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FREE DENTAL SCREENINGS AVAILABLE TO SENIORS IN METRO DENVER

The Volunteers of America (VOA) Colorado Branch and Oral Health Awareness Colorado! (OHAC!) will partner to provide free dental screenings to seniors in the metropolitan area at VOA dining centers beginning Oct. 18.

Dental hygiene students and faculty from Community College of Denver will conduct the dental screenings and preventive education programs at several VOA senior dining centers in the coming months. The first program is set for 10 a.m. on Oct. 18 at Sunset Park, 1865 Larimer St.

Seniors face a range of special oral concerns, including root decay, dry mouth, periodontal diseases and complications to chronic diseases such as arthritis or heart disease. Nationally, nearly one-third of seniors have untreated dental cavities and one-fourth have severe periodontal disease. Nearly 80 percent of seniors also have no dental insurance, which makes it more difficult for them to pay for preventive and treatment services.

There will be NO dental services provided at these screens.
Informational resources of where to go for services will be available.

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