2015/2016 School Based Dental Sealant Program Pinellas County

Increasing Follow Up Care for “Urgent Needs”

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“You cannot educate a child who is not healthy, and you cannot keep a child healthy who is not educated”

-Joycelyn Elders, M.D., Former U.S. Surgeon General
Acute pain from dental caries has a strong effect on children that is often equal to and sometimes greater than the effect of asthma. (Thikkurissy, S., et al., 2012)

Children with toothaches within the last 6 months are 4 times more likely than those without toothaches to have a grade point average below 2.8 (Seirawan, H., et al., 2012)
Pinellas SBSP Pilot 2014/2015

- 23 Schools  Grades 1-3
- 2313 children screened
- 2304 children received fluoride tx
- 1889 children received sealants
- 7148 sealants placed
- $367,910 treatment
Goals for 2015/2016

- Increase number of children served to 4,400
- Increase number of children with urgent needs that received follow up services
Pinellas SBSP 2015/2016

- 27 Schools  Grades K-5
- 4701 children screened
- 4690 children received fluoride tx
- 3314 children received sealants
- 14,542 sealants placed
- $748,120
Urgent Needs

BSS definition of “urgent needs”
- Pain
- Swelling
- Visible abscess
Urgent Needs

- 122 children with urgent needs
- 42% seen at HD
  - Up from 35% last year
- 29% reported being seen by other dentist
  - Up from 22% last year
- 29% Unable to report any follow up
  - Down from 43% last year
What worked?

• Increase in case management
• Special form for every urgent needs child
• Worked with our dental clinics to make appointments for patients
• School District / Nurses
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**DENTAL SCREENING/SEALANT VERIFICATION FORM**

**FORMULARIO DE VERIFICACION DE DETECCION DENTAL**

**CHILD’S NAME:** ____________________________

**SCREENING DATE:** ____________________________

**Nombre del niño(a):** ____________________________

**Fecha de evaluación:** ____________________________

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**Screening and Preventative Procedures Performed:**

Evaluación y procedimiento preventivo realizado:

- [ ] Dental screening with Hygienist
  - Evaluación dental con higienista
- [ ] Fluoride Application
  - Aplicación de Fluoruro
- [ ] Oral Hygiene Instruction
  - Instrucciones de higiene oral
- [ ] # of Sealants placed
  - # de sellantes puestos

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**Parent needs to schedule a dental appointment:**

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

**Parentes deben coordinar una cita con el dentista:**

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**Comments:**

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**AREAS OF CONCERN**

**Areas de preocupación**

- [ ] Your Child Has Urgent Needs.
  - Su hijo(a) necesita cuidado urgente
- [ ] Screening Indicates your child needs to visit the dentist.
  - La evaluación dental indica que su hijo(a) necesita visitar al dentista

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**Dental Hygienist Signature:**

Firma de la Higienista dental

**Dental Hygienist (Please Print):** ____________________________ **Date:** ____________________________
Forms

FDOH Pinellas Dental Clinics

Dental Clinic Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm
(Except for Tarpon Springs)
Tarpon Springs Dental Clinic: Tuesday and Thursday 8:00am - 5:00pm

Dental Locations:

- **Clearwater Health Department**
  - 313 North Myrtle Ave
  - Clearwater, FL 33751
  - (727) 469-5800
  - ext. 5121

- **St Petersburg Health Department**
  - 205 Dr Martin Luther King Jr St N
  - St. Petersburg, FL 33701
  - (727) 824-6973
  - ext. 6973

- **Mid County Health Department**
  - 3911 Upholster Rd
  - Largo, FL 33771
  - (727) 524-4410
  - ext. 7679/7680

- **Tarpon Springs Health Department**
  - 301 South Clarendon Ave
  - Tarpon Springs, FL 34689
  - (727) 942-6457
  - ext. 6111

- **Pinellas Park Health Department**
  - 3350 76th Avenue N
  - Pinellas Park, FL 33781
  - (727) 547-7780
  - ext. 7103

Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County Dental Division Offers

- Dental Services for Children - (Flat Fee $25), without dental insurance
- Medicaid Dental Plans accepted
  - Argus
  - Amerigroup
  - CMS
  - Dentcare
  - Healthy Kids
  - Liberty
  - Simply
  - Staywell
  - United Healthcare
  - Wellcare
  - Sunshine

Florida Department of Health
In Pinellas County
1302 10th Ave N - Largo, FL 33770
Phone: (727) 544-6100 - Fax: (727) 544-6115
FloridaHealth.gov
Urgent Treatment Needed!

What can happen if teeth are not treated:

- Pain
- Problems eating
- Problems with speaking
- Missed school days
- Trouble learning in school
- Facial swelling
- Infection can spread through the whole body and lead to hospitalization or even death

What you should do

1. Children with urgent dental needs should see a dentist right away
2. All children should visit the dentist at least 2X a year
3. Help your child brush and floss morning and night
4. Reduce amount of sugary drinks and snacks
Successes!

- Exceeded goal
- Increased access by seeing K-5th
- Great working relationship with the school district
- Extended services through summer
- 85% sealant retention rate
Barriers

• TESTING, TESTING, TESTING!!
• Communication within schools
• Parents willing to schedule their children with urgent needs
• Decrease in consent rate
Moving Forward

- Goal 4500 children (including summer)
- Possible 2nd team to see all Title I elementary schools (40 total)
- Possibly getting into Title I middle schools
“Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing”

T. Roosevelt
I LIKE MY TEETH
BECAUSE...
Without teeth, I won't be able to chew!

www.i likemyteeth.org
Questions?

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References
