

Community Connections for Those in Need of Financial Help with Oral Care Cost

The Government agencies listed below offer programs that help eligible children and adults in Ontario access oral health care. Questions about your eligibility should be directed to the agency that provides the program that you feel may best describe your situation.

Name of Program	Who May Be Eligible	Services Provided	Refer Clients to
Healthy Smiles Ontario	Kids 17 and under may be eligible if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ They are residents of Ontario; ▪ They are members of a household with an Adjusted Family Net Income of \$21,513 or less per year (increasing approximately \$1,500 for each additional child); and ▪ They do not have access to any form of dental coverage (including other government-funded programs, like Ontario Works). 	The Healthy Smiles Ontario program covers regular visits to a registered dental care provider, such as a dentist or dental hygienist, to establish and maintain good oral health. It covers a full range of preventive and early treatment dental services including check-ups, cleaning, fillings, x-rays, scaling and more.	<p>http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/programs/dental/</p> <p>To apply for the program, clients will need to call their local public health unit. Your public health unit will also assist you with the application process. Once your child's eligibility has been confirmed, your local public health unit will discuss the range of dental service options available in your community. They will provide you with a "client card" that you may take to a private dentist or dental hygienist in your area who is participating in the program.</p> <p>Your child may also be able to receive services through a local public health unit or community dental clinic. Out of the options available in your community, the choice of dental provider will be yours to make.</p> <p>ServiceOntario INFOLine at 1-866-532-3161 TTY: 1-800-387-5559 In Toronto, TTY: 416-327-4282 Hours of operation: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.</p>

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Children In Need Of Treatment (CINOT)	<p>The Children In Need Of Treatment (CINOT) program provides basic dental care to children and youth 17 years of age and younger, who have identified dental conditions requiring urgent care. Children and youth are eligible for this program if they have no dental insurance and the parent/guardian has signed a written declaration that the cost of the necessary dental treatment would result in financial hardship.</p>	<p>Basic dental and dental hygiene services.</p>	<p>http://www.mhp.gov.on.ca/en/healthy-communities/dental/default.asp</p> <p>To arrange a screening to determine if you or your child is eligible, please contact your local Public Health Unit. Contact information can be found in the blue pages of the telephone directory and at:</p> <p>http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/public/contact/phuloc_mn.html</p>
Ontario Works (OW)	<p>To be eligible for Ontario Works, clients must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Be over 16 years of age, live in Ontario, need money right away to help pay for food and shelter, and be willing to take part in activities that will help them find a job. 	<p>Basic dental/dental hygiene services</p>	<p>http://www.mcass.gov.on.ca/en/mcass/programs/social/ow/</p> <p>Contact the Ontario Works office or First Nations office in your community.</p>
Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)	<p>The Ontario Disability Support Program helps people with disabilities who are in financial need pay for living expenses, like food and housing. A person who qualifies for Ontario Disability Support Program Income Support may be able to get coverage for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ basic dental services, ▪ additional services if their disability, prescribed medications or prescribed treatment affects their oral health. 	<p>Basic dental and dental hygiene services</p>	<p>http://www.mcass.gov.on.ca/en/mcass/programs/social/odsp/</p> <p>For more information contact your regional offices. Complete listing of regional offices can be found at:</p> <p>http://www.mcass.gov.on.ca/en/mcass/programs/social/odsp/contacts/index.aspx</p>

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	<p>Eligible family members include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ spouse and ▪ children under 18 years of age. <p>Children over 18 years of age may be able to get dental coverage through Ontario Works discretionary benefits.</p>		
<p>Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD)</p>	<p>Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD) is a direct funding program that assists low and moderate income families caring for a child with a severe disability, under the age of 18, living at home.</p>	<p>Coverage includes services such as oral exams, x-rays, fillings and extractions.</p>	<p>http://www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/topics/specialneeds/disabilities/index.aspx</p> <p>ServiceOntario INFOline at 1-866-532-3161 TTY: 1-800-387-5559 In Toronto, TTY: 416-327-4282 Hours of operation: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.</p>
<p>Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB)</p>	<p>The NIHB Program provides eligible First Nations and Inuit with a limited range of medically necessary health-related goods and services not provided through private insurance plans, provincial/ territorial health or social programs or other publicly funded programs.</p>	<p>The dental component of the NIHB Program covers dental services, including: diagnostic, preventive, restorative, endodontic, periodontal, prosthodontic, oral surgery, orthodontic and adjunctive services.</p>	<p>http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fniah-spnia/nihb-ssna/benefit-prestation/dent/index-eng.php</p> <p>First Nations and Inuit Health: Health Canada Emerald Plaza 1547 Merivale Road 3rd Floor, Postal Locator 6103a Nepean, Ontario K1A 0L3 Dental Inquiries: 613-952-0102 1-888-283-8885</p>

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