

Dental Program

PHSSC Presentation

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Current Mandate

1. The oral health of children and youth is improved
 - Identify children and youth with poor oral health
 - Children and youth living in low-income have access to oral health care
2. Provide programs/services to address the oral health needs of the community



Mandate is met by:

- School-based dental screening in elementary schools
- Provision of the Healthy Smiles Ontario program
- Niagara's Mobile Dental Clinic – bus
- Fluoride varnish program for children age 5 and under
 - Schools/daycares
 - Physicians' offices



New Community Program

- 100% ministry-funded
- To begin in the fall 2019 – waiting on ministry approvals for capital projects
- Build on existing dental infrastructure
- Work in partnership with community health centres and enter into service level agreements



Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program

Eligibility:

- 65+ and resident of Ontario
- Income of \$19,300 or less if single
- Income of \$32,300 or less if couple

Service Delivery:

- By *salaried* dental providers in public health units and community health centres
- Operational funding will come to PHUs = \$2,137,000



Healthy Smiles vs Seniors Dental Program

Healthy Smiles Ontario	Ontario Seniors Dental
Online portal & paper applications	
Welcome package & card in the mail	
Children/youth age 17 & under	Adults age 65 or over
Treatment from any dentist	Treatment by a salaried dentist from a PHU or CHC only
Emergency stream if above income cut-off	No emergency stream available

Community Plan: Potential FTEs

Location	FTEs
Quest	5.0
Centre de Santé	4.4
Niagara Falls CHC	4.4
Public Health	3.4
Total	17.2

Community Plan: Additional Components

Support the lower & west tiers of the region:

- a) Improve FE public health clinic
- b) Partner with Northland Pointe for a new clinic
- c) Replace existing dental bus

Support Niagara College to begin serving seniors immediately with a service level agreement and operational funding