

The Featherstone Ridge Dental Clinic

**A Utah Center of Excellence for People
with Intellectual and Developmental disabilities**

Prospectus - 2015



**FEATHERSTONE RIDGE
DENTAL CLINIC
MRAU OF UTAH**

**National and local dental surveys
taken over the past 15 to 20 years
reveal the following:**

Access to quality dental care is **one of the greatest unmet health needs** for individuals with ID/DD in our Nation and in the State of Utah.

The \$24 question then is?

Why and how is the creation of the Featherstone Ridge Dental Clinic going to benefit these individuals ID/DD who reside at home with their families, in group homes, in the community and in privately owned and operated intermediate care facilities?

First of all, the Featherstone Ridge Dental Clinic **is not designed** to provide dental care for individuals with ID/DD **who can access** their dental care through regular visits to **their private dentist** or at one of **various dental clinics** around the state that will accept them as patients.

The Featherstone Ridge Dental Clinic **is a specialized clinic** specifically designed to provide quality dental care for individuals with ID/DD who, in order to receive quality dental care, **will** need one or more of the following:

1. A Dentist and staff who have the expertise to provide safe quality dental care for patients with very complex health issues.
2. IV Sedation
3. General anesthesia
4. Use of approved restraints such as the papoose board.

MISSION OF FEATHERSTONE DENTAL CLINIC

Provide patient-centered, comprehensive dental services to persons with ID/DD from the community and private providers **who are not able to access quality dental care anywhere else.** This service will be provided in an efficient, well-staffed and professionally operated clinic environment.

WHERE WILL THE CLINIC BE LOCATED AND OPERATE?

1. It will be located in the same building as the USDC Dental Clinic is presently located.
2. At present, there is adequate room and equipment for both clinics.
3. The USDC Dentist will serve as clinic director for both clinics and will help provide initial training for the new Dentist and his/her staff.
4. USDC will continue to provide and fund one Dentist and one Dental Assistant. This team will continue to provide dental care for all of USDC's inpatients.

CLINIC OPERATION CONTINUED

5. Separate budgets will be maintained for the Featherstone Ridge Dental Clinic and the USDC clinic.

6. The Featherstone Ridge Dental Clinic team will be under the oversight of the USDC Clinic Manager and will be funded via an account managed by USDC's Financial/Support Services Manager. All activity, related to this account, will be documented in detail.

7. During the first year **it is estimated that the Clinic will be able to serve 450 individuals coming from private homes and community providers. This equals 1800 total visits** with an average of **four visits** per individual.

WHAT TYPE OF SERVICES WILL THE FEATHERSTONE RIDGE DENTAL CLINIC PROVIDE?

1. Oral examination, oral diagnosis and treatment planning.
2. Digital Intra-Oral and Extra-Oral Radiography (low dose x-rays)
3. Preventive/Non-Surgical Periodontal Care (professional cleanings)
4. Regular Recall Program (3, 4, 6 & 12 months)
5. Restorative Dentistry (alloy and resin fillings)
6. Limited Fixed Prosthodontics (crown and bridge)

(SERVICES CONTINUED)

7. Limited Endodontics Services (premolar and anterior root canal treatment)
8. Limited Periodontal Surgical Services (gingivoplasty)
9. Oral Surgery (extractions, soft tissue surgeries, biopsies)
10. Off-site Biopsy service
11. General Anesthesia and IV Sedation
12. Professional consultation with family members.
13. Referral to Community-Based Dental Specialists as needed.

WHAT OTHER TYPES OF SERVICES WILL THE CLINIC PROVIDE?

1. It will also serve as a **definitive training site** for community-based private practitioners, dental hygiene students, dental students and office staff who are interested in learning about providing care for this segment of Utah's population.
2. It will also serve as an **operational prototype** for the establishment of similar centers of excellence throughout the state.

IS THIS TYPE OF CLINIC IN OPERATION ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE USA?

YES-The Hazelwood Dental Services Clinic at the Hazelwood Center in Louisville, Kentucky.

- They provide services to more than 900 community-based adult individuals from the 44 counties in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
- They have had such great success that they have expanded into a new 17000 square foot building on the grounds of the Hazelwood Center.

YOU MAY ASK YOURSELF THIS
QUESTION

Are there any other established clinics already providing these kinds of services in the State of Utah? The **answer is yes** but their services are very limited.

PRESENT RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN **UTAH**

- A very limited number of private dental offices
- Primary Children's Hospital Dental Clinic
- Univ. of Utah Dental Clinic
- Utah State Developmental Center Dental Clinic

PRIMARY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL DENTAL CLINIC

- They can see around 1200 patients a year. (1998)
- 200 General Anesthesia cases in (1998)
- Ages 0-14 only
- They do have a recall program but could do better in their follow-up

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH DENTAL CLINIC

- They take on the average of two patients or so a week for an average of around **130 +** per year.
- Their regular patients they recall every 6 months for an evaluation.
- Their regular patients go to the surgical clinic once every 3 yrs.

QUESTION: What is happening to those individuals who are unable, because of their complex medical, mental and physical disabilities, access quality dental care in the community at the present time?

Parents, Guardians and Providers are doing the very best they can with their available resources. However, when decay and periodontal disease is no longer controlled and pain and inflammation occurs, the patient is usually taken to an emergency room or a surgical center, where most often the teeth have to be extracted.

WHAT MEDICAID PAID FOR SURGICAL CENTERS IN 2006 FOR 289 ID/DD PATIENTS

- \$476,850---Cost of surgical center at \$1650 per visit
- \$75,291---86 dentists
- \$50,575---Anesthesiologist for 289 patients
- **The cost to treat 289 patients was a staggering \$602,716**
- **Undoubtedly, many visits were for extractions**

WHAT IS THE REASON FOR SENATOR DAYTON AND MYSELF BEING HERE?

1. Before we can start searching for a Dentist who has a special interest and desire to serve this population and who is willing to devote his/her time and energies to make this clinic successful over the long haul, we need enough start-up money to be able to guarantee at least one year of operation.
2. This will give us time to organize our fund raising campaign under MRAU'S 501(C)(3) issued in June 1978 by the IRS. I can provide details on our fund raising program for those interested later.

**THIS IS AN ESTIMATE OF THE TOTAL COST OF
OPERATION FOR THE FEATHERSTONE RIDGE
DENTAL CLINIC FOR ONE YEAR**

- Full time dentist- \$123-150,000
- Dental assistant- \$25-30,000
- Dental Hygienist-\$35-40,000
- Office manager-\$45-50,000
- Anesthesia service-\$120,000
- Dental and office supplies, new equipment etc. for a total estimated budget of \$500,000 a year.

In conclusion you may ask, Doctor Robinson, are you very sure there is a need for this type of clinic at the present time and will anyone seek out the services you aim to provide? **The answer is a resounding yes!** How do I know?

1. The USDC clinic is, at the present time, working in a few patients each week from the community as they have extra time.
2. The superintendent, Guy Thompson, receives calls from providers on a regular basis asking for admission of one or more of their clients to the dental clinic for care.

3. One provider wanted to know if USDC could take all of their clients.

4. There are successful outpatient dental clinics operating at developmental centers in North Carolina (2), Northern Virginia, New Mexico and Kentucky to name a few. One director told me that after one year of operation they have a **constant waiting list**.

5. Another director said, “**we take individuals who no one else wants**”.

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Here are several pictures of the USDC Dental Clinic and the modern equipment that will be available for use by the Featherstone Ridge Dental Clinic.



