

## ACCESS TO SERVICES

Access to preventive dental services and oral health education can prevent dental caries that currently affect our children at epidemic rates.

Each year thousands of hours of school attendance is missed by children who are suffering from dental pain. The Surgeon General's Report on Oral Health reported that 80 percent of children living at or below the poverty level are affected by dental caries.



The consequences of untreated dental caries can be devastating to a child and costly to restore. Dental caries can cause:

- 🦷 Extreme pain and infection.
- 🦷 Difficulty in chewing, resulting in poor nutritional intake.
- 🦷 Increased risk of dental caries and improper bite in permanent teeth.
- 🦷 Poor self-esteem.
- 🦷 Speech development problems.
- 🦷 Lost school days, resulting in lower achievement in school.

The good news is that dental caries is one of the most preventable childhood diseases when preventive dental care is obtained and good oral hygiene is practiced.

Due to the high demand for these dental services, there may be a considerable waiting period before an appointment can be scheduled.

Payment for services is expected the day of treatment. Bring your Medical Assistance card or proof of income with you to the appointment.



## Rural Health Dental Clinic

### FOR PROGRAM INFORMATION

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# CESA #11



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## SERVICES

Rural Health Dental Clinic (RHDC) provides comprehensive preventive and restorative dental services. The clinic is a certified Medical Assistance (MA) provider.

For those individuals not eligible for MA, fees for dental services are based on family income utilizing the sliding fee scale.

RHDC provides dental services for persons with disabilities, elderly and low-income families in Northwest Wisconsin at clinics located in Menomonie and Turtle Lake, and through various mobile outreach sites.

Preventive and restorative dental services are provided to Head Start Centers in a multi-county area in western Wisconsin. RHDC also offers on-site school-based dental sealant programs.



## TO SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS

### CONTACT A CLINIC

**Oaklawn Harmony Centre**  
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**Turtle Lake Dental Clinic**  
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Turtle Lake, WI 54889  
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### STATISTICS

- ⌘ Last year there were approximately 8,000 patient visits.
- ⌘ 90% of patients seen fall below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level.

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### NEEDS

The Rural Health Dental Clinic generates approximately 50% of its operating expenses.

In order to expand to meet patient needs, additional support must be obtained. We are requesting that the dental equipment/supply industry support this effort through gifts of equipment/supplies, and/or institutional/educational pricing for needed clinical supplies.

We will also be requesting financial support from local, state and federal agencies as well as charitable foundations.

### SUPPORT

- ⌘ State Funding
- ⌘ Medical Assistance reimbursement
- ⌘ Sliding fee schedule indexed to national poverty levels
- ⌘ In-Kind support from partners