

Dignity Health Foundation – East Valley
Grant Application to Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation

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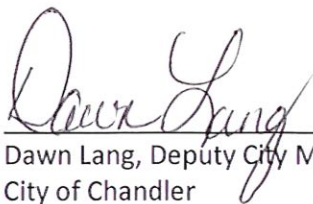
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Project Summary

The Chandler Children's Dental Clinic aims to increase access to preventive, minimally invasive dental care and restorative care for children ages 0 through 18 who face barriers to receiving dental care, increase awareness of the importance of good oral health, and provide families with the tools needed to improve their oral health. A \$25,000 grant from Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation will provide oral health care and minimally invasive treatments for 120 children this year.

1. Describe the proposed program or project, and whether it is a new or continuing project:

The Chandler Children's Dental Clinic reduces barriers to care by utilizing the Affiliated Practice (AP) Dental Hygiene model, English Spanish bilingual promotoras and registrars, strategic placement of clinic location within the neighborhood by schools and community centers, and a focus on building relationships with families. AP Dental Hygienists provide dental assessments, x-rays, professional cleanings, periodontal therapy, sealants, fluoride treatments, and education to children and parents in collaboration with an offsite dentist. One of the benefits of teledentistry is that it allows dentists to review x-rays without being on site. The hygienists receive the dentist's response and inform patients and their families of any additional findings. What makes this model unique is that it increases access to dental services by allowing dental providers to practice at the top of their scope thereby offering a cost-effective way to provide comprehensive dental care.

The AP Dental Hygienist is also able to provide minimally invasive dental care procedures to treat tooth decay without removing any tooth structures. The treatment is much less expensive and can be delivered by dental hygienists, and dental therapists, which also keeps the cost low.

Bilingual oral wellness education is provided during extended appointment times, allowing children and family members to understand the causes of poor oral health and learn what they can do at home to maintain good oral health. A Promotora works with families to complete oral health assessments, set goals and track progress. A Registrar is the liaison between the clinic and family reducing no-shows and encouraging treatment plan completion. Benefits include decreased pain and school absences, improved self-esteem and school performance, better nutrition and improved overall health.

The Community Health Educator provides oral health education to children in elementary schools, community events and community health centers. Our school-based oral health programs is designed to address access barriers for high-risk children to prevent dental decay and improve overall health and academic success. The goal is to create awareness of the importance of oral health by educating children brushing, flossing and having a healthy diet. Oral health education and resources will be sent to parents to create awareness of the importance of oral health and to provide the resources available for their children in effort to establish a dental home for children that have not seen a dentist.

Removing barriers to care minimizes school absences and increases children's ability to learn and interact with peers. Providing toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss means that families have not only the knowledge, but the tools needed to improve their oral health. The clinic is located at the Chandler CARE Center on the campus of Galveston Elementary School. The integrated service model at the Chandler CARE Center provides easy access to medical and mental health services as well as a food bank and family resource center.

2. Describe the purpose of the program or project and how it meets one or more of Fort McDowell's funding priorities:

The Chandler Children's Dental Clinic addresses Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation's priority funding area of health by providing access to dental health care and dental health literacy for low income, uninsured and under-insured Chandler families. Many households in our specific area are single parent households which contributes to their poverty. Our model for providing this dental care in conjunction with medical care and

additional family resources increases the community's well-being, making it less vulnerable to systemic poverty. The clinic meets the unique needs and barriers encountered by minority and low-income families. The clinic's location in the heart of Chandler's underserved neighborhoods removes transportation and trust barriers. Spanish-speaking staff ensures that language and cultural norms do not interfere with obtaining care. Staff works closely with families to schedule appointments, answer questions, and assist with forms. These practices ensure the clinic is known as a safe-haven, where individuals can seek compassionate, culturally appropriate care.

3. Describe the need that the program or project aims to fulfill, the population targeted, and the estimated number of people who will be served by the grant:

According to the 2019 Chandler Community Needs Assessment, the location of the Chandler CARE Center is in one of the Census Block Group areas where at least 51% of the population is low- and moderate-income. In the 2022 Chandler Regional Medical Center Community Health Needs Assessment, oral health was selected as a priority issue in this area that include high rates of families living in poverty, a large non-English speaking population, low education attainment and lack of dental and health insurance, all of which create barriers to accessing dental care. Oral Health is a key indicator of overall health, well-being, and quality of life. Oral diseases ranging from dental cavities, dental infection and oral cancer cause pain and disability. Some racial/ethnic and socioeconomic groups face poor oral health as a result of social determinants of health. For instance, under-resourced populations cannot afford to pay out of pocket for the high cost of dental care, most do not have private or public dental insurance, or cannot get time off from work to get dental care. Lack of dental insurance coverage contributes to barriers that patients in our state struggle to overcome. Parent education level and cultural beliefs also prevent parents from seeking dental care. The clinic also serves families who have recently immigrated to the United States. Many of these families have low dental health literacy resulting in high levels of dental disease.

