

### **Types of Services**

The Dental Hygiene Program has an on-site dental hygiene clinic. The Dental Hygiene Patient Care Facility is a teaching facility that adheres to the most current sterilization techniques. Students under the supervision of Licensed Dentist and Dental Hygienist provide all treatment.

### **Treatment at Hostos Dental Hygiene Patient Care Facility consist of:**

- Thorough Medical and Dental history
- Vital signs recordings (temperature, respiration, pulse, blood pressure)
- Dental Health Education
- Oral Inspection
- Oral Cancer Screening
- Gingival Assessment
- Periodontal Charting (when indicated)
- Hard Tissue Charting (when indicated)
- Oral Prophylaxis (cleaning)
- Dental Radiographs (when indicated)
- Application of Decay Preventing Agents, e.g., sealants and fluoride treatment (when indicated)
- Nutritional Assessment and Tobacco Cessation (when indicated)

Patients in need of further treatment will be referred to their own dentist or neighboring dental clinics.

### **Duration of Treatment:**

Appointments are normally two (2-3) hours in duration. Our services require more than one visit in order to provide comprehensive dental hygiene care.

The first visit consist of acquiring Medical and Dental Histories and the necessary evaluations to provide the care needed. A legal guardian **MUST** accompany minors under 18 years.

### **Patient Bill of Rights**

All patients are entitled to:

- Dental hygiene services without regard to age, race, color, sexual orientation, religion, marital status, gender, national origin or health status.
- Competent, comprehensive and continuous dental hygiene treatment, which meets the standard of care in the profession at no cost to the patient.
- Considerate and respectful care.
- Confidentiality and privacy of all information and records pertaining to health status and treatment.
- An explanation of the services available at the dental hygiene clinic.
- Understandable information appropriate to your health, oral health status and treatment.
- Information necessary to give informed consent before the start of treatment, including an explanation of the possible risks, as well as alternate modes of treatment and their outcomes.
- Decline treatment and be fully informed of the risks associated with such action.

- Referral for treatment not provided at the dental hygiene clinic.
- Voice complaints about the care and services provided without fear of reprisal.