



Access Programs in Oral Health

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Introduction

The following pages are listed by State Government programs such as Medicaid, Varnish and Fluoride programs and Direct Access (dental Hygienist) Programs are listed. Unique programs are listed at the end of the document under Notable Programs Recognized by MOHC. They are listed by State and offer a brief description of what the program is and how it works.

We encourage your contribution!

It is important to note that this is a working document. The MOHC and MDCH are fully aware that new programs are being developed across the country daily and are also aware that some programs may have been inadvertently overlooked. To contribute to Access Programs in Oral Health, you may email the MOHC at: mchristensen@mohc.org or the MDCH at: Moorej14@michigan.gov.

Programs Listed by State

Alabama

- Smile Alabama! (Dental Outreach Varnish Initiative)

Alaska

- Department of Health and Social Services (Received a grant from the Center for Disease Control in 2003 to develop oral health leadership)
- Dental Health Aid Program (Direct Access Tribal Program)

Arizona

- Department of Health Services (Dental Sealant Program)
- Coconino County (Services for Developmentally Disabled and Low Income)

Arkansas

- Seal the State Initiative
- Smiles AR U.S. (National Media Campaign)

California

- Department of Public Health (Maternal, Child and Adolescent Program)
- First Smiles (California Dental Association)
- Save Our Smiles; Screening and Sealant Program (Contra Costa Health Services)
- RDHAP- Registered Dental Hygienist in Alternative Practice

Colorado

- Chopper Topper Sealant Program
- Be a Smart Mouth (Oral Health Awareness Colorado)

Connecticut

- Central CT Health District (Free Cleanings to residents 60 and older)
- SMILES (Ledge Light Health District)

Delaware

- Oral Health Program to increase awareness

Florida

- Kid Care (Medicaid)

Georgia

- PeachCare for Kids
- State Oral Health Plan
- Special Olympics, Special Smiles Program

Hawaii

- Mobile Clinic
- Medicaid Clinics

Idaho

- A Healthy Smile for a Healthy Start (Medicaid CHIP)

Illinois

- Early Childhood Caries Prevention Program (Head Start)
- Kid Care and All Kids

Indiana

- Medicaid (No specific programs)

Iowa

- **I-smile Program (designated dental home) ***
- Iowa Access to Baby and Child Dentistry (ABCD) Dental Home
- Maternal and Child Health Dental
- School-Based Dental Sealant
- Dental Care for Persons with Disabilities
- Catch a Smile Program
- Iowa Dental Elderly Access (IDEA)

Kansas

- Smiles Across Kansas
- Tools for Schools
- Filling the Gap (Early Childhood Training)
- Teeth for Two (Head Start Program)

Kentucky

- KIDS SMILE – focus on fluoride varnish

Louisiana

- National Maternal and Child Program

Maine

- School Health Programs K-6 fluoridation and sealants

Maryland

- Baltimore City Health Department
Giving Retired Adult Mighty Smiles, GRAMS
The Infant and Child Can Laugh Endeavor, T.I.C.K.L.E.
Young Adults with Healthy Smiles, YAWHS
Dental Sealant Program

Massachusetts

- Sealant Program

Michigan

- DONATED Dental Program
- Varnish Michigan
- Michigan Dental Program (HIV/AIDS)
- PA161 Program
- SMILE! Michigan Dental Sealant Program
- Healthy Kids MiChild
- Smiles Across Michigan
- **Calhoun County Community Access Dental Initiative ***
- Miles of Smiles Ottawa County
- Tri-county Dental Health Council Volunteer Program *

Minnesota

- Maternal and Child
- Give Kids a Smile Program
- Donated Dental Services Program
- **Project Homeless Connect ***
- **The Tooth Book Program***
- Bright Smiles (Varnish)

Mississippi

- Dental Corrections Program

Missouri

- Elks Mobile Dental Program
- MO HealthNet for Kids

Montana

- **Open Wide Training Program ***

Nebraska

- No data available

Nevada

- No data available

New Hampshire

- North East Delta Dental MTHP - Kids

New Jersey

- Save our Smiles (Sealant Program)
- Miles of Smiles
- Cavity Free Kids Program
- **Adopt a Pre-K Program ***

New Mexico

- Community Voices New Mexico Initiative
- Dental Sealant Program
- Early Childhood Caries Prevention Program

New York

- Preventative Dentistry Program (High Risk)
- School Fluoride Program, SAFER
- Oral Disease Prevention Programs
- **Dental Health Story Boxes***

North Carolina

- **In the Mouths of Babes (IBM) ***
- Miles of Smiles
- Health Choice for Children
- County Based Oral Health Coordinators
- Medical Professionals Pilot Program (screenings)

