



Community Oral Health Education



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Why discuss Oral Health Education?



Early childhood caries in 2 year old

HKF: Estimates that 2,000 Children in Santa Clara County go to school with severe decay and tooth pain!



How do we educate our community?



Oral Health Screenings



Participate in Health Fairs & Resource Fairs



In Schools



Dental Offices & Health Clinics



Local Business & Community Organizations



Oral Health Screenings

- *We provide oral health screenings with the help of our own staff doctors, assistants and with First Five and The Health Trust volunteers.
- *We examine each child (with parental consent) and provide each child with a screening sheet for preventative dental care or urgent dental care if needed.
- *These screenings are conducted at elementary schools in Santa Clara County and local health fairs.

Oral Health Screenings

- * HKF: Has provided Oral Health Screenings for 26,500 children in Santa Clara County.
- * HKF: Found that 27% of the children screened had severe decay and needed emergency dental treatment!

Oral Health Screenings



Health Fairs

* Children's Dental Center has participated in The Health Trust's Open Air Health Fair since 2008.



Dental Education in Schools

- * We provide Oral Health Instruction to all students in elementary schools and provide a toothbrush with take home literature in Spanish, English & Vietnamese about proper toothbrushing and flossing techniques.
- * We distribute “dental goodie bags” which include a toothbrush and more literature on healthy food choices.
- * Dental goodie bags are handed out at after school programs, PTA meetings, and at English Language Advisory Committee meetings.



Dental Offices & Health Clinics

*We provide referral information for dental offices, health clinics, and medical facilities throughout Santa Clara County.



Local Business and Community Organizations

- * Local Businesses: Target, Costco & Walmart
- * Unions: Safeway (UFCW 5)
- * Community Based Organizations: Boys & Girls Clubs
- * Government programs: WIC



Why is Oral Education Important

- * Prevention of Early Childhood Caries.
- * Reduction of dental emergencies in hospital ER's and urgent care clinics.
- * Establish a dental home by a child's first tooth or first birthday.
- * Keeping children in school without dental pain!

Special Thanks!

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Children are the
Future!

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