

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



Forms

Urgent Needs Follow Up

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1. Date	
2. School	
3. Child's Name	
4. Birthdate	
5. Parent/Guardian	
6. Phone Number(s)	
7. Initial Assessment	
8. Initial Contact with Parent/ Comments	
9. Insurance	
10. Is Child DOH Patient of Record	
11. If no, who is child's Dentist name and number?	
12. Contact with Dentist made?	
13. Treatment Received?	
14. Which DOH clinic?	
15. Referred to S. O'Toole	



Forms

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<p>Values: To be the Healthiest State in the Nation</p>		

DENTAL SCREENING/SEALANT VERIFICATION FORM FORMULARIO DE VERIFICACIÓN DE DETECCIÓN DENTAL

CHILD'S NAME: _____ SCREENING DATE: _____
Nombre del niño(a) Fecha de evaluación:

Screening and Preventative Procedures Performed:
Evaluación y procedimiento preventivos realizado:

_____ Dental screening with Hygienist _____ Fluoride Application
Evaluación dental con higienista Aplicación de fluoruro

_____ Oral Hygiene Instruction _____ # of Sealants placed
Instrucciones en el cuidado bucal #de Sellantes puestos

Parent needs to schedule a dental appointment: _____ Yes _____ No
Padres deben coordinar una cita con el dentista:

Comments: _____

AREAS OF CONCERN Áreas de preocupación DENTAL SERVICES REQUIRED: Servicios Dental Requerido:

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

Dental Hygienist Signature: _____
Firma de la Higienista dental

Dental Hygienist (Please Print) _____ Date _____
Nombre del Higienista Dental (letra de molde) Fecha:



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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 310 North Myrtle Ave Clearwater, FL 33761 (727) 469-5800 ext 5121	Mid County Health Department 8751 Ulmerton Rd Largo, FL 33771 (727) 524-4410 ext 7679/7680	Pinellas Park Health Department 5350 76 th Avenue N Pinellas Park, FL 33781 (727) 547-7780 ext 7103
St Petersburg Health Department 205 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr St N St. Petersburg, FL 33701 (727) 824-6975 ext 6975	Tarpon Springs Health Department 301 South Disston Ave Tarpon Springs, FL 34689 (727) 942-5457 ext 6111	

• **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
 - DentaQuest
 - Healthy Kids
 - Liberty
 - Simply
 - Staywell
 - United Healthcare
 - Wellcare
 - Sunshine

Pinellas Department of Health In Pinellas County 12438 130 th Ave. N. - Largo, FL 33776 PHONE: (727) 548-6540 - FAX: (727) 548-6118 FloridaHealth.gov	 Accredited Health Department Public Health Accreditation Board
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Forms

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

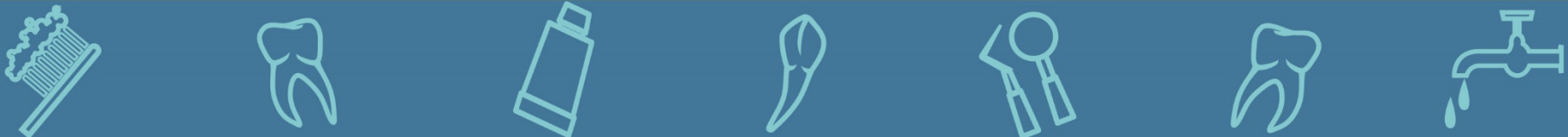
1. Children with urgent dental needs should see a dentist right away
2. All children should visit the dentist at least 2X a year
3. Help your child brush and floss morning and night
4. Reduce amount of sugary drinks and snacks



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



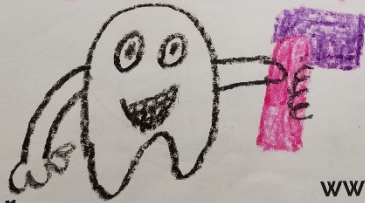
“Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing”

T. Roosevelt



I LIKE MY TEETH
BECAUSE...

Without teeth I
won't be able to
chew!



www.ilikemyteeth.org



Questions?



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