This population of low-income and minority children has greater dental treatment needs than most children. More than 32% of children from low-income households have untreated decay and 22% have never seen a dentist. Preventive and restorative dental care are essential to the oral and overall health of children. Primary teeth are critical for many reasons including speech development, development of jaw bones and facial muscles, space holders and guides for adult teeth, and ability to chew food. Untreated tooth decay can cause severe pain and potential damage to facial structure. The Chandler Children's Dental Clinic was created to serve these children by removing the barriers they face accessing traditional dental practices.

4. Describe the partners in the program or project, and other entities providing funding and support (please indicate whether the organization will be submitting applications to any other tribes):

Dignity Health has a long history of collaboration with the City of Chandler for our dental clinic services. The Chandler Children's Dental Clinic was established in 2008 in collaboration with the Chandler Unified School District. Our partner is the Chandler CARE Center which Center offers a trusted location where families feel safe and respected. The multiple support services available at the Chandler CARE Center enable families to meet many needs in one visit. At whatever entry point a family seeks assistance at the CARE Center, they are referred to other services that are available.

We receive an annual grant from Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) for our Gilbert Children's Dental Clinic. We have not received awards from any other tribe for the program in this request.

5. Describe the timetable for implementation of the program or project:

The dental clinic is an ongoing program and funds will be used to provide 241 children with oral health care and minimally invasive treatments throughout the year.

Budget:

	Hours per child	Rate	Cost per appointment
Hygienist	1	\$46	\$46
Registrar	0.5	\$21	\$10.5
Supervisor	0.5	\$33	\$16.5
Promotora	0.5	\$22.75	\$11.5
Hygienist admin. time	0.25	\$46	\$11.5
Supervisor admin. Time	0.25	\$33	\$8.25
Supplies		\$17	\$15
Goody bag		\$6	\$5
TOTAL			\$124
Minimally Invasive Care treatment products			\$30
TOTAL			
337 teeth x 30 minimally invasive treatments			\$10,120
120 children x \$124 dental clinic appointments			\$14,880
TOTAL			\$25,000

Statement of Presence:

Dignity Health in Phoenix's eastern suburbs of Chandler and Gilbert is comprised of Chandler Regional Medical Center (CRMC), Mercy Gilbert Medical Center (MGMC), Mesa Arizona General Hospital, three Urgent Cares, eight freestanding Emergency Rooms, and Dignity Health Foundation – East Valley. Our hospitals have been a leading force in increasing health and well-being for all who live in Maricopa County and surrounding areas. The mission of Dignity Health *embodies the delivery of compassionate, high quality, affordable health services; serving and advocating for those who are poor and disenfranchised; and partnering with others in our community to improve quality of life.* With the shared core values of dignity, justice, collaboration, stewardship and excellence, we pursue the overall goal of providing the highest quality, most compassionate health care within the growing communities of Maricopa County's East Valley. Dignity Health is committed to providing medical care with the inherent dignity of each person in mind. We're determined to bring more humanity into health care, so "humankindness" is at the heart of everything we do.

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Form 990 required: Yes

Dear Taxpayer:

This is in response to your request dated Sep. 14, 2017, regarding your tax-exempt status.

We issued you a determination letter in July 1986, recognizing you as tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3).

Our records also indicate you're not a private foundation as defined under IRC Section 509(a) because you're described in IRC Section 509(a)(3) as a Type I supporting organization. A Type I supporting organization is operated, supervised, or controlled by one or more publicly supported charities.

Donors can deduct contributions they make to you as provided in IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts under IRC Sections 2055, 2106, and 2522.

In the heading of this letter, we indicated whether you must file an annual information return. If a return is required, you must file Form 990, 990-EZ, 990-N, or 990-PF by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of your annual accounting period. IRC Section 6033(j) provides that, if you don't file a required annual information return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked on the filing due date of the third required return or notice.

For tax forms, instructions, and publications, visit www.irs.gov or call 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

If you have questions, call 1-877-829-5500 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., local time, Monday through Friday (Alaska and Hawaii follow Pacific Time).

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Sincerely yours,

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Kim A. Billups, Operations Manager
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