ORAL HEALTH AMERICA
Smiles Across America®
Oral Health America changes lives by connecting communities with resources to increase access to care, education, and advocacy for all Americans, especially those most vulnerable.
OHA PRIORITIES

Our Programs and Campaigns must have the capacity – short term or longer term – to influence health literacy, improve access to services and to advocate for systemic changes that will impact the oral and overall health of all Americans – particularly those most vulnerable.

ACCESS

EDUCATION

ADVOCACY
SMILES ACROSS AMERICA

Technical Assistance
Grant Funding
Sealant Initiative
Product Donation
Supportive Research
Smiles Across America assists local communities to develop and expand school-based and school-linked oral health preventive programs, with an emphasis on the placement of sealants, and an executable plan to provide restorative services, leading to the establishment of a dental or health home.

Sealants are one of only two oral health interventions determined by the U.S. Task Force on Preventive Services to be effective.

OHA initiated the National Sealant Alliance in 2000, based on the Surgeon General Report and the ADA’s recommendation for caries prevention.

Receiving an oral health service is a Leading Health Indicator for Healthy People 2020. Getting an oral health service provided in a school based setting counts towards this goal.
Smiles Across America Scope

National Reach – Local Direction

- Reaches over 440,000 children through 193 programs in 43 states
- Provides over 500,000 units of donated dental product
- National Partnerships with Organizations and Corporations
- Local Partnerships with school districts, local funders and coalitions
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Milwaukee, WI
Columbia/ST.
Mary’s Hospital

Funding an Oral Health Advocate that increased outreach at existing schools to increase participation by getting more parents to sign consents for the services.

Santa Barbara
Ventura County
Dental Care
Foundation

Support ongoing volunteer dentist program, with over 30 volunteer dentists providing preventative and restorative care in school based outreach.

University of Florida/United Way

The development of a new school based sealant program launched in fall of 2010; supported by community based research and evaluation from the University of Florida School of Dentistry.
Smiles Across America Product Donation Partners

SAA Product Donation Strengthen Community Capacity

**Rural Communities**

*Without this generous donation it would not have been possible to place sealants on as many Maine children as we did. This program allowed us to not only place sealants, but to educate children about their oral health.*

Sabrina Toye, RDH & President of Tooth Protectors

**Urban Communities**

*“We operate on a very limited budget and your donation enables us to use the money saved on sealant material and fluoride to hire additional staff to service more children.”*

Diane Armstrong, San Diego Children’s Dental Health School Based Program

**Small City/Suburban**

*Our services are the only dentistry that 78% of our children receive. This year, we did not receive any additional grant monies to buy supplies. Without SAA’s gracious support we wouldn’t be able to reach and treat as many children as we do”*

Jill Barber, Program Coordinator, Athens County, Ohio
Growing from SAA Product Donation Recipient to SAA Grantee

Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas-Donated Sealants to Full Dental Clinic

2005- Donated sealants from Oral Health America and a volunteer dentist allowed CHCSEK to leverage grant funds to purchase equipment and start part time clinic and mobile program.

2012- CHCSEK has an 18 chair clinic with one full time pediatric dentist and provides mobile services to over 32 school districts in Southeast Kansas
Smiles Across America® Growth Impact

Children Served

- 2008-2009: 195,300
- 2009-2010: 310,000
- 2010-2011: 350,000
- 2011-2012: 365,000
- 2012-2013: 400,000

School Year
Smiles Across America is supported by the Seal Two Million Campaign, our commitment to America’s Promise Alliance and Healthy People 2020. Goal: Seal 2 million teeth for 500K children by 2020. Achieved to date: 1.1 Million teeth sealed!
Technical Assistance

Share and Learn Conference
National—SAA Grantee
Patterson & 3M ESPE,
Saint Paul, MN
July 2013

Share and Learn Conference
Local – Western University,
Pomona, CA
September 2013

• Webinar Series
Supportive Research and Programs

- Research Update
  51 Millions School Hours Lost
- Best Practices
  Parental Consent Forms
- New Program Research
  Teens/Young Adult
Questions and Answers

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