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Connections Community Support Programs new mobile dental van will serve at-risk patients.

Connections unveils new mobile dental services van

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A new mobile dental van will provide teeth cleanings, X-rays and root canals to Delawareans in need of preventive dental care up and down the state.

The van, a collaboration between Connections Community Support Programs and Barclays Bank Delaware, will specifically serve people within the Delaware Department of Correction's work-release and probation violation centers and Con-

nections' addiction and behavioral health clinics.

Patients will be seen beginning Feb. 29.

Barclays supported the creation of the 38-foot van with a \$310,000 low-interest loan. The van will be used to provide a range of dental services from cleanings, fillings, extractions and dentures. It will have two treatment rooms and a full-time dentist and hygienist.

It's expected to serve over 1,500 patients, officials said.

"The mobile clinic will help fill a void in Delaware's medical safety net

by bringing critical dental care to so many people," said Cathy Devaney McKay, president, founder and CEO of Connections in a statement. "We applaud Barclays for stepping up and helping finance an endeavor identified in our recent strategic plan."

Barclays and Connections will host the unveiling on the Wilmington riverfront Friday from 12:45 to 2 p.m.

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