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Easterseals NH provides exceptional services to ensure that all people with special needs and disabilities have equal opportunities to live, learn, work, and play in their communities.

About the ESNH Oral Health Center

The ESNH Oral Health Center was opened in 2009 to meet the oral health needs of low income individuals and families living in the greater Manchester, NH area.

Last year, 3,617 children, adults, and seniors had their dental needs met at the Oral Health Center. In keeping with our mission, \$318,942 in free and reduced cost care was provided to those who would otherwise go without critical oral health care services. More than 88% of our clients are of low income and/or uninsured.



About Farnum

Farnum's mission is to help individuals and families find their way to a life free of the effects of alcohol and other drugs through comprehensive treatment and recovery services open to all.

Established in 1981 and joining the ESNH family in 2008, Farnum provides a continuum of services that address every stage of the recovery process, including medical detoxification, residential treatment, and intensive inpatient and outpatient services. Last year, Farnum provided services to 14,293 individuals.

Oral Health Screening Partnership Initiative

Through a contract with JSI, ESNH Oral Health Center and Farnum collaborated to provide oral health screening and preventative treatment services to individuals accessing recovery treatment services at Farnum.

Recognizing that addiction to opioids and other substances results in severe dental decay, the goal of this initiative is to meet the critical oral health needs of this population to support their overall health and help them return to their community, free of chemical dependence

Outcomes to date

- 35 Farnum clients received oral health screenings
- 35 Farnum clients received evidence-based dental care
- 35 Farnum clients received Fluoride Varnish Applications
- 109 teeth were treated with Silver Diamine Fluoride
- 17 teeth that received sealants
- 59 received Interim Therapeutic Restorations
- 33 Farnum clients received referrals for further treatment

Looking Ahead

ESNH Oral Health Services and Farnum will continue to partner in this critical work.

- Clients leaving treatment are more likely to seek and gain employment without visibly poor oral health.
- Untreated dental decay can lead to the loss of teeth, resulting in low self esteem, social isolation, depression, and the potential for the abuse of painkillers, leading to relapse.

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