

NEWS RELEASE



**Yakima Valley
Farm Workers Clinic**

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YV Tech Dental Clinic Open House

Original, Student-Created Art to be Unveiled at Ceremony

Yakima, Wash., – The YV Tech Dental Clinic, operated by Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic, is a state-of-the art dental facility based in an institution of higher learning.

Students in the YV Tech Dental Assisting Program will learn oral anatomy, infection control, preventive dentistry and radiography (X-ray). All of this occurs in a “hands-on,” intensive, practical lab environment. The YV Tech Dental Clinic has four dental chairs for students to practice mock-visits, and an additional four chairs for licensed dentists. When the dental assisting students have advanced in their education, they move from the “learning side” to the “patient side.”

Since the aim of the clinic is to serve kids and teens, the clinic itself was designed to reflect their interests and create an environment that they find comfortable and inviting. To construct this unique brand, YVFWC recruited a group of nine young people between the ages of 8 and 17 to inform the style and function of this kid-friendly site.

As a final element to the dental clinic created by young people for young people, we will be unveiling an original piece of art entitled, “Keep ‘em Clean” by artist, Jacob Mendoza. Jacob is a Davis High School student who created the artwork as his senior project. Jacob worked for several months on the project during an after-school program operated by Madison House, a community youth center in Yakima. This piece of art is rendered primarily in markers.

The public and media are invited to join us in a dedication of the artwork at noon in the YV Tech Dental Clinic, at 1120 S. 18th Street, Yakima, Washington.

Dental services are available by appointment from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Most insurance plans, including Healthy Options, are accepted. Medicaid is also accepted.

Yakima Valley Technical Skills Center began its operation in 1977 and now boasts twenty-three programs for students at local high schools and community colleges.

About Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic: *The Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that provides comprehensive medical, dental, and social services for more than 131,000 people throughout the Pacific Northwest. Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic employs 1,390 full-time staff and more than 600 part-time staff, medical residents, dental residents, students and volunteers. Facilities: 19 medical clinics, 10 dental clinics, 14 programs. Locations: Washington State clinics are located in Grandview, Prosser, Pasco, Spokane, Toppenish, Sunnyside, Yakima, Walla Walla and Wapato. In Oregon, clinics are located in Hermiston, Portland, Salem and Woodburn. Visit: www.yvfwc.com*

YOU'RE
INVITED



Open House

TUESDAY, MAY 20TH
12:00-2:00
1120 S. 18TH STREET
IN YAKIMA

This new and innovative model of care at YV Tech combines a full service dental clinic in a hands-on learning environment. While training for dental assistant certification, high school students get hands-on experience observing and assisting licensed dentists who treat real patients. Designed by kids for kids, this friendly, inviting clinic pairs technology, urban themes, and a little bit of whimsy in a state-of-the-art dental clinic. Join us as local Davis High School student and artist Jacob Mendoza unveils a canvas he created specifically for the clinic's unique theme.



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DENTAL CLINIC

at the YV Tech Campus