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## Conquering Homelessness: A Reason To Smile

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“Conquering Homelessness:

A Reason To Smile”

By Ramzy Lotfi

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## Background & General Concept

My thesis project is an introspective approach to understanding homelessness and poverty through community service. It is an exploratory project with the homeless youth population. I have experience with this population through my Major Works/ Major Issues course of which I took in the spring of 2010. For this course I interviewed homeless youth and created a preliminary video that was to be submitted to for the Pepsi Grant to try to win funding to assist with developing a homeless youth transitional program. There were so many life lessons I had gotten from this project— the youth and I—we were the same age, yet they had gone through so many more experiences that I could not even imagine and they were able to overcome so many obstacles in their life. It made me think if I would be here, now, without the support of my friends and family? Through my Major Works/ Major Issues class I met Maria. Maria has this smile that is so contagious; when she smiles you just cannot help but smile too. And her eyes always light up every time she spoke about her dream of becoming a famous movie director/writer. Then when I interviewed her, suddenly her demeanor changed, a complete 180, she was serious, as she was reliving memories better forgotten. As she told her story of loss, fear, and disappointment, it brought tears to her eyes and my eyes. Then she wiped them, took a deep breath and smiled again. She and all the other youth were an inspiration. It was something I could not get out of my mind. So much so that

after I had finished my Major Works/ Major Issues Course I wanted to create my Honors Thesis project around how I can help this demographic. Also, as a pre-dental student I wanted to combine my passion for dentistry with this need to help these youth. So for my honors thesis I created a dental health database for social workers to use to find free or reduced dental care for disadvantaged teens (teens who were previously homeless or are currently homeless) mainly in the Hillsborough county/ Tampa area. As a pre-dental student I know the importance of a smile. It is the epitome of confidence and overall contentment in one's own skin. For homeless youth oral hygiene is probably not on the top of their priority list, if even at all. So for those making the transition back into society they have already overcome so much, so they should have every reason to smile, but years of neglecting their teeth could be holding them back. I want to give them back their smiles.

Through the Lazydays Center for Youth Development I was *originally* planning an event for spring 2011 where I wanted to have dentists and potentially groups of dental students come out and provide free dental care for the youth of this program. But in trying to do this I was confronted with many problems. I found out that there is a liability issue with dental student's serving outside of their school or approved clinics. Also I learned that some dentists would rather be anonymous in their community service, so this kind of event could not be publicized—which is an obstacle when wanting to get other groups to get on board. Then after speaking with Ms. Kathy

Wiggins, a social worker and an employee with the LazyDays Center for Youth Development she helped me form a new direction. From our conversation I had realized that my idea for an event is not sustainable and would more than likely not be able to continue when I graduate so I had to reorganize my idea. I decided that I could then create a dental health care database for social workers, like Kathy, to utilize to find free or reduced dental care for disadvantaged teens (teens who were previously homeless or are currently homeless) in the Tampa Bay area.

# Thesis

True joy is on the face of a child; children have the most natural smiles. How do you go about describing a smile like that? It is the kind of smile that builds up from deep inside of you and that stems from a series of mixed but positive emotions. You may simultaneously have feelings of happiness, joy, confidence, or just an excitement and you just cannot contain it any longer—as a result the ends of your lips begin to curl up and you flash those pearly whites to the world as a way to communicate those good feels. Now imagine that you are embarrassed from your teeth after years of neglect, and now when you are filled with these emotions you find yourself suppressing that reaction by not allowing it to occur or covering your mouth at the first sign of those feelings. Unfortunately though, that may be the cause for many people because in a report released by the US government in June 2010, there is estimated 45 million Americans do not have dental insurance. That is 45 million people that may be holding themselves back from truly being happy and free to express that emotion.

Now imagine you are a teenager and homeless. YES, I said homeless; I know what you are thinking. When it comes to homelessness there are many stereotype and often,



Picture from  
[lifeuphiah.blogspot.com](http://lifeuphiah.blogspot.com)

the first image that comes to your mind is of a middle aged man with worn out and tattered clothes, with scruffy beard, and he might be on the side of the road holding a sign... if you close your eye, can you see this man?

