

# Mobile Dental Clinic Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What is the Mobile Dental Clinic (MDC)?** The MDC is a full service dental clinic on wheels. The traveling clinic is funded by First 5 commissions in Butte, Glenn and Tehama counties that collectively awarded a grant of \$375,000 to Northern Valley Indian Health in August 2008 to purchase the facility and provide services in all three counties.
2. **Who can be seen on the MDC?** Since it is funded by First 5, the target population is children under age 6 and pregnant women who are not currently under the care of a dentist. The MDC welcomes infants who need their first dental exam. When the MDC is parked in Butte County, only Butte County residents can be seen on the MDC.
3. **Can the MDC be a “dental home”?** Yes. The MDC is staffed by two dentists, a hygienist, a dental assistant, a translator (Spanish) and staff who schedule appointments. Despite the fact that the MDC is “mobile”, residents of Butte County can be seen on the MDC no matter where it is parked in Butte County. Children and pregnant women who are seen on the MDC become patients of North Valley Indian Health (NVIH) and can also be seen at the stand alone clinic in Chico on East Avenue.
4. **What services are offered on the MDC?** The MDC provides a full range of services including dental exams, x-rays, cleanings, fluoride varnishes, sealants, extractions, crowns, fillings and pediatric root canals. It is also equipped with nitrous oxide sedation. Parents receive oral health education as well. If a child needs in office sedation, the family is referred to the NVIH clinic in Chico or Willows. If a child needs oral surgery, the family is referred to an oral surgeon either in Butte County or in Sacramento.
5. **Are services free on the MDC?** Yes, however the MDC needs to sustain itself thus if a patient has insurance, whether public (Denti-Cal) or private, that insurance will be billed. The MDC is able to service some clients who are not insured and will assist them in applying for Denti-Cal and Healthy Families.
6. **When will the MDC be in Butte County?** The MDC travels throughout Butte County approximately 160 days a year. For information on where it will be and to schedule an appointment please contact the MDC at **520-6913**.