



## **Smile Programs...the mobile dentists**

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### **Frequently asked questions**

#### **Why should we have the dental team at our school?**

The U.S. Surgeon General and the Centers for Disease Control recommend in-school dental prevention and sealant programs for low-income children. Do you know that four out of five low-income children never see a dentist in a year? It has also been determined that 85% of all decay in children occurs in this group of low-income children. Dental disease can be serious and lead to severe infections that can have serious health and learning consequences. Dental decay is highly preventable and the goal of our program is to serve the most vulnerable children who don't see a dentist.

#### **Who provides the dental services?**

Team members are a caring group of local dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants who are devoted to the importance of outreach dentistry and serving our most vulnerable children. Every dentist and dental hygienist working in the schools is a locally licensed clinician.

#### **What types of services are provided?**

The dental team provides a thorough dental examination or screening, dental cleaning, fluoride treatment, sealants and x-rays.

#### **What are sealants?**

Sealants are plastic-like protective coatings painted on the chewing surfaces of the back teeth to seal the grooves and pits. These are the areas that are most likely to decay. In fact 85% of all decay occurs in the pits and grooves of the back teeth.

When sealants are placed on the back teeth, they act as a physical barrier to decay and prevent cavities from forming. It is a quick and painless procedure that is highly recommended by the U.S. Public Health Service, the U.S. Surgeon General and the Centers for Disease Control.

### **Is there a cost to our school or district?**

No. There's no cost to the school or district.

### **Is there a fee to the families of the children?**

Most dental insurances, including Medicaid, cover 100% of the services that are provided.

### **How many people actually come to our location?**

The teams generally include a dentist, registered dental hygienist and a dental assistant.

### **How do I schedule a dental visit?**

It's easy. Just call us toll-free at 1-888-833-8441 and ask for Chanel Yono or email us at [caringdental@mobiledentists.com](mailto:caringdental@mobiledentists.com). Please let us know which dates are best for you and your students so we can arrange our visit to suit your school schedule.

### **What do we need to prepare for a visit?**

We ask you to do only two things before the visit: 1) Hand out the permission slips to the children and/or parents and return the permission slips to us in the provided pre-paid, addressed envelopes; and 2) Identify a space about 12x12-feet where the team set up the "dental office."

**Our mission is to enhance the quality of life for children by coordinating dental care and a positive dental experience.**

