

Mission of Mercy Dental Clinic Coming Oct. 23, 24

A "mini" Mission of Mercy dental clinic is being planned for October 23 and 24, 2015 at the Allegany County Fairgrounds. As in the past, the clinic will provide an opportunity for area residents to receive a wide range of free dental services.

However, unlike previous MOM clinics, **PATIENTS WILL BE SEEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**, and treatment will be available for a smaller number of patients. For more information, visit www.westernmdmom.com or www.allhealthright.org



Dr. Diane D. Romaine, DMD., conducts an oral exam on a patient at Mission of Mercy 2013

AHR Receives Grant to Assist Adult Medicaid Recipients with Urgent Dental Needs

A new grant award by the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission (MCHRC) will assist AHR in providing oral health education and access to dental treatment for adult recipients of Medicaid. The focus of the project is to reduce visits to the hospital emergency department for dental conditions, and to increase utilization of appropriate dental treatment resources. The Western Maryland Health System is a partner in this initiative.

Approximately 45% of those requesting services at the ED for dental conditions in FY14 were adult recipients of Medicaid. Because the ED is not staffed or equipped to

provide dental care, patients visiting the ED for dental issues will still need to see a dentist. With the implementation of this MCHRC grant, AHR's goal is more effective and expeditious utilization of dental treatment resources.

AHR will address this goal through several approaches. AHR's Community Health Worker will conduct outreach in partnership with local agencies serving Medicaid recipients. Presentations will be offered to provide education on good preventive dental care and on resources for treatment. Also, barriers to treatment will be reduced by connecting

consumers to dental care providers and assisting with the cost when urgent care needs arise. (Medicaid provides limited dental coverage for adults depending on the patient's specific plan.) Individual follow up will be conducted with participants on a voluntary basis to provide an additional measure of support, as well as to enhance program evaluation and inform future strategies for outreach. For more info, please contact AHR's Community Health Worker, Malissa Savage at 301-777-7749, ext. 108.



Thank You to Our Partners and Funders ...

- Western Maryland Health System**
- Garrett County Health Department Dental Unit**
- Allegany County United Way**
- Maryland Physicians Care**
- Delfest Foundation**
- Rotary Club of Cumberland**
- Maryland Community Health Resources Commission**

- Allegany County Health Department Dental Unit**
- Western Maryland AHEC**
- Carefirst Foundation**
- The City of Cumberland CDBG**
- Gratis Foundation**
- Participating dentists and oral surgeons**

Allegany Health Right Programs

Allegany Health Right is a grant funded, non-profit agency located in Downtown Cumberland. AHR has been serving the community for over 26 years. The organization is able to pay for urgent dental treatment, and also provides community education on topics of good oral hygiene and preventive care.

DENTAL TREATMENT

Help with dental treatment is available for the following:

- Low-income adults over age 19 who are
- Area residents with an
- Urgent dental need and
- No dental insurance (or those whose only coverage is Medicaid and/or Medicare)

Last year, AHR assisted about 600 people with a total of over 3500 dental procedures, valued at about \$600,000!

For more information, please contact Jan Chippendale, Dental Case Manager, at 301-777-7749, ext. 105 or email jan@allhealthright.org



ORAL HEALTH OUTREACH & EDUCATION

AHR's Community Health Worker (CHW) focuses specifically on oral health. She provides free presentations to clients & staff of local human service organizations and facilities. The presentations are interactive and are geared toward the needs of the group. If you have questions or would like to schedule a presentation at your organization, please contact Malissa Savage, CHW at 301-777-7749, ext. 108 or email malissa@allhealthright.org



Disabled Adults Oral Health Initiative Enters Second Year



CHW, Malissa Savage, demonstrates proper brushing techniques during a presentation.

Funding from Maryland's Community Health Resources Commission supports AHR's outreach to the adult disabled population. Disabled adults are known to have a higher prevalence of caries and periodontal disease than the general population, conditions which can in turn lead to other health complications. Outreach and education by

AHR's Community Health Worker as well as funding assistance with treatment for urgent dental treatment are supported by this grant. With a disproportionately high population of disabled and low income adults, this funding is addressing a critical need in our community. Please contact Malissa Savage, CHW, to schedule a presentation.

We're on the web!
www.allhealthright.org

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

The AHR office is also a host site for a Navigator with MD Health Connection, to assist with obtaining insurance coverage through the Affordable Care Act. Navigator Carol Morgan can be reached at 301-777-7749, ext. 101.

Julie Goetz, Assistant to the Director, serves as a liaison to the local Lion's Clubs for assistance with glasses. She can be reached at 301-777-7749, ext. 106 or email julie@allhealthright.org