

Matheny School - Peapack NJ

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**Survey and Registry of Dentists who Serve People with DD**

One Year Project

Among the difficulties faced by persons with disabilities when seeking healthcare is that of identifying dentists who are capable of meeting their needs. Physical accessibility, appropriate seating, Medicaid reimbursement, and the training and readiness of dentists and their staff to accommodate those with special needs are all considerations, and lack of these things presents barriers.

The Matheny Medical and Educational Center will survey the roughly 8100 dentists licensed in New Jersey regarding aspects of their practices that are of importance to persons who have developmental disabilities. The results of this survey will inform planning and policy-making regarding dental care for persons in New Jersey who have developmental disabilities.

Portions of the data obtained will be used to construct a publicly available online database of "disability-friendly" dentists in New Jersey.