



Children's Oral Health Program Information

Services Provided

The Children's Oral Health Program provides a dental home for children ages 6 months up to 21. Most of the children enrolled in the program live in Portland; however, children from surrounding communities can also receive services at one of the clinics at the Community Center at Riverton Elementary School or the Amanda Rowe School-Based Health Center at Portland High School. Children who attend Portland Schools receive enrollment forms which parents must sign in order for their children to be seen at school.

Prevention

Cleanings, fluoride, and sealants are provided by dental hygienists at all of the Portland Schools or at the Riverton Clinic or Portland High Clinic.

Treatment

Follow-up treatment is provided by the Children's Oral Health Program dentist or supervised UNE dental students at the clinic located in Portland High School. Treatment may include, but is not limited to: dental exam, diagnostic x-rays, fluoride, fillings, crowns, and extractions.

Greater Portland Health

The school-based dental services are part of the services that Greater Portland Health offers. Greater Portland Health is a federally qualified health center with the mission to provide high quality patient-centered healthcare that is accessible, affordable, and culturally sensitive. Greater Portland Health provides integrated medical and behavioral health care, and some specialty services, at nine main locations in Portland and South Portland. For more information about Greater Portland Health please call (207) 874-2141 or visit our website: <http://www.greaterportlandhealth.org/>.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is there a cost for dental services? **Yes**, if your child has dental insurance, including MaineCare, the insurance will be billed. For children who do not have dental insurance, there is a sliding fee scale. Financial counselors are available to assist you in determining if you are eligible for insurance and, if not, to review payment options and the cost of services.

Is this a school program? **No**, the program operates in the schools, but is run by Greater Portland Health. Children ages 6 months up to 21 years may enroll in the program.

Should I enroll my child if he or she is already an established patient in Greater Portland Health? **Yes**, the registration form gives us permission to see your child without a parent present.

What do I do if my child already goes to the clinic? Please complete the attached form to update the medical history and review and sign the privacy policy.

I want to enroll my child, where do I send the completed enrollment form? Please have your child return the completed form to their homeroom teacher or school nurse.

Please call **207-541-6627** to make an appointment or contact Kathy Martin, Program Manager for Greater Portland Health's Dental Program at (207) 874-2141 x8401 or kmartin@greaterportlandhealth.org for more information.