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- Wisconsin Seal-A-Smile
- Wood County Elementary Schools & Head Start Centers

At any given time, each of these partners plays a pivotal role in the success of the Healthy Smiles for Wood County program. Without the support from these organizations, businesses, and individuals, the Healthy Smiles for Wood County program would be unable to operate.

THANK YOU for your past and continued support of this program!!

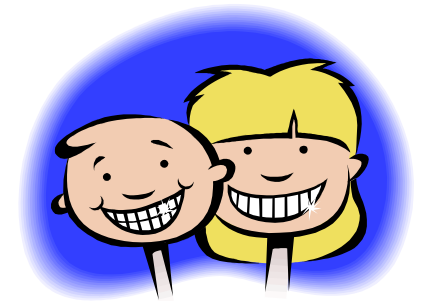
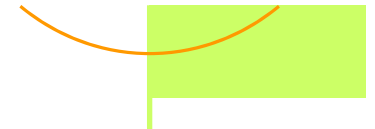


The mission of the Wood County Health Department is to maximize the quality of life across the lifespan by promoting health, protecting the environment and preventing disease and injury.

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Overview of the program

The most chronic infectious disease among children today is tooth decay. Tooth decay can threaten a child's health and well-being. According to [Oral Health America: A Report of the Surgeon General](#), the biggest problems are access to care, expense, and lack of preventive devices.

The Wood County Health Department has addressed Oral Health concerns in Wood County by operating the Healthy Smiles for Wood County program since 1999.

The program has a primary focus on prevention. Healthy Smiles for Wood County addresses prevention through outreach, education, fluoride varnish placement, sealant placement and systems change.

The Healthy Smiles for Wood County program is a school-based, school-linked dental sealant and fluoride varnish program in which portable dental equipment is taken to area schools and early childhood centers. Children's teeth are screened and then sealants or fluoride varnish are placed on appropriate teeth.

The program is not intended to replace dental visits or services normally provided by local dentists. In fact, the importance of regular dental visits is stressed and encouraged at each Healthy Smiles for Wood County event.

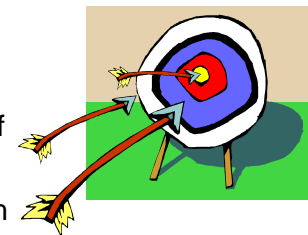
This program is designed to screen children for dental needs, and provide preventive dental services and supplies to those children who would otherwise not receive them. For many families, this is the first time their child has seen a dental professional.

For those children found to have unmet dental needs, the Healthy Smiles for Wood County program works with their families along with other school personnel (as appropriate) to find them a dental home, where all their dental needs can be met. One of the successes of Healthy Smiles for Wood County is that it allows for collaboration to assist and locate restorative services for individuals with barriers to dental care.



GOALS

The long term goals of the Healthy Smiles for Wood County program are consistent with, and supportive of *Healthiest Wisconsin 2020 Oral Health Profiles*:



- Assure access to ongoing health education and comprehensive prevention, screening and early intervention, and treatment of dental disease in order to promote healthy behaviors and improve and maintain oral health.
- Eliminate oral health disparities related to age, sex, race and ethnicity, education, geography, disability status, and socio-economic status.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

During the 2012/2013 school year, Healthy Smiles for Wood County accomplished the following:

- Provided 1,003 children with dental health education
- Screened 1,271 children
- Placed 1,596 sealants on 487 children
- Placed 1,403 fluoride varnish treatments on 881 children
- Referred 270 children with unmet dental needs to area dentists or clinics