



In 2022, the [American Diversity Group](#) (ADG) and [The Mobile Dentist](#) launched free oral healthcare services in Montgomery County. With the pandemic and sudden surge of the Afghan refugees and parolees, along with other immigrant groups, required urgent and immediate healthcare services in our community.

Through the Capacity Building investment from the Healthcare Initiative Foundation (HIF) in April 2022, ADG was given the ability to better provide quality dental care services for #225 low-income students and Afghan refugees. In fall 2022, dental services were also brought to #450 families in the historically-underserved Poolesville community in the western part of the Upcounty region.

In Poolesville, the partnership with Dr. Robert Mantoni, D.D.S, and The Mobile Dentist allowed increased access to community members requiring urgent dental care and hygiene but had otherwise not been able to afford or access services. The Poolesville Day in September allowed the opportunity for the first Poolesville Health Day with mobile dental clinic in partnership with WUMCO Help, Inc. Since the first clinic, four more have followed. During the clinics, one of the community members who received treatment shared that they had not seen a dentist for over 19 years. Patients in the clinic not only receive a free diagnosis and consultation but also receive free 'Restorative Care' immediately – same day, without having to make any future appointment. Follow-ups are made if the patient is required to receive any further treatment.

Welcoming Afghan refugees and parolees, while they were waiting for their processing, ADG with the help of its partners, provided urgent dental care services at no cost or requirement for insurance. The 'Medical Primary Care Weekend Clinics' allowed the ability to serve the Afghan refugees with transportation, food, and life-saving medications. ADG successfully served #225 families; #31 of those clients were suffering from severe dental issues that required significant attention.

At Capt. James E. Daly Elementary, ADG served students and their parents by providing dental care, food, and necessary school supplies. For one student at Daly experiencing significant dental pain, a same-day appointment was scheduled and treatment was completed. The commitment of the dental team was clear; to ensure that services were completed to the highest standard, the dentist and staff working the clinic stayed long hours to address the dental concerns—bringing a smile to the child's face.

American Diversity Group remains committed to ensuring the highest quality of care is made accessible to all members of Montgomery County.