Most of us do, and perhaps have seen him before since it is a fact that single men comprise the largest percent of homelessness, however they are not the only demographic in homelessness. Homeless youth are sometimes a lost demographic in our society. If you are a student, when someone says the words homeless, who are you least likely to imagine? Your friends, your classmates, yourself...? But when the school bell rings not everyone has a home to go to. Here, in the State of Florida there are 47,918 homeless children that were identified in the 2009-2010 school year by the Florida Department of Education and out of that near 50,000 students more than 1 out of 10 are identified as unaccompanied youth. Additionally, one must realize these numbers do not include any youth that are outside of our education system. With that being said, the numbers are probably much higher. An unaccompanied youth trying to navigate their way through society can be quite difficult—let alone trying to understand how our health care system works to be able to utilize it.

As one can probably imagine, when it comes your survival you only think about your immediate needs, i.e., food, water, shelter, clothing,...so your teeth are definitely not going to be top priority. However, in long term, a continued disregard of one's oral health can lead to a wide variety of serious health issues from simple cavities to tooth



decay, gum disease, and gingivitis. Additionally, people forget that the mouth is the gateway to the rest of the body and poor oral health has been linked to various other diseases, such as the recent connection made between oral health and heart disease (Harvard Health 2007). So there is a real reason to address this issue. Another study in 2005, gave a survey to 55 homeless youth and they were asked to self-assess their dental and oral health. The results showed that 52.6% reported having sensitive teeth, 48.6% reported have tooth discoloration, 38.5% reported having toothaches, and 37.8% reported having a broken tooth (Chi 2008). Again, this study is just based on their own perceptions, whereas professional dental x-rays could find a series of additional hidden problems that are not readily seen or felt. So what are homeless youth supposed to do?

Let's go back to the original prompt; imagine you are a teenager and homeless. You have started to get severe pain in your teeth or you may have just been very self-conscious about the appearance of you smile, so you are trying to look for dental care. You quickly figure out that it will be costly, but especially if you are having pain you cannot easily give up searching. You may have been able to find out that a program called Medicaid may actually cover a good portion of the dental expenses, but how do you know which clinics or offices accept Medicaid? Furthermore, some dental offices may have certain limitation to the services they will accept Medicaid for. Also, if you are a minor you will need to have a parent or guardian to sign the form, but if you are on

your own who will sign it? So now where do you go from here; you really need someone with the resources that can help you navigate this system.

Luckily in Tampa a new homeless teen drop in center has been created. It is called the Lazydays Youth Development Center. It has the mission of providing a safe haven for youth between the ages for 16-22. It guides them through the many services of community and helps them reach their potential through education. In helping with their mission I have created a dental health care database that can be used by their social workers to find you reduced dental care from many community partners.

I began creating the database at the end of the Fall of 2010. I started by calling local known reduced clinics in the area and pitching to them my idea and gauging their interest. I worked with Mrs. Wiggins to develop a professional sounding and to-the-point script to use during my phone calls:

## Phone Script

Hello, my name is Ramzy Lotfi and I am a pre-dental student at the University of South Florida. I am calling to seek your assistance with my “senior year thesis project” which is a service based project focused exploring what dental resources are available to “at-risk teens” between the ages of 16 to 22 and hopefully to create new connections in the community willing to help this population. Some of these teens are currently homeless or were homeless at some time. Typically these youth have poor oral and dental health. This year the new **LazyDays Youth Development Center** was created which is “homeless teen drop-in center” for youth who are not in the fostercare system and lack parental support and a consistent place to sleep---but with the determination to have a brighter future.

\*\*With that said, I am working with them on creating an interest list to find dental community partners that may be interested in helping with this program. If this is something your organization could be interested in could I get the email for the best contact person that I could send more information about this new community initiative?

A.) If you are not interested in being a part of this initiative, do you know another dentist or clinic that might be interested?

B.) Also just for our records do you accept Medicaid?

Thank you for your time.

