

Smiles

AHEAD

Orthodontic Program

Requirements for potential patients:

1. Age 10-16 and all permanent teeth erupted
2. Severe misalignment to teeth
3. Family income at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level
4. Proof of income: Current 1040 or 1040A or TIN# or a Supplemental Income Awards letter
5. Good oral hygiene
6. Not currently wearing braces
7. Not accepting cases that might require jaw surgery
8. Transportation to your assigned orthodontist is the family's responsibility

How the program works:

Step 1.

- Patient must be registered patients of St. Elizabeth's Health Center. Must call the SHEC Dental Clinic to set up an appointment to see the orthodontist, (520) 628-7871, located at 140 W. Speedway, Ste. 100, Tucson, AZ 85705.
- Annual Orthodontic Screening held on the second Friday of every December at the St. Elizabeth's Health Center Dental Clinic.
- Call for an appointment after you have read the above requirements. The clinic number is (520) 628-7871 and ask for Dental.

Step 2.

- Qualified patients will be appointed and evaluated by an orthodontist at St. Elizabeth's on the second Friday of December.
- Qualified patients will be given an application packet. This application must be accurate and completed in its entirety. Once the packet is completed, parents call St. Elizabeth's at (520) 628-7871 and ask for Angela to schedule an appointment to complete this process. Please bring all necessary paperwork to this appointment. This meeting needs to be accomplished within 90 days or before the second Friday of March. The patient does not have to attend this appointment.

Step 3.

- Accepted candidates will be notified by phone or email before the end of March. Accepted candidates should call Sheldin Santos, at St. Elizabeth's Dental Clinic at (520) 628-7871 to make an appointment. **At this appointment, the patient will be assigned to a local Orthodontist and a \$100 administration fee will be collected.**
- We will make every effort to assign the patient to the nearest orthodontist, but please realize that they are located throughout the city. The patient will then call their assigned orthodontist in order to set-up their initial appointment. Please realize that the patient could be placed on a wait list until an orthodontist becomes available.

Step 4.

- Believing that effort in Math and English is critical for success in life, our Smiles Ahead patients will be required to bring in a signed and dated Teacher Report to each of their visits. If the report indicates a good effort, there will be no charge for that appointment. If however, there has been a lack of effort or if the patient forgets to bring in the report, there will be a \$40 charge for that visit. *No Teacher Report is due over the summer.*
- St. Elizabeth's will initially give every patient 30 teacher's report to be used throughout their treatment.

Step 5

- Your orthodontist are generously donating their expertise, time and equipment cost. For repeatedly broken or missed appointments, there could be additional charges or being dropped from the program.

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