



# Hear what schools are saying about our in-school dental program

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What an honor to receive this award!

Through our partnership with Smile America Partners/Big Smiles, we are able to bring dental care to our students right where they spend 95% of their days for 13 years of their lives: in school.

It is truly incredible to see children getting dental services in a school setting without having to miss school or parents having to miss work.

Thank you to Smile America Partners/Big Smiles for helping us to make this happen. I'm so grateful ❤️



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## Testimonials

As always, it is very organized and there is plenty of communication while preparing for the service. Students and families benefit from this on site service.

**Consuelo Acosta / Florence Avenue**  
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Excellent! We are so grateful for this program. Without it many of our students would be without dental care!

**Janet Ohana RN / Plummer Elementary**  
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Professional, efficient, excellent follow through and follow up.

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So friendly and convenient. This is a great service to our students and families.

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This was our 3rd time having Big Smiles to our school. The service provided by the dental team on campus has been amazing. Even more amazing are the “behind the scenes” people who are incredibly quick to respond to questions and exceptionally efficient.

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We Love the Big Smiles Dental program as it allows many children to obtain medical dental services without missing school, and without parents having to miss work. It helps a lot of families that otherwise would not make the appointments or get care due to lack of transportation or financial services. Big Smiles keeps our kids smiling. Thank you for all you do for us!

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Glad that our students have this opportunity to have care for their teeth and gums. This will help students to have better oral hygiene and less teeth issues so they can attend school on a regular basis.

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I absolutely love the program, the value it brings to our students is immeasurable.

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We absolutely love when you all come to our schools! The care and communication from your staff is top notch! Students feel welcome, safe, and heard when they are seen by your team. We appreciate you all so much!

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We love being able to provide this service to our families as many of our families only have one source of transportation and it brings the service to them! We service low income and poverty families! It is an awesome service!

**Sherry Quijas / Spencer County ELC**  
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I was super impressed by the dentist. A parent reported a cardiac condition, and she followed best practice by calling the mother to obtain a written clearance from the cardiologist. I appreciated the dentist keeping the child’s best interest in mind and upholding her safety and well-being. Excellent work!

**Gail Smith / Harmony Elementary School Health Services**  
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The staff are very nice and professional. They always provide excellent care to our students. It is a pleasure working with them and I appreciate all that they do to assist our students to obtain optimal dental care! The service is definitely needed!

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We are incredibly fortunate to have partnered with Ohio Dental Outreach to provide dental care for our students. The entire team was professional, kind, and dedicated to making sure every child felt comfortable. The convenience of having this service available at school removes barriers for families and ensures that students can get the care they need. We highly recommend Ohio Dental Outreach for any school looking to provide valuable health resources to their students.

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