

# Guilford Adult Health, Inc.

This grant supported the [Guilford Dental Access Program](#). The program serves underinsured and uninsured adult residents at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level, and helps improve dissemination of primary and specialty dental care. Funds were used to hire a part-time dental hygienist and purchase dental supplies. The part-time dental hygienist attended to the oral health needs of over 443 uninsured dental patients by providing dental screenings and cleanings, fluoride and sealants, x-rays, information on oral health strategies, and nutritional counseling. In addition, two patients received dental prosthetics. Of the dental patients served by the program, 58% indicated that they had not seen a dental professional in the 12 months prior to attending the Guilford Dental Access Program and 81% indicated that the primary reason for not seeing a dental professional was financial. The most frequently cited reasons patients gave for seeking dental care were dental surgery needs (36%), toothaches (35%), and cleaning needs (30%).