

Providing Vital Dental Care to the Community

Brian Emerson

Bringing quality and affordable dental care to a community is a heavy lift, and, Little Rivers is committed to getting it done. We have purchased the former Jiffy Mart in Wells River and will transform this space into a freestanding, six-exam room dental center. We also will repurpose space at the Newbury clinic to create two exam rooms.

The most critical aspect of our dental clinic will be the professionals who staff it. So while we are investing in buildings and equipment, our greatest investment will be in people. Brian Emerson understands the need for this well. Brian is the Director of the River Bend Career and Technical Center and serves as the Chair of the Wells River Board of Trustees.

Having worked in education for more than 20 years and served in local government, Brian states *“We are letting our young people slip through our fingers but if we have more opportunities in place we can capture them and ensure they can gain good paying jobs right here in our community.”*

Given the shortage of dental professionals in our community, a key aspect of Little Rivers’ plan is to partner with educational institutions to establish a training site in Newbury for students. The goal of this partnership is to build a dental professional training pipeline to create economic opportunities in our community and to ensure we have dental care providers to staff our clinics in the future.



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Delivering Vital Dental Care

- Our new facilities will enable us to provide dental care to more than 6,000 people annually.
- The Wells River dental clinic will include 6 exam rooms where patients can receive preventive & restorative dental care.
- The Newbury clinic will include 2 exam rooms and serve as a training facility for future dental professionals.