



Patricia Seagriff-Curtin, D.D.S.
Director of WIHD Dental Services

Dr. Seagriff-Curtin joined WIHD in 1993 as a part-time general dentist

providing all phases of general dentistry to individuals with developmental disabilities. Prior to joining WIHD, she was an associate in several private dental practices in New York. In 1999 she was appointed the Director of WIHD Dental Services. She is a member of the American Dental Association, Ninth District Dental Society and Special Care Dentistry.

Some of Dr. Seagriff-Curtin’s activities include:

- 1) Secured funding from the Kennedy Foundation for a pilot study using PDA technology to improve the oral health of adults with mental retardation.
- 2) Researched the leasing of a Mobile Dental Van to provide dental services to more rural communities in the upper Hudson Valley area.
- 3) Participated in the Annual Kid’s Fair for the Children’s Hospital of Westchester Medical Center with games that educated parents and children on the importance of good oral health.
- 4) Coordinated the 1st Special Smiles Program (oral screenings of each special athlete) at the Westchester/ Putnam Special Olympics event in May 2002.

As one of 67 University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities in the nation, WIHD serves as a unique resource in the areas of disability and human development. WIHD advances policies and practices that foster the healthy development and ensure the safety of all children, strengthen families & communities, and promote health & well-being among people with disabilities and special health care needs.

For appointments or for more information on our programs and services, please call Beverley Forbes at 914.493.8081 or 8137

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SPECIAL CARE DENTAL SERVICE PROGRAM



Providing a full range of services for children and adults with communication disorders



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Special Care Dental Services Program

At the WIHD Dental Center, we specialize in providing the best dental care for people with special needs (who can be especially apprehensive) as well as for kids living in group homes. Our mobile dental van features two fully-equipped dental suites to provide the special care needed for people unable to travel to our Center.

*Dr. Patricia Seagriff,
WIHD Dental Services
Director: "Special
Care Dentistry is
essential for main-
taining the health of
people with special
needs."*



There are two state-of-the-art dental rooms on-site at our convenient location on the campus of the Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla, NY. Led by Dr. Patricia Seagriff, Dental Services Director at WIHD, the services provided here are unique and an essential for those with intellectual and physical disabilities, as well as for anyone who is particularly anxious about being treated by a dentist. In addition to providing general dentistry such as cleanings, fluoride treatments and fillings, there is also out-patient, oral pre-medication, same day surgery and the option of IV sedation and general anesthesia.

Our goal at the WIHD Dental Center is to change the way our clients view going to the dentist. Our appointments are on time, and we can provide free transportation, and appointment reminders.

Our services include:

- All phases of general dentistry (cleanings, fillings, X-rays)
- Outpatient oral pre-medication for special needs patients and anyone else who is apprehensive about a dental visit
- Intravenous (IV) sedation (conscious sedation) and/or General Anesthesia (GA) for special needs patients unable to be treated with out-patient oral pre-medication in the clinic setting
- Ambulatory Surgery (same day surgery) is sometimes required to meet dental needs

Dental Van

The Mobile Dental Van is an extension of the same quality dental care provided at the WIHD Dental Center. This convenient service offers dental services for individuals from agencies, group homes and schools at various locations throughout the Hudson Valley Region.