After a few calls I had the script down and I was getting more comfortable talking to people about the project. Despite my comfort however, I quickly found that this was not going to be an easy task; many times people were unsure if they wanted to participate, or they had to forward me to another person, so I was constantly making my way through multiple contacts for the same facility, or they were just unavailable and I had to leave a voicemail—which I rarely received a response back from. Still I was diligent and jumped through a lot of hoops to get to a solid contact. When I finally made my pitch to the right contact I felt it necessary to put them on a scale to remember their immediate response. The scale was numbered 1-4, where “1” signified strong positive interest, “2” signified mild interest, “3” signified a positive response but unsure if they were interested, and “4” signified a negative response or not interested. If they *could* be even remotely interested (#1-3) I usually requested to have the email for their main contact so I could send them additional information. The email that I sent to them came in the form of a simple questionnaire:

## Email Questionnaire

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

My name is Ramzy Lotfi and I am an Honors Student at the University of South Florida. I am currently working on my Honor's Thesis and would greatly appreciate your input. My thesis is a service based—I am creating a free or reduced dental health care database for social workers to utilize when assisting *at risk youth* between the ages for 16-22. These are youth who are currently homeless or were homeless at some time.

If you could just answer the following questions it would be much appreciated:

1.) Does your clinic and/or program currently offer or be willing to offer free or reduced dental services for this age group?

2.) If your answer to the above question was yes please include:

- Address(s) of your facility:
- Hours of Operation:
- The phone number of the facility:
- Email of the best contact person:
- Website of facility (if you have one):

3.) Also just for our records does your facility accept Medicaid?

Thank you sincerely for your time,

Ramzy Lotfi

*Undergraduate Student at the University of South Florida*

From there I built my database based on the answers I received from the questionnaire—which included all pertinent information of the facility such as: the facility’s location(s), hours of operation, services provided, their phone number, the email of their main contact, their website (if they have one), whether or not they accept Medicaid, and I added an “additional notes” section with any information they gave me that I felt would be important to the social workers to know. I was surprised because all of the clinics that seemed “unsure” before readily answered the questionnaire and sent me their information to be included in the database. So the questionnaire was pretty effective. After all this work had about 10 solid clinics in the database, which was a good start but I really felt like I needed more resources. So when I began my second semester of thesis, I wanted to acquire more contacts, so I first began by doing a great deal of online research to find email contacts for other free/reduced clinics, dental hygiene schools, and private practices that were in the area. I mainly tried to search for facilities that already accepted Medicaid to make this database more useful.

Furthermore, after seeing the positive reaction to the questionnaire I skipped the initial “interest list” and just started sending the questionnaire to everyone I could find. I was able to locate a few really good websites that helped me to find those additional email contacts. For the dental hygiene school I found a great site that listed all the schools in Florida: [http://healthguideusa.org/dentalhygiene/dental\\_hygiene\\_programs.htm](http://healthguideusa.org/dentalhygiene/dental_hygiene_programs.htm). One of the best websites I found to search for dentists is: <http://healthprofs.com/>, which is good

for any health professional. To find dentists I specifically went to the dentist search ([http://dentists.healthprofs.com/cam/prof\\_search.php](http://dentists.healthprofs.com/cam/prof_search.php) ), and it is such a good site because it allows you to refine your search based on the services you need, the specialist you would like to see, the insurance they accepts, etc.! It also has a website mailer so you can contact the dentists directly from the site. Other than these two websites I most of the other contacts came from a lot of searching on Google.com (<http://www.google.com/>) and Superpages.com (<http://www.superpages.com/>) and similar sites. From the near hundred contacts I sent the questionnaire to the database now currently lists more than twenty community resources from clinics to college hygiene programs to a couple private practices in the area. The breakdown is 14 free/reduced clinics, 5 dental hygiene schools, 2 private practices. To be honest, this is far less than I had hoped for it is still a decent set of resources. The majority of the contacts were either nonresponsive, gave me negative response or were no longer in service; which was the reality for 74 of my contacts. But on a positive note almost all of the clinics and dental hygiene schools that I contacted actually did respond! It was just the private practices that were the biggest group contacted and the most unresponsive. I have a few theories for this based on my conversations with Mrs. Wiggins and feedback from some of the groups. Sometime dentists, especially ones with private practices that make their livelihood of their business, are less likely to submit their information for a database because out of fear that it could go out to the general public (other than those

the information it is intended for) and numerous people will come to them expecting a discount and they may not be able to afford discounts for large groups of people.

