

RONALD McDONALD CARE MOBILE™

MISSION

To deliver cost-effective medical and dental care directly to underserved children in their own neighborhoods.

VISION

To provide the ultimate in mobile medical and dental care and education to underserved children and youth throughout the Tampa Bay area.

VALUES

Every child and youth is respected and deserves attentive, compassionate and non-judgmental health care.



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What is the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile?

The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile (RMCM) is a partnership between the University of South Florida's (USF) Department of Pediatrics and Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Tampa Bay. The program's mission is to provide accessible, high quality care and health education to underserved children, those with special health care needs and high-risk youth throughout the Tampa Bay area utilizing the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile.

The Care Mobile is a 40-foot long, 8-foot wide van that houses medical and dental examination rooms, a laboratory, reception and medical records areas. The newest addition is state-of-the-art digital radiography used for dental screening.

What do we do?

Provide primary health care, health education and screening services to populations that may otherwise not have access to these services.

Provide primary care training for residents and medical students by targeting underserved populations of children and teenagers, many with complex medical problems.

Is there a charge for services?

No out-of-pocket expenses are incurred and no child is denied care based on ability to pay. To help ensure future access to health care, parents or guardians have the opportunity to enroll their child into a federally-assisted health insurance program.

How does the program access children?

Schools in Hillsborough & Pasco County are currently scheduled for mobile medical, dental and health education services. The RMCM also targets other youth populations through collaboration with Youth Education Services (YES), Connect to Protect (C2P), "street" teens and shelters, teen clubs and domestic abuse centers.

Who staffs the RMCM?

USF Pediatric physicians and nurses who currently work in the USF Outpatient Clinic staff the RMCM. Under the direction of the Medical Director, the medical team consists of a nurse practitioner, medical assistant and resident physicians from USF College of Medicine. Volunteer dentists and dental assistants are provided through collaboration with Hillsborough Community College and the Hillsborough County Dental Society.

What services are provided?

- General health exams and referrals for subspecialty care
- Sports physicals
- Diagnosis and treatment of chronic diseases such as asthma and obesity
- Basic lab tests (urine, hemoglobin, blood sugar)
- Health education
- Teen health screenings including HIV & STI testing
- Preventative dental care
- Assistance in finding specialty care placement

Affiliated health care and community organizations

- Tampa General Hospital (TGH)
- Hillsborough & Pasco County School Districts
- Hillsborough Community College (HCC) Dental Assisting and Hygiene Programs

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