



## Catawba County Public Health

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### CATAWBA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DENTAL PRACTICE CELEBRATES GRAND RE-OPENING

HICKORY, NC – The Catawba County Public Health Dental Practice celebrated a “grand re-opening” today by welcoming visitors to an open house at its new space inside the Public Health building. Located just down the hall from its former location, the practice has doubled in size and capacity in order to provide a comprehensive dental home for children ages 1-21 in Catawba County.

The event was kicked off with ribbon-cutting ceremony featuring remarks by Catawba County Commissioner Kitty Barnes, Catawba County Chamber of Commerce board member Vickie Martin, and Catawba County Public Health Director Doug Urland.

Features of the new facility include the following:

- **New Space:** The dental practice has relocated to a new clinical area in the building to accommodate an expansion from three to six operatories and the addition of several new features, including an education station with sinks for teaching brushing and flossing, a private consultation room, and staff workspace.
- **New Technology:** Technology upgrades were selected to increase service delivery efficiencies and include panoramic digital x-ray capabilities and electronic medical records.
- **Familiar Services:** The practice’s comprehensive dental services include exams, cleanings, x-rays, fluorides, sealants, fillings, crowns, space maintainers, nitrous oxide gas sedation, extractions, education, and referrals to specialists.
- **Familiar Faces:** The dental team at Catawba County Public Health represents more than 127 years of combined clinical experience and includes Dr. Patrick Maddy, DMD, Melinda Bumgarner (registered dental hygienist), Lori Clark and Quita Hartman (certified dental assistants), and Angie Kistler (dental receptionist).

“The expansion of the Catawba County Public Health Dental Practice has enabled us to improve service delivery to our patients with exciting new features and technology,” said Urland. “At the same time, we are maintaining the same core values we have always aimed to provide, including compassionate service, quality education, and comprehensive care, to every patient.”

The Catawba County Public Health Dental Practice serves approximately 1,500 children ages 1-21 each year and has provided services to more than 25,000 children over the past 17 years. For more information or to make an appointment, please call (828) 695-5778.

Located in Hickory, N.C., Catawba County Public Health provides health and education services to eligible men, women, and children in the community. For more information, please call (828) 695-5800 or visit [www.catawbacountync.gov/phealth](http://www.catawbacountync.gov/phealth).

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