

DDS DENTAL NEWS

Norwich Dental Clinic Changes



The dental team of Dr. Dan McLennon and Maddy Donnelly

June 30 marks the departure of several hundred valued employees from our department. The DDS Dental News would like to extend best wishes to one of its own oral health champions, Maddy Donnelly. Maddy started her career at Seaside Regional Center in May 1982. She was planning on only working for the summer of that year, but liked her position so much that she stayed a little longer... Maddy has provided dental care to thousands of people over the years; always with a smile and a gentle touch. She has touched many peoples' lives in a positive way and has always treated everyone with dignity and respect. In addition to being a dental care provider, Maddy has always been an enthusiastic advocate for better oral health. She passionately fought for the recognition of the dental hygiene profession and

insured that an individual with a dental background filled the position of the DDS Dental Coordinator. We all wish Maddy the best in her future endeavors.

Dr. Dan McLennon has announced that he will continue providing dental services in the Norwich and Putnam Clinics! He will continue delivering the same quality care for which he is known. However, as with all changes, some things will be different. Dr. McLennon has asked consumers and their staff for their understanding and patience. In order for the clinics to run smoothly a few changes will need to be made:

- Please arrive on time.
- Staff will need to stay with the consumer during the entire appointment. The consumer cannot be left alone for any reason.
- The clinic will only provide services for existing consumers.
- New referrals cannot be accommodated at this time at the Norwich and Putnam Clinics.
- For additional resources please contact Izabella Pulvermacher, Dental Coordinator, at izabella.pulvermacher@ct.gov.

~ SMILES2GO: Saint Raphael's Mobile Dental Clinic ~

Saint Raphael's Hospital operates a dental van called Smiles2Go in the New Haven area. Smiles2Go is not really a van, but a 65 foot trailer that houses a complete dental clinic. This clinic on wheels is staffed by a dental hygienist who provides preventative services. The van features two treatment rooms, a sterilization room, a waiting area and a wheelchair lift.



The van travels the neighborhoods in the New Haven area to help adults and children access affordable preventative dental services. This summer the dental van will visit several locations. One of the first locations will be in front of Stetson Library,

on 197 Dixwell Avenue in New Haven. The van will be there on Tuesdays from 9:00 – 1:30. On Thursdays the van will be providing services in front of the Lifehaven building on 447 Ferry Street in New Haven from 9:00 – 1:30.

**Quote: Don't be dismayed at goodbyes. A farewell is necessary before you can meet again. And meeting again after moments or lifetimes is certain for those who are friends.
(Richard Bach)**

Rescinding of Dental Waivers

In recent years several individuals who reside in a CTH and do not have teeth have been granted a dental waiver allowing their physicians to perform an oral exam. After having discussions with numerous dental professionals it was concluded that although it is perfectly legal for the physician to do an oral exam, it is not best practice. Dentists routinely do oral exams and are more in tune to subtle changes in the oral cavity and surrounding tissues. It is recommended that a licensed dentist complete an oral exam once a year on an individual with no teeth or dentures. For more information please contact Izabella Pulvermacher, Dental Coordinator, at izabella.pulvermacher@ct.gov