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BROOKER MEMORIAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

- Early Learning and Child Care Center: Serving infants, toddlers, pre-school, nursery school, before and after school care
- · Child Care Enrichment: Programs include yoga, music, and gardening
- Dental Care: Serving children, young adults with special needs, and pregnant women
- · In-School Dental Care: Region One and Torrington Public Schools
- · Pathways to Success: Aptitude testing and career counseling for high-school students
- · Relatives as Parents Program: Support group for grandparents and other relatives raising children
- Torrington Pediatric Therapy at Brooker: Physical, occupational, and speech therapy provided by our partner Chesire Fitness Zone

From the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

As I write to you for the first time as Executive Director of Brooker Memorial, I am filled with gratitude and excitement. This past year has brought significant changes, and it has been a true pleasure to meet and connect with our dedicated staff, board members, volunteers, and, most importantly, the children we serve. Their bright smiles stand as a testament to the vital role our services play in their health, well-being, and overall success.

This year, we proudly celebrated 30 years of providing dental care to local children. In tribute to the Temkin family, whose generosity made our pediatric clinic a reality, we continue to honor Dr. Temkin's wish to ensure that no child is denied essential oral healthcare, regardless of their ability to pay. Last year, we served over 4,700 children through our clinic and in-school programs. With the recent additions of Dr. Stoddart, Dr. Braverman, and pediatric residents through our partnership with UConn, we are excited to continue expanding our services and reaching even more children.

We are pleased to announce the completion of the second phase of our building project, which has expanded our facilities to include second-floor space for children's therapy, run by our partner, Cheshire Fitness Zone. Over 6,500 visits were provided to local children needing occupational, speech and physical therapy services.

Visiting the child care and nursery school classrooms has been a true joy. Witnessing the compassion and dedication of our teachers and observing the children engage in enrichment activities like yoga and music classes has been incredibly rewarding.

Our commitment to supporting local high school students remains strong, with continued aptitude testing to help them explore career paths that align with their talents and interests. This year, in collaboration with Torrington High School, we hosted our inaugural Pathways Expo, where 46 students received valuable career advice from local professionals.

Thanks to generous donations to the Ruth Chadwick Care Closet, we provided emergency assistance to 10 families in need. Additionally, we continue to offer a support group for grandparents and other relatives who are raising children, providing them with the resources and community they need.

Thank you for your unwavering support of Brooker Memorial's mission. We firmly believe that every child deserves to be happy, healthy, and thriving. Together, we can ensure that each child is prepared for lifelong success, one smile at a time.

With gratitude, Christine M. Emery

Christina Emery Executive Director





I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Cathy Coyle, who led Brooker Memorial with her enthusiasm, vision, and steadfast leadership for 20 years. Her support and friendship have been invaluable, especially during this year of transition. Thank you, Cathy, for making such a lasting impact on our families.

Pediatric Dental Center

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF PEDIATRIC DENTAL CARE

Brooker Memorial recently celebrated 30 years of providing high-quality dental care to children, regardless of the family's ability to pay. Dr. Isadore Temkin, a well-known Torrington dentist, saw a growing trend of families unable to afford oral health care for their children and approached our Board with the idea of creating a pediatric dental center. A generous gift from the Temkin family allowed Brooker Memorial to purchase medical equipment and instruments, an x-ray unit, and renovate space for the clinic. The dental center was dedicated in April 1994 in honor of Dr. Abraham Temkin, a respected and beloved local dentist, and brother to Dr. Isadore Temkin.

The clinic continues to grow, providing more than 9,100 visits last year to 4,726 patients in our Torrington dental center and at ten public schools. We are grateful for the generosity, knowledge, and interest shared by the Temkins in 1994 and for their dedication to our mission today.



IN-SCHOOL DENTAL CARE

In addition to providing care in our Torrington center, our dental staff provide oral health education and hygiene visits to students throughout the Torrington and Region One school districts. Generous funding from Foundation for Community Health, and Delta Dental, allowed Brooker to provide 2,978 students with oral health education and 688 students with preventative dental services in convenient school-based settings. Our hygienist provides educational materials, hands out goodie bags, and educates students on the importance of brushing, flossing, and healthy snacks. Services offered include dental cleanings, fluoride treatments, a caries risk assessment to determine if cavities are present, and if needed, sealants. This has become critical to families that cannot bring children to daytime appointments at Brooker due to transportation or scheduling barriers and allows children to spend more time in the classroom rather than leaving school for dental appointments.





