

OUR LOVED PEDIATRIC PATIENTS

A child's first visit to the dentist should be a positive, even exciting experience. After all, this first step will set the tone for healthy, lifelong dental habits.

At Virginia Family Dentistry, we make sure every aspect of the child's visit is carefully considered so we can customize the experience to be the best it can be. Please let us know before any appointment the concerns you may have so we can address them right away.

Our pediatric dentists see toddlers, adolescents, and teens. We also work with children who have special health care needs.

OUR PEDIATRIC SERVICES

Our pediatric dental staff provides the following:

- Infant Oral Exams
- Oral Health Education
- Cleaning and Preventive Services
- Sealants and Restorations
- Sedation Dentistry and Outpatient Surgery
- Early Orthodontic Evaluation and Therapy
- Emergency Care
- Frenectomy Surgery
- Pediatric Airway Treatment



WHY A PEDIATRIC DENTIST?

A pediatric dentist is a dentist who specializes in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of dental disease in children and those with special healthcare needs. After completing 4 years of dental school, a pediatric dental specialist completes an additional two years of rigorous training in order to have a better understanding of how to meet your child's oral health needs. As a specialist, our pediatric dentist is equipped to address your child's dental development, dental decay, prevention, habits, and trauma, while offering more advanced skills in behavior management, such as sedation or surgery.

WHY BABY TEETH MATTER

Baby teeth are essential to the overall health and well-being of your child. A healthy mouth allows your child to eat and grow properly, get the rest they need to concentrate and succeed in school, and interact with other children without embarrassment. Dental decay can lead to pain, infection, and swelling, which can also impact the development of the adult teeth and have potential orthodontic consequences.

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
American Dental Association
Southeastern Society of Pediatric Dentistry
Virginia Society of Pediatric Dentistry
Richmond Dental Society
Virginia Dental Association



A nice smile
makes all the difference.

PEDIATRICS



WELCOME!

Our goal is to provide the highest quality of dental care to your child in a gentle, kid-friendly, and positive environment.

Our philosophy is that every child's oral health needs are unique and require individualized care by a nurturing team led by a pediatric specialist. Our aim is to improve your child's oral health in a way that improves their overall health and development through education, prevention, and treatment. If you ever have questions about any aspect of your care, feel free to discuss them with any of our well trained staff or doctors.

A Team Committed to
the Health of Your Child.



VIRGINIA FAMILY DENTISTRY - YOUR CHILD'S 'DENTAL HOME'

Dental decay is caused by a breakdown in the enamel. Bacteria and carbohydrates (sugars) cause the acidic breakdown of the tooth, resulting in a cavity—a process that is preventable!

In order to intervene and prevent early onset of dental decay, Virginia Family Dentistry and the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry encourage the following guidelines:

THE AGE 1 DENTAL VISIT

While it is never too late, we recommend that your child come see us at 1 year of age. At this visit, we will be able to perform a comprehensive assessment of oral diseases and establish risk factors in order to prevent dental decay, thereby, reducing the need for future dental treatment or unnecessary anxiety.

INDIVIDUALIZED CARE

Each child is unique and differs in their level of cognition, development, ability to cope, oral health behaviors, and medical and dental experiences and health history. Our doctors will develop a customized plan for your child's prevention and treatment care based on what their needs are.

ONGOING RELATIONSHIP & GUIDANCE

Children are often more comfortable with routine and recognizable surroundings. Your child's trust in us and our relationship with him/her are strengthened over time as we deliver the best care through a "comprehensive, accessible, coordinated and family-centered" approach.

We will provide the ongoing opportunity for guidance and education about the prevention of dental accidents, proper oral hygiene, dietary counseling, and expectations for oral growth and development that is age-specific.

OUR TEAM APPROACH

Our "dental home" provides the focal point for your family to interact with a community of caregivers both inside and outside Virginia Family Dentistry. This can be especially important for the comprehensive dental care of your child who may have a special healthcare need or complex medical condition.