Although, this scenario is a likely and understandable, but I was still disappointed with the amount responses from private practices. It really made me reflect on my personal career in dentistry and what I could do. So when I am a dentist my plan is to have two practices; one that is a normal private practice and another that is a free/reduced walk-in clinic to help those that are in need of dental care that would otherwise be unable to afford it. This way I will still be able to provide for my family, while separately doing my part to help my community. I believe when someone has a skill in the health care field it is their responsibility to help those who are in need of your services regardless of their situation. To me health care is not a business, but rather a way to care for others when they are suffering, this humanitarian cause is what drives me. Through the Lazydays Youth Development program these youth will get the help they need to access the services that are vital for them and the opportunity at a bright future through education—*and my hope is just that they smile the whole way.*

Furthermore this project would not become complete if it was not sustainable so I recommend that the database participants are contacted every 6 month or yearly for updated information. A good template to use would be:



## Follow Up Email Questionnaire

Hello \_\_\_\_\_,

Our records show that you or a fellow coworker has submitted general information about your dental facility to be included in the LazyDays Youth Development Center Dental Health Care Database. The LazyDays Youth Development Center assists youth between the ages for 16-22 that are currently homeless or were homeless at some time.

Our Database currently states that:

- Your Facility is located at: \_\_\_\_\_
- Your Hours of Operation are: \_\_\_\_\_
- The phone number of your facility is: \_\_\_\_\_
- The name/email of the best contact person is:
  - Name: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Email \_\_\_\_\_
- The Website your facility is : \_\_\_\_\_
- & our records show you \_\_\_\_\_ accept Medicaid?

Please tell us if any of this information has changed or if you would like to learn more about us and how you can help our youth.

Thank you sincerely for your time,

~ Sender's Name

Senders Title

*As long as these contacts are followed up with I think this database will create strong partnerships with the Center and be able to give smiles to these youth for years to come.*

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## Business Name

### Free and/ or Reduced Clinics

Hillsborough County Dental Research Center  
Hillsborough County Health Dept  
Homeless Emergency Project \*\*\*  
Judeo Christian Health Clinic  
Mission Tampa Inc. aka "Mission Smiles"--MOBILE  
Suncoast Community Health Center- Plant City  
Suncoast Community Health Center Ruskin  
Suncoast Community Health Center-Dover  
Tampa Community Health Center- Lee Davis  
Tampa Family Health Center- E. Fowler  
Tampa Family Health Center- N. Florida Ave.  
Tampa Family Health Center- North 22nd Street  
Tampa Family Health Center- North Dale Mabry  
Tampa Family Health Center- Administration

### Hygienist Schools

Hillsborough Community College Dental Hygiene  
St. Petersburg College Dental Hygiene Program  
Florida State College at Jacksonville  
State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota  
Valenica College West Dental Hygiene

### Private Practice

Affordable Dentistry  
Brace Place

### facilities that were unresponsive, negative response or no longer provides service

Agoka Dental  
Dental Excellence of Brandon  
Dr. Abbey Patrick  
Dr. Angella Tomlinson

Dr. Brian R. Witt  
Dr. Casanova & Dr. Imhoff  
Dr. Charles Martin  
Dr. Christine Grant  
Dr. David Doering  
Dr. Douglass Genninger  
Dr. Ed Francisco  
Dr. Edgar Davila  
Dr. Edward Gonzalez  
Dr. Gary Steen  
Dr. Gregory Imhoff  
Dr. Gregory Stepanski  
Dr. Isolda Gamble  
Dr. Jacob Pedraza  
Dr. Jeffery Stuckert  
Dr. Jennifer Vincente  
Dr. John A & Dr. Derek M  
Dr. John Birchfield  
Dr. John Blecher  
Dr. Laz Kavouklis  
Dr. Lindsey Eastman  
Dr. Mark Goodnight  
Dr. Marta Rivera  
Dr. Mathew Johnson  
Dr. Max Gurely  
Dr. Merrell Williams  
Dr. Michael Vacher  
Dr. Randell A. Diez  
Dr. Randy Feldman  
Dr. Rawa Hassan  
Dr. Richard Assing