After 17 dedicated years, we bid a heartfelt farewell to our Dental Director, Dr. Karanki, who has relocated with her family out of state. Dr. Karanki's tenure at Brooker Memorial has been marked by her unwavering commitment to delivering compassionate and skilled dental care, always prioritizing the comfort of our young patients. Beyond her role at Brooker, Dr. Karanki made significant contributions to the broader community by volunteering at numerous Mission of Mercy events in Connecticut and Guatemala, and serving as the past co-chair of the Litchfield County Oral Health Collaborative, working tirelessly to enhance access to dental care for all. Dr. Karanki's leadership, expertise, and dedication will be deeply missed. Her smile and compassionate care have left a lasting impact on our community, and we wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

PROMOTING ORAL HEALTH

Brooker staff are dedicated to educating local families about the importance of fostering good dental habits from an early age and ensuring regular dental visits. During National Children's Dental Health Month in February, staff educate our community in fun and creative ways. A dental hygienist spends a morning at KidsPlay Children's Museum reading stories and offering free dental screenings. We also invite every youngster in our Child Care Center to visit the dental clinic, take a ride in the dental chair, and let the hygienist count their teeth. Staff visit local pre-schools to read stories, do a special art project, talk about the importance of visiting the dentist and what happens at a visit, and illustrate how to brush teeth properly. Our goal is to help children maintain healthy smiles for a lifetime by installing essential practices early on.



PATIENT HAS SADLY COME
TO AN END. We've seen each
other through 20 years and I can
happily say I've never been afraid
to go to the dentist. Thank you for
letting me hold a mirror during
scary procedures, and for giving me
sunglasses at every visit to protect
my eyes and feel cool. Thank you for
keeping my teeth happy and healthy
throughout my childhood! *9 –BD

Advocating for Expanded Access

As designated by the State of CT Department of Social Services as a safety net pediatric dental clinic, Brooker is committed to equitable access to oral health services for all. 85% of our patient population is either receiving Husky insurance, or uninsured, making us the largest provider of dental care to low-income children throughout the region. As costs for dentists, dental clinicians, program supplies, insurance, and utilities have increased, the gap between reimbursement and expenses has widened. Despite increasing costs, Husky rates have been flat since 2007. We have been advocating state officials to increase the pediatric dental rate for community safety net providers so we can continue to reach more at-risk children in need of these critical services.

Child Care & Early Learning Center

AUTHOR & FRIEND VISIT CHILD CARE

In December our Child Care Center had a visit from author Rick Arruzza and his pal Dexter. Connecticut author Rick has written a series of books for young readers about his real-life rescue dogs Sparky and Dexter. Rick and Dexter visit schools and child care centers throughout Connecticut and beyond to promote literacy and pet adoption. They perform book readings, and share stories and pictures about the stars of the books. Rick donates a portion of each book sale to Greenwich, CT animal rescue Adopt-A-Dog and several other animal rescue agencies. Our kids loved the interactive story reading, and especially loved the opportunity to pet and scratch Dexter! He was such a good boy!

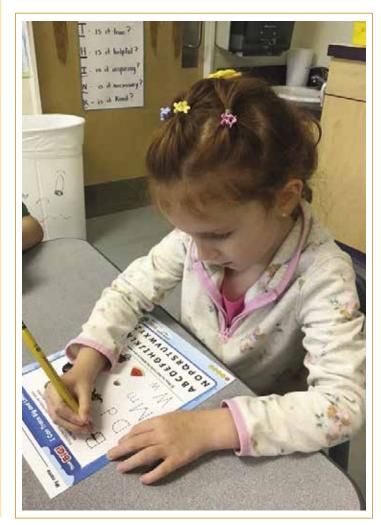
INTERGENERATIONAL FUN

The preschool students continue to be welcomed annually to Keystone Place at Newbury Brook for a fun Halloween celebration. The children have the opportunity to ride a bus and arrive dressed in their Halloween costumes. The residents and staff of Keystone dress up and decorate their hall for the children to trick-or-treat, do crafts, and sing songs. We truly enjoy this annual intergenerational activity!