North Dakota

- No data available

Ohio

- Safety Net Dental Clinics
- Bright Futures (Maternal and Child Health Bureau)
- Dental OPTIONS Program (Cuyahoga County Board of Health)

Oklahoma

- Water Fluoridation Program
- Community Health Coordinator (ADA funded, new program)

Oregon

- Baby Days
- Shots for Tots
- FAN Program Deschutes County Dental
- Early Childhood Cavities Prevention Program Lane county Oregon
- Cavity Prevention Initiative Klamath County

Pennsylvania

- Safety Net
- Donated Dental Services
- **Community Challenge Grant ***

Rhode Island

- Rlte Smiles (Sealant program)
- Providence Senior Smiles Project

South Carolina

- Safety Net
- Seal America
- Bright Smiles for Little Scholars

South Dakota

- Ronald McDonald Delta Dental Care Mobile
- **Health Edventure (Interactive website for teachers)***
- **South Dakota Great Faces. Great Smiles: An Ounce of Prevention***

Tennessee

- School Based Dental Prevention Program
- Fluoride mouth rinse program

Texas

- Texas Health Steps Dental Program
- Sealant Program

Utah

- Mind Your Mouth (Medicaid)

Vermont

- **Tooth Tutor Dental Access Program ***

Virginia

- Smiles are Forever Program

Washington

- Sealant Program
- **Access to baby and Child Dentistry Program (ABCD Program) ***
- SmileMobile, Oral Health Resource Center, Cavity Free Kids
- Watch Your Mouth

West Virginia

- Pediatric Screening

Wisconsin

- Healthy Smiles for Wisconsin Initiative
- Beyond Lip Service Program
- Donated Dental Services Program
- Seal a Smile Program
- Fluoride Program

Wyoming

- Marginal Dental Program
- Severe Crippling Malocclusion Program
- Senior Dental Program
- Kidcare CHIP Delta Dental

Recognized Programs

*** Iowa – I-Smile Program**

Iowa has administered a legislative mandate which requires children aged 21 and younger who are enrolled in Medicaid to also be enrolled in the I-Smile program offering them a dental home.

- Phase one of the program has been completed with twenty-three Title V Dental Hygienists serving as Oral Health Coordinators. Each coordinator is assigned several counties and is charged with carrying out the goals of the I-Smile Program.
- \$800,000 has been awarded to sustain the program for a 5 year cycle.

*** Michigan – The Community Access Dental Initiative (Calhoun County)**

This initiative mandates that patients must perform community volunteer services to receive dental care.

- Since October 2007, over 600 patients are currently completing volunteer work and are enrolled in a required Dental Care Class.
- Only 10 of those people failed to show up at their scheduled dental appointment.

*** Michigan – Tri-County Dental Council**

Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties work together to provide a network of volunteer dentists who provide dental care and special needs care to low-income patients. The Council keeps up-to-date information on providers who serve Medicaid patients. It also offer emergency service, referral and a senior dental program. The Council is currently working on an Oral Health Pregnancy Project.

*** Minnesota – Project Homeless Connect**

The City of Minneapolis sponsors an event twice a year at its convention center to serve over 9000 homeless persons that live throughout the state.

- In 2007 the event provided over 3000 people with dental services with cleanings and extractions being the most requested at the event.
- Four private dental clinics “adopted” homeless patients for follow up visits.

*** Minnesota The Tooth Book Program**

This is an educational tool for the Minnesota Head Start Program on oral health that targets children from birth to teen. It is used in learning classrooms for children and parents.

- Over 30,000 copies released to Head Start programs for parent education sessions.
- The culturally specific book is available in three language formats, Spanish, Somali and Hmong. The book is not left at the home or given out.

*** Montana – Open Wide Training Program**

The Community Health Bureau and the Human and Community Services Division offer a free Online Training Program to Registered and Licensed Day-Care Providers. Ten classes are offered per month with free toothbrushes sent to the children once the training is completed.

*** New Jersey – Adopt a Pre-K Program**

- In 2002, the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services paired 18 dentists with 123 classrooms in the Adopt a Pre-K Program. Screenings, education, and other activities such as dentist office field trips were arranged.
- Over 90% of children enrolled in the program received dental assistance.

*** New York Dental Health Story Boxes**

Dental boxes are located at 44 New York libraries. The Dental boxes have dental education tools inside of them. The public can check out the dental boxes just as they check out a library book. See http://www.adha.org/research/as_abstracts.htm.

*** North Carolina – In the Mouths of Babes (IBM)**

This is North Carolina's dental screening and varnishing project which trains medical providers to deliver preventive oral health services to high-risk children. A child having at least three IBM visits has been shown to have the most benefit. Medicaid reimburses the doctors for the visits. A child can have up to 6 visits before the age 3 ½.

