Why discuss Oral Health Education?

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.
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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