



Parker Family Health Center

Dental Equipment for
Free Dental Clinic

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Who We Are

Parker Family Health Center is a free medical clinic in Red Bank that provides comprehensive healthcare to underserved, uninsured Monmouth County residents. Now celebrating its 25th anniversary, the clinic operates with a small staff who support over 200 medical and non-medical volunteers.

The Program

With the support of many community members, Parker opened its doors in July 2000. A free dental clinic complementing the medical facility had also been considered, but that idea was set aside for the future. That day has finally arrived!

Collaborating with Brookdale Community College, Parker is now opening a free dental clinic for low income, dentally uninsured county residents. Recognizing the significant impact of preventative dental care on overall health, the clinic will offer a range of services including x-rays, cleanings, fillings, and extractions. Parker asks for funds to help cover costs of 12 dental chairs. Eligibility criteria for the dental clinic will mimic those at Parker's medical facility, where annual household incomes are capped at 300% of the Federal Poverty Level. For example, a single person making up to \$46,950 or a family of four with an annual income up to \$96,450 will be eligible for enrollment.

The need is overwhelming. Today, over 140,000 Monmouth County residents lack dental coverage. They include 61,300 seniors with traditional Medicare (which excludes basic dental care!) many veterans, and even children without state coverage. The clinic is expected to open in late spring 2026.

Alignment with Impact's Funding Priorities

Parker's mission is to provide free health care for our neighbors in need. With this clinic, Parker is expanding existing services to include dental care. Both preventative medical care and dental care share the same goals: enhancing overall health and reducing reliance on emergency departments and costly advanced care in the future. Additionally, both promote a healthy workforce and community.

The dental clinic expects to treat 1500 patients in its first year. Existing options for such care are limited to Federally Qualified Health Centers and charity clinics that operate using a sliding scale fee. Other programs have extensive wait times and/or upfront payments. This will be the first free dental clinic in New Jersey!

This new clinic will also provide workforce development, enabling Brookdale to expand its existing dental program for x-ray technicians and dental assistants to also include dental hygienist certification, the first such program in Monmouth County!