Washtenaw County Dental Clinic Partners

With the support of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, the Washtenaw County Health Department joined together with Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, the Washtenaw Health Plan and My Community Dental Centers to open the Washtenaw County Dental Clinic in 2015. Saint Joseph Mercy Health System generously provided space in its Haab Health Building rent-free. The Washtenaw Health Plan contributed to the startup costs and continues to help people access dental care. My Community Dental Centers operates the clinic on the Washtenaw County Health Department's behalf. A public art gallery, filled with the work of Washtenaw County K-12 student artists brightens the walls of the clinic.

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The Washtenaw County Health Department promotes health and works to prevent disease and injury in our community. Our mission is to assure, in partnership with the community, the conditions necessary for people to live healthy lives through prevention and protection programs.

The Washtenaw County Health Department has achieved national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board. Visit us at <http://publichealth.ewashtenaw.org> or call 734-544-6700.

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