ADVANCED PEDIATRIC CARE

Our team of Pediatric Specialists has advanced training in the oral care of children. Along with regular pediatric oral care, we offer additional treatments that vastly improve quality of life for our patients. **Frenectomy:** The "frenum" refers to a piece of soft skin tissue connected to the lips and gums that can interfere with breastfeeding, swallowing, or speech. With a minimally invasive laser procedure, we can remove this connective tissue.

Airway Treatment: Airway disturbances in children have been linked to many conditions from allergies to Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) to sleep apnea. By correcting early growth problems of the jaws and teeth using nonsurgical and non-pharmaceutical therapies, we can enhance airway health and reduce the risk of these issues in children.

WE INVITE YOU TO STAY WITH YOUR CHILD DURING ALL DENTAL APPOINTMENTS!



JEFF LAUGHLIN, DDS, MPH

PEDIATRIC DENTIST AT OUR ATLEE & WEST END LOCATIONS

Dr. Laughlin is a Pediatric Dentist and board-certified Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. He completed his dental degree at Columbia University School of Dental Medicine, in New York City. He went on to receive his pediatric dentistry specialty training at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. He has completed a Master's in Public Health degree, concentrating on Global Health Policy and Programs, at George Washington University.



ETHAN PURYEAR, DDS, MSD

PEDIATRIC DENTIST AT OUR IRONBRIDGE & HUGUENOT LOCATIONS

Dr. Ethan was born and raised in Wadesboro, NC. He holds a history degree from NC State University and biology degree from the University of NC Greensboro. He completed both his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree and specialty training in Pediatric Dentistry at VCU. He is a board-certified Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry, a member of the American Dental Association, Virginia Dental Association, and the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.



DAVID VOTH, DDS, MSD

PEDIATRIC DENTIST AT OUR ATLEE, IRONBRIDGE, HUGUENOT AND WEST END LOCATIONS

Dr. David Voth was born in Johnson City, TN. He attended college at the University of Mary Washington. He moved to Richmond, VA in 2009 to attend Virginia Commonwealth University where he earned his Master's degree in business administration. He graduated from VCU Dental School. He completed two years of specialty training in pediatric dentistry where he learned the specific skills needed to provide dental care to children. Dr. David's daily goal is to give children a safe and fun experience at the dentist while partnering with parents to answer questions on pediatric oral health care.



LOCATIONS AND HOURS

M-F: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, closed for major holidays

ATLEE-ASHLAND

10500 Atlee Station Road, Ashland, VA 23005
T: (804) 550-3324

HUGUENOT PEDIATRIC & ORTHODONTIC SPECIALTY CENTER

1801 Huguenot Road, Midlothian, VA 23113
T: (804) 362-2400

IRONBRIDGE-COURTHOUSE

6441 Ironbridge Road, North Chesterfield, VA 23234
T: (804) 743-8166

WEST END PEDIATRIC & ORTHODONTIC SPECIALTY CENTER

12390 Three Chopt Road, Richmond, VA 23233
T: (804) 351-5432

APPOINTMENTS

In order to serve you efficiently, scheduled appointments are requested for all consultations and procedures except emergencies.

We will make every effort to be on time for all our patients and ask that you extend the same courtesy to us. If you are unable to keep a scheduled appointment, please notify us in advance so we may offer this time to another patient.

INSURANCE

As a courtesy to our patients, we will complete and file insurance forms relative to dental services; however, unlike medical insurance, dental insurance does not usually cover 100% of the charges incurred. We will be happy to determine the benefits allowable under your insurance policy to the best of our knowledge. Whenever insurance requires a pre-determination of benefits before the work is started, we will submit to the insurance company a treatment sequence with charges so that you will be completely aware of your coverage. Please note that you need to provide us with your insurance card and photo I.D. at your initial appointment.