*** North Dakota/Minnesota – Red River Valley Dental Access Project**

This is a coalition that has opened several Urgent Care Walk-in Dental Clinics. Forty-five local dentists, 8 dental assistants and 7 specialists volunteer on a rotating basis with funding coming from contributions and a partnership with the Dakota Medical Foundation.

- Over 4,000 patients in 80 communities in Minnesota and North Dakota have been served.
- Over half of North Dakota urban population and approximately 5.1% of Minnesota's most rural population reside in the served area.

*** Pennsylvania – Community Challenge Grant**

The Community Primary Challenge Grant is offered by the Pennsylvania Department of Health. Awards from \$200,000 and \$500,000 are given to new or expanded Primary Care Facilities for medical or dental care. Twenty five percent of funds must be matched.

- Over \$1.1 Million Dollars was awarded for medical and dental clinic services
- 94 grants have been awarded since 1993
- 42 rural and 52 urban communities have benefited from the grant funds
- 3 of the 7 grants awarded in 2007 will go toward increasing dental services

***South Dakota HealthAdventure:**

A web based health curriculum for educators. The site contains over 400 health related lesson plans including Oral Health. Activities on the site are interactive for teacher and students.

- 400 lesson plans available
- Funded by Delta Dental of SD and the SD Dental Association
- Currently doing a “race around the state” with children that includes prizes
- Parents also have access to the site

***South Dakota Great Faces. Great Smiles: An Ounce of Prevention**

Program increases the oral health literacy of underserved populations. It focuses on health promotion and education that identifies the challenges associated with prevention of oral diseases. The project is a collaborative effort of the South Dakota Oral Health Coalition, South Dakota Dental Foundation, Department of Health and Delta Dental of South Dakota.

- Head Start is also involved by training children and their parents, good oral health practices.
- Head Start staff is trained by local Dentists and Hygienists receiving instruction.

*** Vermont – Tooth Tudor Program**

Program is designed to establish a dental home for all children in Vermont. Children and their families benefit from the education that is offered through the program as well.

- 123 schools in the state are participating in the program
- In 2005, 93% of the children enrolled in the program had a dental home by the end of the school year.

*** Washington – ABCD Program**

Access to Baby and Child Dentistry (ABCD Program) is a program on education for dentists and the community. Private practice dentists are required to receive training from the University of Washington to qualify for the enhanced reimbursement from Medicaid. Front office staff receives training on communication and cultural differences. Enrolled families are coached in dental preventive care. This program began in 1995 and has continued to be recognized for its increase in community oral health and access rates.

- Over 550 dentists have been trained statewide for the ABCD Program
- Over 58,000 patients have enrolled since its inception
- 84% of the ABCD trained dentists reported treating children 2 and younger once per month. (Non-ABCD trained dentists, only 40% treated that age group)

Information Sources

Iowa I Smile Program: http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hpcdp/oral_health_ismile.asp

Michigan Tri-County Dental Council: <http://www.dentalhealthcouncil.org/>

Calhoun County, MI Community Access Dental Initiative:

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Minnesota Project Homeless Connect: <http://www.homelessconnectminneapolis.org/>

Minnesota The Tooth Book Program: <http://www.mnheadstart.org/oralhealth.html>

Montana Open Wide Training Program: <http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/PHSD/family-health/oral-health/family-oralHealth-index.shtml>

New Hampshire – NEDD MTPH-Kids: <http://www.astho.org/pubs/childrenoral.pdf>

New Jersey – Adopt a Pre-K Program: <http://www.astdd.org/statepractices/pdf/SUM33012NJadoptprek.pdf>

North Carolina – In the Mouths of Babes (IBM):

http://www.communityhealth.dhhs.state.nc.us/dental/Into_the_Mouths_of_Babes.htm

North Dakota/Minnesota – Red River Valley Dental Access Project: <http://www.rrdentalaccess.com/>

Pennsylvania – Community Challenge Grant:

<http://www.dsf.health.state.pa.us/health/cwp/view.asp?A=169&Q=251464>

South Dakota Great Faces. Great Smiles: An Ounce of Prevention:

[https://www.sddental.org/UserFiles/web%20discription\(1\).pdf](https://www.sddental.org/UserFiles/web%20discription(1).pdf)

South Dakota Health Edventure: <https://www.healthedventure.org/Default2.aspx>

Vermont – Tooth Tudor Program: <http://healthvermont.gov/family/dental/services.aspx#Anchor-Th-18476>

Washington – ABCD Program: <http://www.abcd-dental.org/>