

## 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 ensure that every aspect of the child's visit is carefully considered so we can customize the best experience for you. 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 four years of dental school, a pediatric dental specialist completes an additional two years of rigorous training to understand better 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, 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 your child with the highest quality of dental care 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. We aim to improve your child's oral health in a way that improves their overall health and development through education, prevention, and treatment. If you 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 preventable process!

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

## THE AGE ONE DENTAL VISIT

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

## INDIVIDUALIZED CARE

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

## ONGOING RELATIONSHIP & GUIDANCE

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

We will provide ongoing opportunities for guidance and education about preventing dental accidents, proper oral hygiene home care, dietary counseling, and age-specific expectations for oral growth and development.

## 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

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**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 the jaws' and teeth' early growth problems 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 WEST END LOCATION

Dr. Laughlin is a 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 training at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C., and also has a Master's in Public Health with a concentration in Global Health Policy and Programs from George Washington University. Dr. Laughlin enjoys playing a small role in the overall health and well-being of his patients. Whether it's relieving a child of dental pain or watching a kid's apprehension turn to enjoyment, he feels lucky to be a part of their life.



## ETHAN PURYEAR, DDS, MSD

### PEDIATRIC DENTIST AT OUR HUGUENOT LOCATION

Dr. Ethan completed 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. What Dr. Ethan enjoys most about being a pediatric dentist is making dental care fun and enjoyable for children. He believes striving for optimal oral health in childhood builds the foundation for a lifetime of excellent oral health.



## LAURA M. SATOSKI, DDS, MSD

### PEDIATRIC DENTIST AT OUR ATLEE LOCATION

Dr. Laura Satoski received her undergraduate degree from VCU. She then graduated from VCU Dental School and continued her education at VCU to earn a Master of Science in Dentistry while specializing in Pediatric Dentistry. Dr. Laura is passionate about educating children and their families on disease prevention and guiding families through the growth and development of their children. She believes that going to the dentist should be a fun experience for children. Her favorite part of being a pediatric dentist is working through a child's fears and anxieties in the dental office to improve their perception of going to the dentist.



## DAVID VOTH, DDS, MSD

### PEDIATRIC DENTIST AT OUR IRONBRIDGE LOCATION

Dr. David Voth attended the University of Mary Washington. He moved to Richmond, VA, in 2009 to attend VCU, 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. Dr. David's daily work goal is to give children a safe and fun experience at the dentist while partnering with parents to answer pediatric oral health care questions.



## 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) 412-0599

### HUGUENOT PEDIATRIC & ORTHODONTIC SPECIALTY CENTER

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

### IRONBRIDGE

6441 Ironbridge Road, North Chesterfield, VA 23234  
T: (804) 743-8189

### 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 predetermination 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 ID at your initial appointment.