



## TOOTHSAVERS OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL BASED ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM

Toothsaunders brings mobile preventive services to elementary schools, middle schools, preschools, ECEAP/ Headstart programs, community centers, and group homes.

Our services are covered 100% by Medicaid/Apple Health/Molina at no cost to these families. We also bill private dental insurances with no co-pay billing. Professional licensed dental hygienists bring quality preventive dental care directly to kids in their schools, saving families from missing work and kids from missing school. Our visits are quick, easy, and fun for kids! There is never a charge to the school or facility. Toothsaunders follow strict guidelines put in place by the Washington State Department of Health and are direct community partners with Spokane Regional Health District, Delta Dental of Washington, Arcora Foundation, Smile Spokane, Better Health Together, and Communities in Schools.

*Toothsaunders' ultimate goal is to connect families to a "dental home" so they have access to the immediate and continual routine care that they need. We partner with [Dentistlink](#) dental referral service, connecting families directly with Medicaid accepting dentist offices in their area.*

### **How our school based program works....**

- For ECEAP/Headstart/Early Headstart programs we offer oral screenings and fluoride treatments. We also offer dental sealants for children 3 years and older. **Sealants are proven to decrease tooth decay rates by up to 80%!**
- Our oral screenings count toward the "dental encounter" requirement needed for ECEAP/Headstart enrollment purposes.
- Children 18 months and older may receive fluoride treatments and 3 and older may receive sealants (a thin resin material, coating the grooves of the back teeth where cavities happen most).
- For babies under 18 months of age we will only provide oral screenings.
- Each child receives a toothbrush & prize.
- In order to qualify for Toothsaunders programs, schools must meet a 50% or higher free or reduced lunch rate, be an ECEAP/ Headstart/Early Headstart program, or have 50% or higher Medicaid/state insurance coverage rate of your enrolled families.

***Toothsaunders follows strict CDC infection control protocols. We go above and beyond required precautions to keep everyone safe. Toothsaunders staff are all fully vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19.***

School based oral health programs, like Toothsaunders, are endorsed by the CDC and have been proven to significantly improve oral health for children, which increases the quality of the learning environment and their overall health. 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 25%.

***We are here to help!***

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