



HCS D, Lourdes team up to offer free dental services

The Hancock Central School District welcomes mobile dental services from the Lourdes Center for Oral Health in Binghamton.

The HCS D Board of Education recently approved participating in the Mobile Dental Clinic program offered by Lourdes Hospital. All services offered at Lourdes' Center for Oral Health are available at the Mobile Dental Clinic and are provided by dentists and registered dental hygienists. These services include routine cleanings, patient education, fluoride treatments, sealants, X-rays, urgent care, fillings and extractions.

Tooth decay may result in pain and suffering that can lead to problems with eating, speaking and school attendance. In an effort to prevent tooth decay – the most common chronic disease affecting youths ages 5-17, all HCS D students are eligible to receive dental education, dental screenings and parent reports through the Mobile Dental Clinic at no cost.

Lourdes was the recipient of a grant co-sponsored by the Mee Foundation and the Decker Foundation. The conditions of the grant specifically indicate that the Lourdes Mobile Dental Clinic must address the oral health needs of HCS D students and families.

Installation of a free-standing receptacle will be required to accommodate the mobile dental service. Estimated costs are \$500 for the receptacle and \$700 for labor. These contractual costs will be expensed to the O@M contractual code A1620.411.

Additionally, housing a receptacle opens opportunities to host other mobile health services, such as the Lourdes Mission in Motion mammography van.

For more information, call the Lourdes Center for Oral Health at 607-584-4545.

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