Nursery Anniversary

In the fall of 2014 we piloted a Nursery School Program in the child care center, and 10 years later it is still going strong! The program was developed for families who do not need a full day of care for their child, but want them to have a structured early learning experience to prepare them for school. The Nursery School program runs 3-4 mornings per week from September - June. Children work on early literacy, math, and science through developmentally appropriate activities both indoors and out. Nursery School provides children opportunities to learn and practice social skills, follow instructions, and begin the foundation for learning that will occur in elementary school. The program consistently receives excellent feedback from families, and many of our subsequent enrollment has been siblings of students who previously completed the program.





NATIONAL CELEBRATION OF CHILDREN

National Association for the Education of Young Children first established the Week of the Young Child in 1971, recognizing that the early childhood years (birth - age 8) lay the foundation for children's success in school and later life. Each year in April our child care center participates in this national event to bring attention to the importance of children's earliest years in shaping their learning and development. Week of the Young Child features designated themes for each day of the week. Music Monday was celebrated with a karaoke dance party. Tasty Tuesday brought us a visit from the ice cream truck! On Work Together Wednesday the children participated in a bubblemania group project, and created sidewalk art on Artsy Thursday. Finally, Family Friday was celebrated with a Family Memory table. Brooker is proud to be part of a larger community that works to support children in their new development.





PARTNERS FOR PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT

This year our Early Learning and Child Care Center partnered with the Early Childhood Consultation Partnership (ECCP), to participate in their Core Classroom service. The ECCP is a strengths-based, mental health consultation program, that helps support the social-emotional needs of children. ECCP staff work with teachers in the classroom over the course of six weeks to provide classroom-wide social, emotional or behavioral supports, overall classroom enhancement, and hands on strategies. Teachers welcomed the opportunity to work with a Master's-level mental health professional to expand their knowledge and skills.

Pathways to Success



Brooker Memorial's Pathways to Success program offers aptitude testing and career counseling to high-school students. With generous funding by our Board of Managers, the Women and Girls Fund of the Northwest CT Community Foundation, and the City of Torrington Community Impact Grant, we helped 48 students last year identify their natural-born talents. Our goal is to provide the tools needed to set them up for a pathway of success as they leave high school.

Students from Torrington High School are selected to attend an intensive day-long series of aptitude tests at the Johnson O'Connor (JOC) Research Foundation in Boston. After completion, they attend a virtual session with their parents, and staff from JOC and Brooker to review their aptitudes and learn what career fields they may find both enjoyable and successful.

In May 2023, a Pathways Expo was offered at Torrington High School to introduce students to local professionals and potential mentors in various occupational fields that matched their testing results. Students had the opportunity to ask questions, gain insight into the day-to-day aspects of these careers, learn about the necessary education or training, and discover how they can prepare themselves for success.

We are grateful for the following professionals who donated time to meet with the students and look forward to the continued growth of the Pathways program:

Chuck Beyer- Retired School Administrator
Allison Blackwood- President/CEO, AEI
John Capobianco- NW Region Senior Vice President, Hartford
HealthCare

Joanna Cyr- Associate Professor of Nursing, CT State Community College (Women's and Girls Fund Representative)

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Family Support

RELATIVES AS PARENTS PROGRAM (RAPP)

Brooker Memorial's Relatives as Parents Program is a support group for family members who are raising children who are not biologically their own. This program offers caregivers an opportunity to connect with others in similar situations, providing support, resources, and a sense of community. Whether it's navigating legal processes, finding educational resources, or simply sharing experiences, this program provides a safe space for those who find themselves in unique situations raising and supporting a child. Brooker is looking forward to expanding the program to meet the growing need in the community.

