

Goals:

- Address access to care in the special healthcare needs community
- Establish an educational workshop series and screening events with community partners
- Address the importance of oral hygiene and ways in which each member and their families can work to improve their oral hygiene routines at home
- Improve oral hygiene among the special healthcare needs individuals, as well as improved home care
- Improved comfort levels while at the dentist
- Provide a dental home to members to receive regular dental care

Services:

- To establish education workshop series
- To screen for urgent dental need
- To provide a dental home to patients without one



Results:

- 32 people with Down Syndrome received a screening
- 32 people were referred to dentists in their specific area of the Triangle
- 56 additional members of the Triangle Down Syndrome Network/Gigi's Playhouse received oral hygiene instruction
- 56 members received and new oral hygiene supplies that were donated by community dental partners

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