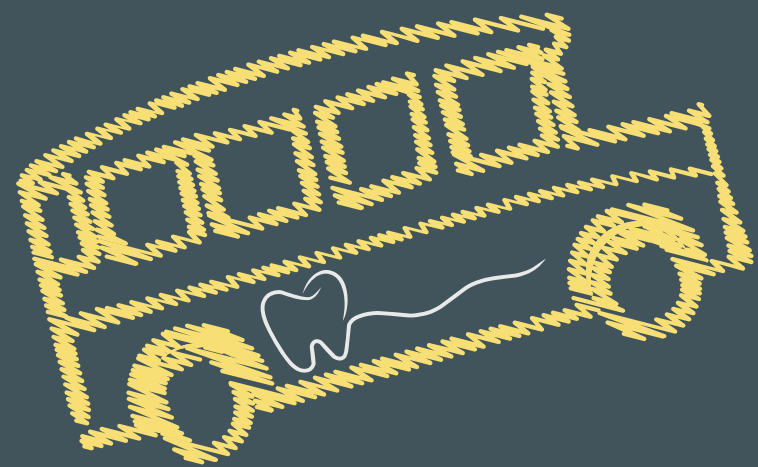


# Humboldt County School-linked Dental Program

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# HUMBOLDT BY THE NUMBERS

## Dental Data:

- 6 Medi-Cal Dental Clinics (2 require tribal enrollment)
- 2 Dental Vans
- 40 Private Dentists – 40% plan to retire by 2027
- 84 More Dentists Needed to Serve Population

## School Data:

- 31 School Districts
- 51 Primary Schools
- 44 Schools w/ 50% Eligible for FRPM
- 1 in 4 Kinders w/ Untreated Decay



# School-Linked Program Design

## School Partnerships

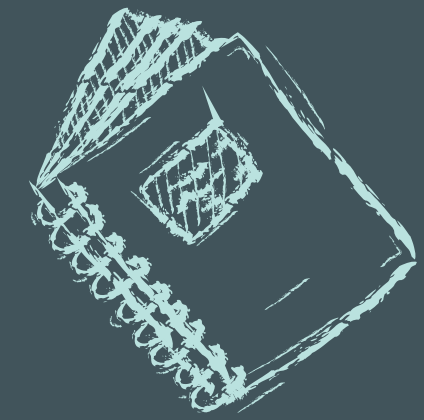
- MOU w/ 10 schools that have highest % of untreated decay
- Agreement to allow screenings of students using passive consent

## Dental Professional Agreements

- Contract with 3 RDHAPs to screen students at per hour rate
- LOHP staff document results

## Screening Results

- LOHP staff prepares a take home screening report w/ info on where treatment is available
- If school allows, LOHP staff reaches out to guardians of students with untreated decay to offer to care coordination



# Smile Humboldt Family Care Coordination Program



*Smile Humboldt Family is a program of Public Health that utilizes a Community Health Outreach Worker (CHOW) to assist individuals and families with the following:*

- Making dental appointments*
- Coordinating transportation assistance*
- Dental supplies*
- Oral health tips and education*



# School-Based Program Assistant



## School Partnerships

- MOU w/ schools hosting dental van in upcoming school year
- Agreement for screenings of all grades with passive consent



## Pre-Treatment Screenings

- Before van visits school, RDHAPs conduct screenings
- LOHP staff document results



## Screening Results

- LOHP staff preps take home screening report with info about dental van and consent paperwork
- If school allows, LOHP staff reaches out to students with untreated decay to advocate for dental van treatment





# Rationale for Partnering with Existing School-Based Dental Programs

- *Smile Humboldt brand recognition*
- *LOHP's established history and relationships with schools*
- *Increased resources to promote the use of the dental van*
- *Care coordination and administrative assistance*
- *Data sharing*



## **DENTAL VAN IS COMING TO GRANT!** Starting December 12th - Mid January

Open Door's dental van staff create a fun and fear-free zone where children develop a positive association with dental care. Children often feel more comfortable in the van than in a traditional clinic. They feel brave and independent at school and see their friends leaving the van with smiles and prizes.

The dental van accepts Medi-Cal/Partnership, all forms of insurance, and work with those without insurance.  
**No child will be turned away due to inability to pay.**

- **Comprehensive exam / X-rays**
- **Cleanings**
- **Sealants**
- **White fillings**
- **Stainless steel crowns**
- **Extractions**
- **Hygiene education**
- **Referral for complex needs**



**PLEASE CONTACT 707-441-2552 TO REQUEST FORMS TO REGISTER YOUR STUDENT FOR DENTAL CARE**





# QUESTIONS?

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