

# The Value of Oral Health Services in Peel

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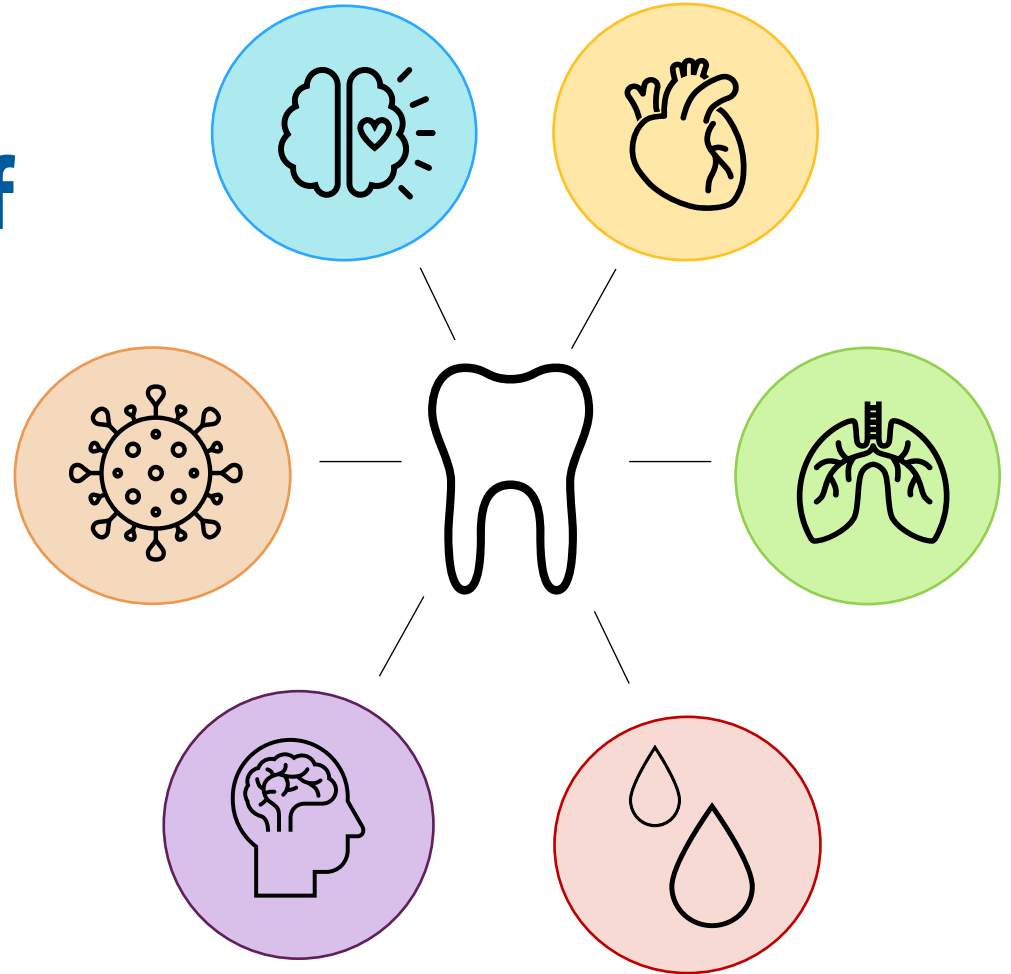
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**Oral health is an important part of overall health and quality of life.**



# Overview of Oral Health Programs

## Federal

Canadian Dental  
Care Plan (CDCP)

## Provincial

Healthy Smiles  
Ontario (HSO)

## Local

Children's Oral  
Health Program  
(Cost-Shared)

Ontario Seniors  
Dental Care  
Program (OSDCP)

Senior's Oral  
Health Program  
(100% Ministry-funded)



# Understanding the Oral Health Landscape

## Public Health Programs

Prevention-focused



No cost

## Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP)

Treatment-focused



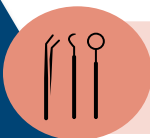
Out-of-pocket expenses



Both programs help **increase access** to dental services

# A Comprehensive Public Health Approach to Oral Health

**Tertiary Prevention**



**Dental treatment**

(e.g., root canals, fillings, dentures)

**Secondary Prevention**



**Early detection**

(e.g., dental screening for children)

**Primary Prevention**



**Preventive dental services**

(e.g., dental sealants)

**Health Promotion**

(e.g., education, advocacy)

**Primordial Prevention**



**Population health interventions**

(e.g., community water fluoridation)

**Social Determinants of Health**



**Addressing Barriers to Care**

# Advancing Health Equity Through Oral Health Programs

**Oral health programs in Peel are equity-driven.**

## **Our programs:**

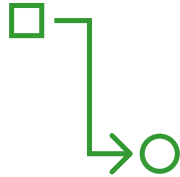
- ✓ Offer free dental services
- ✓ Bring screening and services to where clients are
- ✓ Arrange transportation to appointments
- ✓ Ensure accessible spaces for those with limited mobility
- ✓ Provide longer appointment times and language interpretation
- ✓ Adapt to our local context



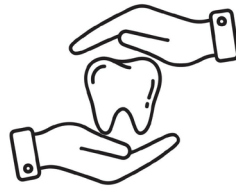
# Bridging Gaps in Oral Health Care



**Low  
Barrier**



**System  
Navigation**



**Tailored  
Services**



**Community  
Partnerships**

# Moving Forward



Innovation



Tailored, Community-Based Care



Equitable Access to Oral Health Care Across the Lifespan

