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# Power of Partnerships in Providing Access to Dental Care

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# What is OLMCOS?

- Community-based, social services nonprofit
- Poverty alleviation  $\longleftrightarrow$  Poverty eradication
- Whole person, wrap around services
- Community first
- Advocate, facilitate, catalyst for change
- Largest nonprofit serving Sea Islands



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# Our Mission

To provide educational, health and direct outreach services to people in need on James, Johns and Wadmalaw Islands and at the Neighborhood House in Charleston, while encouraging and supporting self-sufficiency and self-esteem



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Today





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# Today





- 1300-1400 patients annually
- 100-200 new annually
- 13,000 procedures
- \$1.6 million in value of free services
- Only free dental clinic in 15 mile radius
- Expanded to screenings downtown for same reason started at Johns Island



- Periodontal
- Debridement
- Deep scaling
- Prophylaxis
- Flouride Treatment
- Restorative care
- CEREC Crown
- Endodontics
- Oral Surgical Care
- Oral Health Education



- Relationship with dental schools
- DOCA credits hours for endo students
- Early intervention dental care in first trimester
- Chairside screenings at ER dental
- Downtown screenings and follow-up



# Collaborations

- MUSC
- Trident Technical College of Dentistry
- Barrier Island Medical
- Catholic Charities
- Patterson Dental
- Free dental clinics
- Local Churches
- Private Dentists
- ....and more



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# Positive Health Outcomes

- Reduction in ER visits
- Dental home
- Success!
  - Stories
  - Practices
- Wrap Services



- Expand case management (social workers)
- Enhance presence downtown
- Adapt to changing demographics – where is the need?