



Dental Public Health State Activity Submission Form

ASTDD’s goal in collecting information about successful state Dental Public Health activities (e.g., practice, program, service, event, or policy) is to share this information with other states, territories, and stakeholders who may be interested in implementing similar activities. We thank you for your time and willingness to share your experiences.

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| STATE DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITY (e.g., practice, program, service, event, or policy) Minimum=300 Maximum=500 | |
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| Activity title: | <p style="color: blue; margin: 0;">Special Care Dentistry Fellowship Program</p> <p style="color: blue; margin: 0;">Rose F. Kennedy Center, Children’s Evaluation and Rehabilitation Program</p> <p style="color: blue; margin: 0;">University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities</p> <p style="color: blue; margin: 0;">Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities</p> <p style="color: blue; margin: 0;">Montefiore Medical Center</p> |
| State/Territory: | New York |
| Summary overview, which may include the following: | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objectives Rationale Personnel Key partners Costs & sustainability | |
| <p>It is well documented that the special needs population has difficulty accessing dental services on a timely basis. The Rose F. Kennedy University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) dental program provides: (1) clinical dental services to patients with developmental disabilities, (2) training in special care dentistry to postgraduate dental residents and fellows, and (3) outreach to patients and caregivers in promoting oral health maintenance procedures and practices.</p> | |

The dental program is an integral service and training component of the broader Kennedy Center, which serves as a tertiary referral center for children with genetic and developmental anomalies. The Special Care Dentistry Fellowship Program, incorporated into the dental program, is one of only a few programs nationally that provides comprehensive training in all aspects of special care dentistry from training in genetics through the provision of treatment under general anesthesia. The dental clinic has logged 4,100 patient encounters in FY 2019.

The Kennedy Center dental program and its Special Care Dentistry Fellowship are components of the Rose F. Kennedy University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD). A UCEDD is an interdisciplinary treatment and training facility for persons with developmental and intellectual disabilities. More information about UCEDDs can be obtained at <http://www.aucd.org/template/page.cfm?id=24>

As of 2021, there are close to 130,000 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (ID/DD) residing in New York State receiving services through the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (NYS OPWDD). Of the approximately 130,000, 34,500 individuals with ID/DD reside in New York State certified residential facilities. The vast majority live in our communities, either in group residences, supported apartments, or with family. Dentistry is consistently cited as an unmet health care need in this population. There is a high need in the state for more dentists with training to care for individuals with developmental disabilities living in the community.

Lessons learned (Successes and **Challenges**):

- Having strict protocols for obtaining consent, medical history and insurance information helps to facilitate treatment.
- Having affiliation with hospitals facilitates referral for patient requiring treatment in OR.
- Having appropriately staffed clinic (i.e., with practitioners in different specialties) allows most treatment to be completed in a single outpatient facility and offers more opportunities for training the fellows and residents.
- Having affiliation with several postgraduate dental programs permits expansion of training opportunities and increases the number of practitioners able and willing to treat patients with special needs in the community, thus improving access to care.

The Rose F. Kennedy UCEDD dental clinic is both a training center and a service provider. Because of the dental clinic's expertise, it has become a tertiary level referral center for patients with developmental disabilities. Consequently, the dental clinic needs additional financial and in human resources. Focus areas for improvement include:

- Need for larger spaces to accommodate the aging population with ID/DD.
- More specialty faculty.
- Opportunity for the dental fellows to able to treat referred patients in a hospital operating room

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