Dr. Richard Kernagis

Dr. Robert Ferrera

Dr. Robert Perez

Dr. Robyn Lesser

Dr. Ronald Pross

Dr. Sarah Jockin

Dr. Scott Weninger

Dr. Stephen Harkey

Dr. Thomas FrankFurth

Dr. Thomas Rubino

Dr. Thomas Yoho

Dr. Todd Wiener

Dr. Vivian DeLuca

Dr. Wesley Cowan

Dr. William Belton

Dr. William Jarmolych

Edison State College Dental Hygiene Program

Friendly Smiles

Great Expressions Dental Centers- Downtown Tampa

Great Expressions Dental Centers- East Busch Blvd

Great Expressions Dental Centers- Northside Tampa

Great Expressions Dental Centers- South Tampa

Great Expressions Dental Centers- Tampa Cross Creek

Great Expressions Dental Centers- Tampa Martin Luther King Blvd

Great Expressions Dental Centers- W Brandon Blvd

Lake Park Dental

Marsh Smiles

My Dentist

Orthodontic Specialists of Florida- New Tampa

Orthodontic Specialists of Florida- South Tampa

Orthodontic Specialists of Florida-North Tampa

Pasco-Hernando Community College Dental Hygiene Program

Pediatric Dentistry fo New Tampa

Pinellas County Health & Human Services Mobile Medical Unit

Smile Bright Dental

Smile Design Dentistry

Smile Fridays Hillsborough Community College Dental Clinic

Tampa Smiles

Tender Loving Dental Care-Family Dentistry

Thompson Dental at Trinity Health

Business Address

Business Address

2010 East Hillsborough Avenue

4704 B Montgomery Avenue, Tampa FL, 33613

1120 N. Betty Lane, Clearwater, FL 33755

4118 N. MacDill Avenue · Tampa, FL 33607

mobile clinic, check calendar for locations

508 North Maryland Avenue, Plant City, FL 33566

2814 14th Avenue Southeast, Ruskin, FL 33570

14618 State Road 574, Dover, FL, 33527

3402 N. 22nd Street, Tampa, FL, 33605

1502 E. Fowler Avenue, Tampa, FL, 33612

1514 N. Florida Ave., Tampa, FL, 33602

4620 North 22nd St., Tampa, FL, 33610

7814 North Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa, FL, 33614

7814 North Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa, FL, 33614

Business Address

4001 tampa bay blvd, Tampa fl 33614

\*\*\* Assist in the [Homeless Emergency Project](#) (above)

4501 Capper Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32218

5840 26<sup>th</sup> Street West, Bradenton, Fl, 34207

1800 S. Kirkman Rd. Orlando, FL 32811

Business Address

5200 N. Armenia Ave., Tampa, FL 33603

9806 N 56th St, Tampa, FL 33617

Facility Category

Private Practice

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Full Dental Services?	Offer free or reduced prices
Full Dental Services?	Offer free or reduced prices
Yes	Normal Price already reduced
Yes	Normal Price already reduced
Provides a full range of services including emergency dental services	Provides free dental care for uninsured residents of Florida
Only Emergency Dental Services (Simple extractions)	Normal Price already reduced
Yes	Normal Price already reduced
Yes	Normal Price already reduced
Yes	Normal Price already reduced
Yes	Normal Price already reduced
Yes	Normal Price already reduced
Yes	Normal Price already reduced
Yes	Normal Price already reduced
Yes	Normal Price already reduced
Yes	Normal Price already reduced
Yes	Normal Price already reduced
Full Dental Services?	Offer free or reduced prices
prophylaxis, exam, radiographs, sealants no restorative work	Normal Price already reduced
	Normal Price already reduced
perform dental cleanings and exams only. We charge a fee for x-rays	Normal Price already reduced
An adult full set of x-rays is \$15.00 and a regular dental cleaning is \$20	Normal Price already reduced
Our clinic fee is \$20 for a dental cleaning, sealant, or fluoride treatment	Normal Price already reduced
Full Dental Services?	Offer free or reduced prices
Yes	Reduced
Orthodontics (check notes section)	participates in a program: <a href="http://www.smileschangelive.org">www.smileschangelive.org</a>
Response Category	Address
unresponsive	3306 West Kennedy Boulevard Tampa, FL 33609
unresponsive	665 W Lumsden Rd, Brandon, FL 33511
unresponsive	3000 E Fletcher Ave, Tampa, FL 33613
unresponsive	3911 North Boulevard Tampa, FL, 33603

