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Introduction

A county operated Adult Day Health Care Center (ADHCC) for Clients who are either physically or mentally challenged, partners with Interprofessional Healthcare providers to deliver health care and education to clinical in a community setting.

Methods

1. The clients are screened weekly by nursing faculty, undergraduate and graduate nursing students for vital signs, weight, skin turgor, nutrition, mental, and foot screenings.
2. The student collaborate with Certified Wound Continece nurse on the care of foot ailments.
3. Yearly screenings are provided by UAB Dental and Optometry Graduate students.
4. Ongoing Health Education is provided to meet the needs of the clients.

Potential Outcomes

The coordination of services for an Outreach Program will demonstrate an increase in optimal healthcare outcomes for the clients, while enhancing the learning opportunities in the Community setting for Undergraduate and Graduate Nursing, Dental and Optometry students.

Purpose

The purpose of this abstract is to:

1. Demonstrate an effective design for health Screenings and education for the clients at the ADHCC.
2. Provide learning opportunities for the Undergraduate and Graduate Nursing, Dental and Optometry Students in the community setting caring for a vulnerable populations

Learning Outcomes

As a result of attending this activity, the learner will be able to:

1. Discuss the benefits of collaborative healthcare services between Interprofessional partners in a community setting, promoting optimal outcomes for Clients in a vulnerable population
2. Discuss the challenges and successes of developing an Inter-professional collaborative experience.

