



TOOTHSAVERS OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL BASED ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM

OUR MISSION is to create access to preventive oral health care which is severely lacking throughout Eastern Washington. Due to our dedicated service for the past 11 years, many areas in our community no longer lack access to oral care. Oral health care is vital to maintaining our overall health. Toothsaunders provides families in underserved communities with valuable preventive services in settings such as; elementary and middle schools, preschools & ECEAP/ Headstart programs, along with community centers, and group homes. We bill Medicaid/Apple Health, private insurance, and offer low-cost fees for the uninsured. Our portable equipment makes our individualized preventive care easy, accessible, and convenient. Professional licensed dental hygienists bring quality care to schools or facilities for free or at very low cost to families. There is never a charge to the school or facility. We work with the Washington State Department of Health and partner with community organizations such as; Spokane Regional Health District, Delta Dental of Washington, Arcora Foundation, Smile Spokane, Better Health Together, and Communities in Schools.

How our school based program works...

- For ECEAP programs we offer oral screenings and fluoride treatments. We also offer dental sealants at select locations. **Sealants are proven to decrease tooth decay rates by up to 80%.**
- Our oral assessments count toward the "dental encounter" requirement needed for ECEAP/Headstart enrollment. These encounters are quick, painless, and fun for the kids.
- Children 18 months and older can receive fluoride treatments and 3 and older may receive sealants. For babies under 18 months of age we will only provide oral screenings.
- In elementary/middle school school settings we provide oral assessments, fluoride varnish, sealants, oral health education, and referrals to local dentists. Our ultimate goal is to help connect families to a "dental home" dentist office so that they get the immediate and continual routine care that they need.
- In order to qualify for Toothsaunders programs schools must meet a 50% or higher free or reduced lunch rate or be an ECEAP/ Headstart program.
- School oral health/sealant programs are endorsed by the CDC and have been proven to significantly improve dental health for children, which increases the quality of the learning environment and overall health.
- We collaborate with site coordinators, school nurses, office staff, and school principals to schedule dates for our visits.

Tooth pain is one of the top 3 reasons kids miss school and since the COVID-19 pandemic, decay rates in children have risen over 20%. We can Help!

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TOOTHSAVERS OF WASHINGTON School Based Oral Health Program

Toothsavers oral health care professionals will be providing oral health screenings, fluoride treatments, and dental sealants at your child's pre-school. Our screenings count as the dental encounter required for ECEAP enrollment. Screenings will be given to every child but, if you wish for your child to have the fluoride or sealants also, you must return this completed form. Your child will also be given a free toothbrush. According to the CDC dental sealants prevent up to 80% of cavities when placed on the back teeth. Toothsavers follows all CDC infection control guidelines.

ECEAP students are 100% covered by Medicaid for services and these families will not be billed.

*Screenings are different than dental exams so they do not interfere with regular dental office exams.

Tooth decay is the #1 chronic disease in children!

Fluoride Varnish can help and is recommended for cavity protection 2-4 times per year. It is a safe gel brushed onto the teeth by a dental professional.

Child Name:

[First] _____ [MI] _____ [Last] _____

Birth Date ____/____/____ Gender: Male/Female

Child's School _____

DSHS/Medicaid # _____ (9 digit # ending in WA)

Private dental insurance to bill? Please provide a copy of the insurance card with this form and provide the following info. Policyholder's Name _____ and Birthdate _____

Dental Insurance Provider _____ Employer _____

*****HEALTH HISTORY*****

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act 1996 (HIPPA) requires all health care records be kept confidential. Tooth Savers of Washington LLC adheres to all HIPAA standards and will provide Notice of Privacy Practices upon request.

Check if your child has any of the following conditions: Seizures Cancer
Heart Problems Diabetes Asthma Sensory disorder Autism
Tuberculosis Silver Allergy Other Allergies or Medical Conditions

By signing below, I consent for my child to enroll in the Toothsavers preventive oral health program and receive services. If you wish for your child to be exempt from the screening please inform the school.

Patient/Parent/Guardian Information:

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____ Date: _____