

Nicklaus Children's Hospital General Dentist Training Program in Pediatric Dentistry

The number of dentists serving the Medicaid population in Florida is limited. As a result, many infants and toddlers in Florida enrolled in Medicaid do not receive regular preventive care and timely primary care. Nicklaus Children's Hospital has made a conscious decision to address the need in this underserved population through its Pediatric Dental Residency Program. On an annual basis, more than 8,000 children and individuals with special needs are served by our staff pediatric dentists and pediatric dentistry residents.

Through the generous support of Peacock Foundation, Inc., Nicklaus Children's Hospital has developed a training program to enhance the pediatric dentistry skills of general dentists in Florida. The General Dentist Training Program in Pediatric Dentistry is exclusively designed for general dentists serving the Medicaid population. Priority will be given to general dentists working in community health centers. The curriculum consists of a 16-hour didactic and preclinical curriculum encompassing the areas of prevention, behavior management, endodontics, oral medicine, oral pathology, bio-materials and restorative dentistry. This training program will enhance the pediatric skills of general dentists and allow them to increase the number of children they serve to include infants and toddlers, as well as modify the traditional approach of relying on restorative care by placing additional emphasis on prevention and disease management.

Registration is limited to 24 general dentists. Two training sessions will be offered at our Doral Outpatient Dental Care Facility. The first two-days training session will take place on December 3rd and 4th, 2015. There is not tuition for this course. Upon completion of the training program a certificate will be awarded as well as continuing education credits.

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