RUTH CHADWICK CARE CLOSET

Brooker has been supporting children and families in the community for over IOO years. Sometimes families find themselves needing a little help from time to time due to various reasons such as loss of employment, death in the family, illness, fire, and other causes. Brooke is fortunate to have the Ruth Chadwick Care Closet, in memory of Ruth Chadwick, a board member, corporator, and volunteer of Brooker. Through the care closet, we are able to help families with monetary or material support. The funds from the care closet are used for both one-time needs and for providing Christmas gifts to families in our programs identified by Brooker staff.

Testimonials from RAPP participants

"I love this group of people I've come to admire. Not only do we lend a listening ear for each other but we all have a common bond in that we all have struggles when it comes to raising our grandkids. What a wonderful feeling to have a place to come to and feel so much a part of. I love my RAPP family!" - KM



"This group is a part of my family. Just being with other grandparents raising grandchildren, I know I'm not alone. We discuss our struggles, our joy and how to find resources for different situations. We enjoy coming together." - CG

"It's so nice to know I'm not alone. Everyone in the group is so supportive and uplifting. I've also found speakers on topics such as the law and available services very helpful." -JC



Litchfield Hills Brewfest

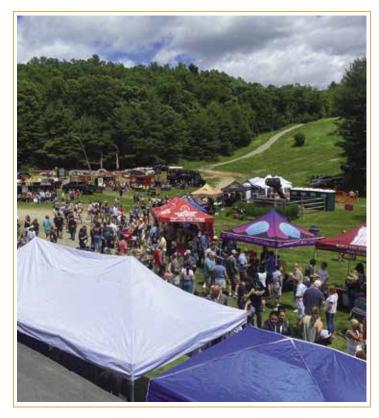


Brooker Memorial and St. Maron Church collaborated to host the 13th Annual Litchfield Hills Brewfest. We are grateful to our hosts, Ski Sundown, presenting sponsor, Torrington Savings Bank, and everyone who contributed by sponsoring, attending, or volunteering to make this another successful event. Over 1,900 beer enthusiasts and community supporters enjoyed a variety of tastings from more than 85 esteemed microbreweries, wine and spirit vendors.

Proceeds from the BrewFest support:

- Child care enrichment programs like yoga, music, and gardening
- Financial assistance for children in need of dental care that lack insurance
- Funding for our in-school dental clinics at ten public schools
- Social gatherings for participants in our Relatives as Parents Program
- Emergency support to Brooker families through our Ruth Chadwick Care Closet

This event would not have been possible without the dedication of the BrewFest Committee, led by co-chairs Michael Nejaime and Lisa Ferris.



FAREWELL TO A FRIEND

In July, Lisa Ferris, our Dental Program Manager and Director of Community Relations departed to take on the leadership of the United Way of Northwest, CT. We are grateful for her seven years of dedication to our families as she worked to grow pediatric dental services, expand awareness of Brooker programs, partner with our Corporators, and fundraise to support our mission. We wish Lisa all the best in her new role and are grateful that she will continue to make a difference in the community.



Phase 2 Building Project

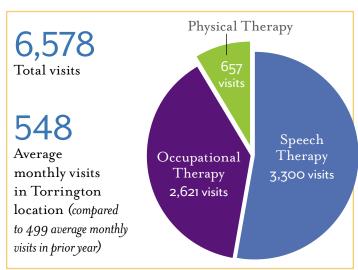
When Brooker Memorial renovated its existing building in 2015, 3,500 square feet of unfinished space was included on the second floor, anticipating that it would be completed when a community need for the space was identified. The growing demand for pediatric therapy provided onsite by our partner, Cheshire Fitness Zone, was just that need.

The second phase of the building project involved constructing an egress stairwell to meet fire code requirements and fully utilize the space. The completed area now boasts two gyms, a kitchen, six treatment rooms, clinical offices, and a waiting room to accommodate families seeking pediatric occupational, speech, physical, and feeding therapy. Additionally, the project included the installation of new ADA-accessible restrooms and expanded parking facilities.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our Board of Managers for their commitment to this project, and we appreciate the generous support from the State of Connecticut's Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) for project financing.



TORRINGTON PEDIATRIC THERAPY AT BROOKER – powered by Cheshire Fitness Zone





We'll Miss You Cathy!

