

JUVENILE COURT HEALTH SERVICES

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PURPOSE

To describe how youths receive oral care to meet their routine and serious dental needs and access to care for dental emergencies.

POLICY

The dental program addresses the dental hygiene needs and prevention for all youths especially with compromising conditions and special medical problems which could negatively affect their dental health. By following the program, it helps promote an awareness of good dental health practices and provides current protective measures against dental disease.

Oral care, under the direction and supervision of a licensed dentist, is provided to each youth, in a timely fashion and includes immediate access for urgent or painful conditions. An appropriate oral hygiene and preventive program is available to all youth.

PROCEDURE

1. Oral screening is performed by the nurse as part of the admissions process. Instruction regarding oral hygiene and preventative oral education is provided at this time as well.
2. Annual oral hygiene/education training is performed by a dentist.
3. An oral examination is performed by a Juvenile Court Health Services (JCHS) dentist within 60 days of admission to a facility. This examination will include:
 - Taking or reviewing the patient's dental history
 - An extra-oral head and neck examination
 - Charting of teeth
 - Examination of the hard and soft tissue of the oral cavity with a mouth mirror, explorer, and adequate illumination
4. Youth readmitted within the past 12 months do not require a new oral examination.
5. Oral treatment is provided according to a treatment plan based upon a system of established priorities for care that in the treating dentist's opinion, are necessary for proper mastication and maintaining the youth's health status.
 - The treatment plan will identify existing dental needs, denote proposed dental treatment, and includes a periodontal evaluation.

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- The treatment plan will not be limited to extractions.
 - Extractions that are performed are consistent with community standards of care, and adhere to the American Dental Association's clinical guidelines
 - X-rays are used as diagnostic tools to assist in the development of the treatment plan.
6. Referral to oral care specialists at LAC+USC Medical Center – Dental Clinic is available.
 7. Toothpaste provided to youth is fluoridated.
 8. All clinical activities are supported by adherence to the JCHS Infection Control Plan's procedures regarding sterilization of instruments, disinfecting equipment, properly disposing of hazardous waste, utilizing appropriate contact barriers, and decontamination procedures such as hand washing, as well as, other specified infection control procedures.
 9. **Dental Scheduling and On-Site Coverage:**
 - Dental work schedules are maintained by the Head Dentist or designee.
 - At least one dentist is on-site at each of the juvenile halls (Central Juvenile Hall, Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall) Monday through Friday from 7:00 am until 3:30 pm.
 - When a dentist is not available on-site (e.g., residential treatment camp), staff may call the juvenile hall which covers that camp.
 - After hours, weekends, or holidays, the staff shall contact the on-call physician for consultation.
 10. **Dental Hygiene Needs of Youth with Medical Issues**

A youth is referred to the dental clinic by a physician or nurse when a youth is observed to be unable to maintain a good level of hygiene. The dentist will set up a treatment program as indicated which may include hygiene services, fluoride application, proper brushing instructions, flossing, plaque control, and dietary information.

AUTHORITY

California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Article 8, Section 1435

REFERENCE

NCCHC Standard Y-E-06

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