



Veterans Employability: The Dental Connection

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Putting a Dental Twist on An Economic Development Grant Opportunity



ADEA Pipeline Grant Call for ProposalsExpand the Concept ?



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- Identify Candidates
 - Veterans' Assistance Foundation houses 200 homeless veterans in Indianapolis
 - Identified potential patients
 - Verified eligibility and potential employability
 - Work with case managers
 - Veterans' Administration Hospital Dental Clinic
 - Referrals
- Job Training
 - Operation Job Ready Veterans

Eligibility

- Missing one or more front teeth
- Willing to participate in job training
- Employable & want to be employed



Services Provided

- Prior to treatment
 - A week of job training
- Dental Treatment Provided at no cost
 - Replace missing front teeth
 - Treat all dental disease
 - Preventive services



Outcomes



“I’m going to walk around outside now and just smile for people. I want to see who notices.”

Floyd Fisher, Veterans for Employabilty Patient



What Do Dental Student Learn

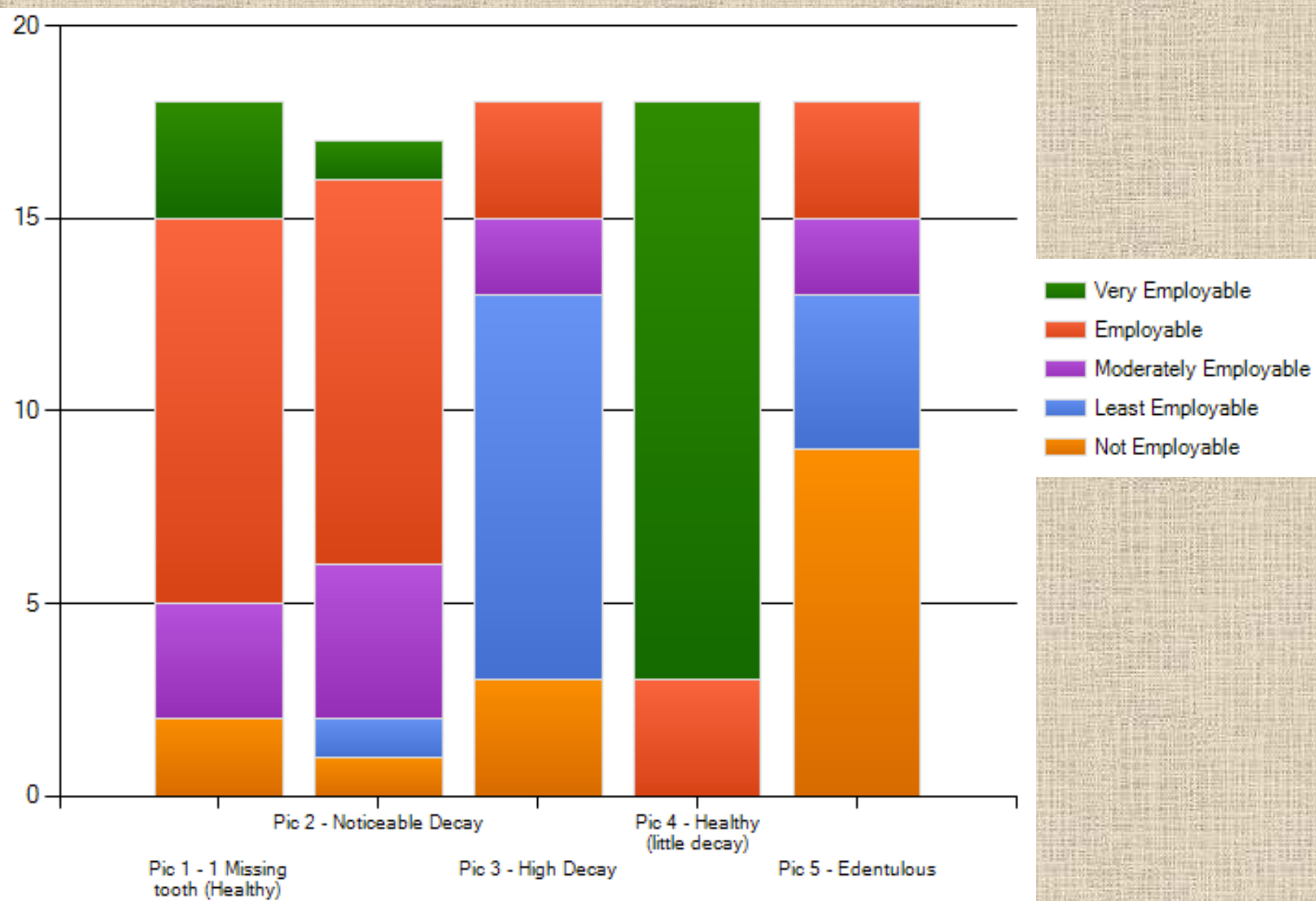
- Barriers to access to dental services
- How to work with social service agencies
- Trauma-informed care for survivors with dental anxiety
 - Interact and screen sensitively
 - Understand effects of traumatic events
 - Avoid retraumatizing



Student Initiated Research

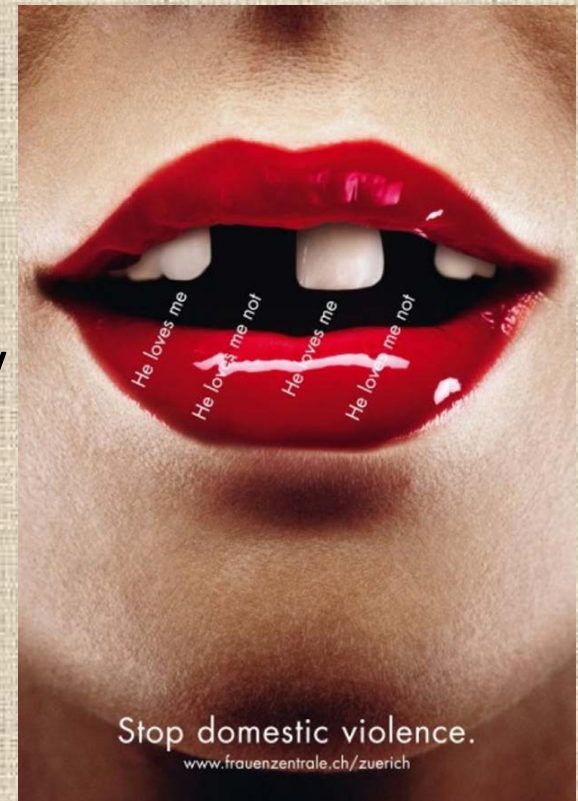


Perceived Employability



Spinoff

- Two New Programs at Indiana University School of Dentistry:
 - Veterans with low income
 - \$299 for all primary dental services (no limit)
 - Laboratory fees at cost
 - Victims of Domestic Violence: missing front teeth
 - Replace teeth and provide primary dental services at no cost



Funding