In February, Cathy Coyle retired with 20 years of service as Brooker Memorial's Executive Director. Cathy devoted herself to our mission of preparing children for lifelong success. Her steadfast leadership led to achieving 90% growth in the number of children receiving dental care, expanding access to oral health services and education in school-based settings, and introducing new programs such as Relatives as Parents, and Pathways to Success. She played a pivotal role in both the 2015 building project which expanded and modernized program areas, and the 2024 renovation

which added 3,800 SF of space for Torrington Pediatric Therapy, powered by Cheshire Fitness Zone. Her combination of compassion and expertise was instrumental in growing an organization that continues to impact thousands of families.













Volunteers

Brooker is fortunate to have a dedicated group of board members, community supporters, corporators, staff, and parents who share their time and talents with us. Volunteers help in various ways, including sprucing up our gardens, shopping for child care snacks, assembling dental goodie bags, and staffing the annual BrewFest. We are grateful for the following who volunteered over 400 hours last fiscal year:

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In addition to revenue from child care tuition, insurance payments for dental services, and investment income, Brooker is grateful for a community that supports our mission of preparing children for a lifetime of success. We acknowledge the following individuals, businesses, and organizations, for their donations made between July I, 2023, and June 30, 2024.

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Foundation for Community Health

(Region 1 and Botelle in-school dental program and purchase of a new portable dental unit)

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The Abraham & Joann Temkin Memorial Fund

(In honor of Brooker Memorial 30th Anniversary of the Pediatric Dental Center)

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(Torrington Public School in-school dental program)

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We would like to gratefully acknowledge the many individuals who have supported Brooker Memorial over the years with bequests & other legacy gifts. Their thoughtful planning and generosity have been instrumental in Brooker's success.

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The Leon and Jennie E. Meyer Fund was established as an endowed fund in 2020 with an initial gift from Len and Wendy Tam. In the past year the following people made gifts to this fund:

Ms. Maryann S. Flanagan Mr. & Mrs. Paul Nebiolo Hamlin Mr. Len Meyer & Ms. Wendy Tam Ms. Rosemarie Meyer &
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Mr. Steven Russo
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THE GISSELBRECHT FAMILY FUND

The Gisselbrecht Family Fund was established in March of 2023 in memory of Walter G. and Evelyn Geisselbrecht by their daughter Ann G. Amicone to continue serving Brooker and the community for years to come. In the past year the following made gifts:

In memory of Brianna Hope Ferris
Ms. Lisa A. Ferris & Mr. Lance Leifert

Donors who contributed between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024 are included in our Annual Report. We have made every effort to list all names correctly and sincerely apologize for any omissions or errors.

Community Support

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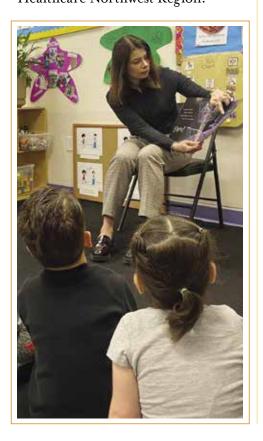
OUT OF STATE

Rick & Caitlin Boger-Hawkins

*Deceased

Welcome Christina!

In February 2024, we welcomed Christina Emery as Brooker's new Executive Director, following the retirement of Cathy Coyle. Christina brings more than 20 years of experience in community and non-profit sectors. Her previous roles include Executive Director of Prime Time House, Director of Development for LARC, and Director of Economic Development for the City of Torrington. A dedicated community advocate, Christina is also an active member of the Rotary Club of the Torrington and Winsted Areas and serves on several boards, including the Torrington Development Corporation, the Cultural District Committee, and the Hartford Healthcare Northwest Region.



Staff 2023-2024

This year we are pleased to congratulate the following employees who reached milestone anniversaries: Rylei Abraham, Dental Assistant (5 years), and Jennifer Dupill, Dental Assistant (25 years).



