

Dental Services for Those on Low- Income

Many of our patients that live on a lower income may face barriers to accessing dental care. Here are some resources that may be of use to them.

RESOURCES for CHILDREN:

[Healthy Kids Benefit](#) (government dental benefit). This helps with the cost of basic dental care, glasses and hearing aids for children up to age 19 years. Your patients can call a free number to find out more and see if they qualify:

1-866-866-0800

VCH - Richmond Public Health Dental Program

- Provides no cost oral screening, counseling and fluoride treatment for 0 – 5 year olds who are not able to go to a private dental office
- Arranges free dental checkups and/or treatment at the UBC Faculty of Dentistry for children up to the age of 12 years who do not have dental insurance.
- Helps eligible families access Healthy Kids Benefit and various funds for dental treatment.
- Has a list of which dental offices take Healthy Kids and see one year olds as per the Canadian Dental Association.

RESOURCES for ADULTS:

Government Dental Benefits

Adults may get basic dental coverage if they:

- Receive [disability assistance](#)
- Qualify as a [person with persistent multiple barriers](#)

Free Dental Clinic - UBC Dental students in partnership with Richmond Health Services, and local dentists provide free basic dental treatment 2-4x/year. Applications are through the VCH-Richmond Public Health Dental Program and Community Partners.

Clients are screened to see if they have the type of treatment that can be done prior to this clinic. Those with complex needs are given info on alternate resources, usually the UBC School of Dentistry itself.

For more information on any of the above programs, have your patients call the Richmond Public Health Dental Program at (t) **604.233.3104**