unresponsive	10320 North 56th Street #110 Temple Terrace, FL 3
unresponsive	11508 North 56th Street, Temple Terrace, FL 33617
unresponsive	1810 S Macdill Ave, Tampa, FL 33629
unresponsive	1407 W Swann Ave, Tampa, FL 33606
unresponsive	1201 W. Linebaugh Avenue, Tampa, FL 33612
unresponsive	1305 W Fletcher Ave, Tampa fl 33612
unresponsive	2210 South MacDill Ave.Tampa, FL 33629
unresponsive	4712 N Armenia Ave. Ste.100 Tampa, FL 33603-261
unresponsvie	1540 S Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa, FL 33629
unresponsive	3232 Cove Bend Drive, Tampa, FL, 33613
unresponsive	11508 North 56th Street Temple Terrace
unresponsive	10317 Cross Creek Blvd Ste B, Tampa, FL 33647
unresponsive	2130 West Dr.Martin Luther King Blvd, Tampa, FL 3
unresponsive	787 West Lumsden Road Brandon, FL 33511
unresponsive	607 W Bloomingdale Ave, Brandon, FL 33511
unresponsive	1157 Professional Park Dr, Brandon FL, 33511
unresponsive	515 Corner Dr, Brandon, FL 33511
unresponsive	4700 N Habana Ave, Tampa, FL 33614
unresponsive	3614 Madaca Ln, Tampa, FL 33618
unresponsvie	5537 Sheldon Rd, Tampa, FL 33615
unresponsive	1906-G 59th Street WestBradenton, Florida 34209
unresponsive	6538 Gunn Highway Tampa, FL 33625
unresponsive	5326 Primrose Lake Circle, Tampa, FL 33647
unresponsive	8903 Regents Park Dr, Tampa, FL 33647
unresponsive	12425 N Florida Ave, Tampa, FL 33612
unresponsive	4505 N Armenia Ave Ste 101, Tampa, FL 33603
unresponsive	104 East Fletcher Ave. , Suite D Tampa , FL 33612
unresponsive	3112 West Kennedy Boulevard Tampa, FL 33609
unresponsive	1773 W Fletcher Ave, Tampa, FL 33612
unresponsive	921 S Parsons Ave, Brandon, Fl, 33511
unresponsive	719 West Robertson Street Brandon, FL 33511-4921

