



Orthodontics for Low-Income Children

The Assistance League of Long Beach has a fantastic program to provide orthodontic treatment for children from families with limited financial resources. They will conduct their next orthodontic screening of prospective patients on October 12, 2009.

Orthodontic Screenings of prospective patients are held three times per year in February, June, and October, with more than 150 children seen at each session. Approximately fifty children with the most severe orthodontic needs are accepted from each screening into the program.

Payments are on a sliding scale and incredibly cheap for what is often very expensive dental work. Parents will be required to submit tax returns and payroll statements to help determine what payments they will be asked make.

On the average, patients pay about \$50 per month for treatment, with the range being between \$25 and \$85 per month. Most children are in braces for about 28 months.

Parent Consultations are held with each new patient and parents to review his/her individual treatment plan and dental and orthodontic responsibilities during treatment.

“Adopt-a-Child’s Smile” is a grant program providing scholarships to extremely low-income families who qualify. Private individuals and sponsors from the community donate funds for this program.

Tax-deductible donations to the Assistance League of Long Beach (a 501(c)(3) corporation) are always accepted and appreciated.

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