

# JOB CORPS ORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAM

## For Job Corps Applicants, Students, and their Families

### INTRODUCTION



Job Corps covers basic oral health care as a benefit because a healthy mouth is important to getting and keeping a job.

Job Corps' oral health and wellness program consists of oral exams, basic dental care, and teeth cleaning.

Job Corps employs licensed, qualified dentists and dental hygienists to provide oral health services. Depending upon the Job Corps Center, oral health care is provided on-center or off-center.

### BASIC PROGRAM BENEFITS

Oral health services include:

- Dental examination
- X-rays
- Teeth cleaning
- Dental procedures to treat oral disease
- Oral health education

Oral health services DO NOT include:

- Braces/orthodontics
- Wisdom teeth removal if the teeth are not diseased
- Cosmetic procedures

Although the center dentists will do their best to treat each student's dental problems, some may be so complicated to correct that in certain cases, additional care at the student's expense may be required after they complete Job Corps or through a medical separation. Students or the parents/guardians of minors may contact the health and wellness director at the Job Corps center to which the student is assigned to find out more about Job Corps' oral health and wellness services.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Do I have to visit the center dentist?** The dental readiness inspection, which is completed within 2 weeks after a student arrives on center, is required. At this point, you may choose whether or not you wish to receive dental services. If you choose not to receive care at this time, you can still change your mind and can get care in the future.

**I only have one small cavity. Why do I have to wait until after some other students get their fillings done first?** Services are organized so that students with the worst problems are seen first. This means that students who have serious dental problems will be seen before students with minor issues.

**I want to get my teeth cleaned. What do I have to do?** Students requesting teeth cleaning must receive an oral exam by the dentist before seeing the dental hygienist. After receiving an oral exam, you may make an appointment for a teeth cleaning. Be sure to make an appointment as soon as you are able to do so, and keep all scheduled appointments (or cancel in a timely manner).



**What if I have braces?** Braces are considered to be beyond basic oral care provided by Job Corps. Job Corps does not pay for orthodontic services. Applicants with braces are required to have a written plan in place verifying how transportation to orthodontic appointments and payment for those services will occur. In addition, applicants must have a track record of keeping their orthodontic appointments. Job Corps cannot assume any responsibility for braces that are on a student's teeth at the time of their arrival.