unresponsive	2001 West Busch Boulevard Suite C, Tampa Fl 33611
unresponsive	15047 Bruce B Downs Blvd, Tampa, FL 33647
unresponsive	14017 North Dale Mabry Highway Tampa, FL 33618
unresponsive	6415 Sheldon Road Tampa, FL 33615
unresponsive	801 West Fletcher Avenue Tampa, FL 33612-3424
unresponsive	16688 N Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa, Fl, 33618
unresponsive	4030 North Macdill Avenue Tampa, FL 33607
unresponsvie	10627 Rivercrest Dr, Riverview, FL 33578
unresponsive	10317 Cross Creek Blvd, Ste A, Tampa, FL 33647
unresponsvie	1906 G 59th St W, Bradenton, FL 34209
unresponsive	5811 East Broadway Avenue Tampa, FL 33619-2815
unresponsive	14201 Bruce B Downs Boulevard, Tampa, Fl, 33613
unresponsive	4945 Van Dyke Road, Lutz, Fl, 33558
unresponsvie	15415 N Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa, FL 33618
unresponsive	403 Vonderburg Dr Ste 201, Brandon, FL 33511
unresponsive	1935 DREW STREET CLEARWATER FLORIDA 33765
unresponsive	8099 College Pkwy, Fort Myers, FL 33919-5566
unresponsive	6707 Waters Avenue Tampa FL 33634
negative response	1006 N. Florida Avenue, Tampa, FL 33602
negative response	5101 E. Busch Blvd. Suite 13, ,Tampa, FL 33617
negative response	1060 W. Busch Blvd., Suite 105, Tampa, FL 33612
negative response	4333 W. Bay to Bay Blvd., Tampa, FL 33629
negative response	10924 Cross Creek Blvd. ,Tampa, FL 33647
negative response	825 W. Martin Luther King Blvd. , Tampa, FL 33603
negative response	2468 W. Brandon Blvd., Brandon, FL 33511
unresponsive	16688 N Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa, FL 33618
unresponsive	4119 N Taliaferro Ave, Tampa, FL 33603
unresponsive	14442 Bruce B Downs Blvd, Tampa, FL 33613
unresponsive	17401 Commerce Park Blvd.Suite 101Tampa, FL 33617
unresponsive	1904 S. Dale Mabry Highway, Tampa, FL 33629
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unresponsive	10230 Ridge Road Building M, Room 144 New Port I
unresponsive	5326 Primrose Lake Circle, Tampa, FL 33647
unresponsive	12520 Ulmerton Rd Largo, FL 33774
unresponsive	8370 W. Hillsborough Ave., Suite 101, Tampa, FL 33
unresponsive	16021 Tampa Palms Blvd. W.   Tampa, FL 33647
no longer provides service	n/a
unresponsive	907 West Platt Street, Tampa, Florida 33709
unresponsive	14442 Bruce B Downs Blvd, Tampa, FL 33613
unresponsive	2202 Duck Slough Blvd Ste 104 Trinity, Florida 346

Medicaid Y/N	Hours
No	typical hrs 8am-11am & 12pm-3pm
Yes	M-F 8AM-5PM
NO	8:30AM-4:30PM
N/A	N/A
ONLY if no other Medicad clinic or dentist is	N/A
Yes	MWR 8AM-5PM, T 10AM-7PM
Yes	MWR 8AM-5PM, T 10AM-7PM
Yes	MWR 8AM-5PM, T 10AM-7PM
Yes	MF 8AM-5PM, TWR 8AM-7PM
Yes	M-F 8AM-8PM, SAT 8AM-5PM
Yes	M-F 8AM-5PM
Yes	M-F 8AM-8PM, SAT 8AM-5PM
Yes	M-F 8AM-5PM
Yes	N/A

Medicaid Y/N	Hours
Applied for it--should receive it soon	varies by semester
No	varies by semester
No	varies by semester
no	varies by semester: Spring Term - M

Medicaid Y/N	Hours
no	
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Mode of Contact	Contact information
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email	<a href="mailto:info@abbeydmd.com">info@abbeydmd.com</a>
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email [info@charlesmartindds.com](mailto:info@charlesmartindds.com)  
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(813)238-7725	Manuel Vilret
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(727) 442-9041 ext 112	Susan Vaughn
(813)870-3231	Kelly
(813)236-6237	N/A
(813)349-7610	Ervin Cerveny, DDS
(813)349-7800	Ervin Cerveny, DDS
(813)349-7710	Ervin Cerveny, DDS
(813)272-6240	N/A
(813)866-0950	Stephanie Theaker
(813)4901957	Stephanie Theaker
(813)727-6240	Stephanie Theaker
(813)405-3939	Stephanie Theaker
(813)866-0930	Stephanie Theaker

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(904) 766-6571	Diane Hickman
941-752-5350	Anita J. Weaver
407-582-1544	Program Director, Pam Sandy

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(813)988-9136	Dr. David Leever

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<a href="mailto:kelly@judeochc.org">kelly@judeochc.org</a>	<a href="http://www.judeochristianhealthcli">http://www.judeochristianhealthcli</a>	Appts. on Tues. and Wed.
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