ADMINISTRATION

Christina Emery, Executive Director Marcia L. Geddes, Operations Manager Kaitlyn Graboski, Marketing and Program Coordinator

CHILD CARE & LEARNING CENTER

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- * 5+ YEARS OF SERVICE
- ** 10+ YEARS OF SERVICE
- *** 15+ YEARS OF SERVICE
- **** 20+ YEARS OF SERVICE
- ***** 25+ YEARS OF SERVICE
- ***** 30+ YEARS OF SERVICE

Financials & Statistics

CHILD CARE HIGHLIGHTS



64 children were provided child care services by Brooker last year.



 $43_{\rm families}$ paid 100% of their tuition.



4 foster children had their tuition paid by The Department of Children & Families.



17 families
received tuition
assistance from
Connecticut's Care 4
Kids program



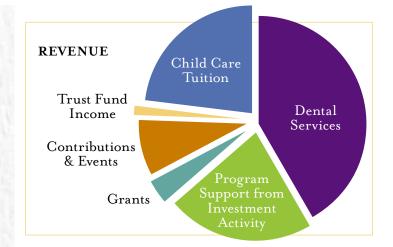
The number of families Brooker assisted with scholarship funds.

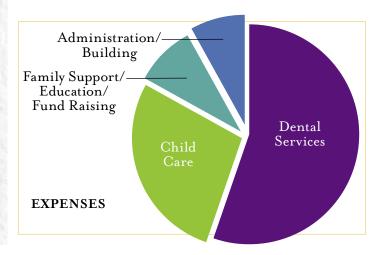


The combined years of experience of the Child Care Center's 12 staff members!

FINANCIAL REPORT

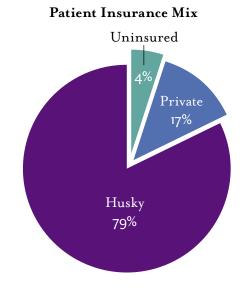
FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024*	
REVENUE	
Dental Services	\$1,048,446
Child Care Tuition	555,18
Grants	87,716
Contributions & Events	205,469
Trust Fund Income	38,240
Program Support from	
Investment Activity	575,313
TOTAL REVENUE	\$2,510,365
EXPENSES	
Dental Services	\$1,378,895
Child Care	707,190
Family Support/Education/Fund Raisin	ag 227,802
Administration/Building	196,478
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,510,365
YEAR END NET	\$0
* Unaudited statement	

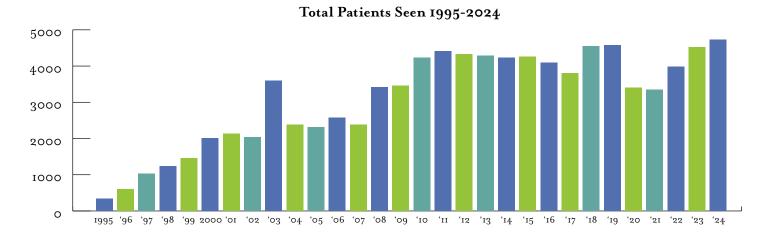


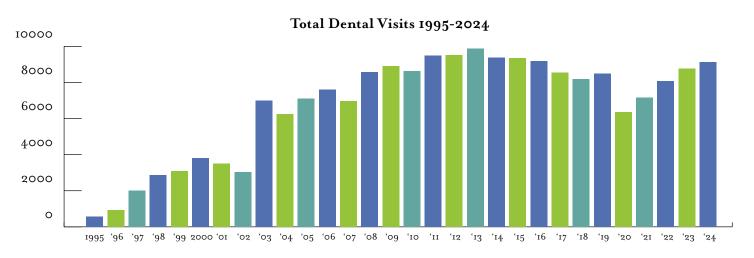


DENTAL CARE HIGHLIGHTS

Pediatric Dental Center	2023-2024
Total unduplicated patients seen at the Dental Center & at Schools	4,726
Total Patient Visits at the Dental Center and at Schools	9,138
Total dentist visits	2,782
Total hygienist visits at the Dental Center and at Schools	6,356
Percent of uninsured patients	4%
Percent of patients insured by Private Ins	17%
Percent of patients insured by Husky	79%









Our Mission:

To prepare children for life-long success through education, health services, family support and programs of excellence.

