

Parents — Small cavities can become big problems: Act early



Your child depends on you to keep them healthy, including their teeth. Without regular dental care, small problems can quickly turn into serious ones.

FACTS EVERY PARENT SHOULD KNOW

Tooth decay is the No. 1 chronic disease of childhood.

It is more common than asthma and can start at a young age.

Children can be in pain without telling you.

Untreated cavities can cause ongoing pain, trouble eating and poor sleep.

Dental problems can affect school success.

Tooth pain makes it hard to focus and can lead to missed school days.

Many children do not see a dentist each year.

Regular checkups help stop problems before they start.

HELP IS AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL

Your child's school has partnered with Big Smiles, an in-school dental program to make care easy and convenient for families. Licensed dental professionals come to the school to provide care during the school day.

This is a benefit for your child.

If your child has Medicaid, there is **NO COST** to you. This is care your child is already eligible for — but they can only receive it if you sign them up.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN DENTAL CARE IS DELAYED?

- Toothaches that make it hard to eat or sleep
- Infections that may need expensive emergency care
- Trouble speaking clearly
- Low confidence because of how teeth look
- Missed school and missed learning



Sign up online in just a few minutes: www.MySchoolDentist.com

By enrolling your child, you are allowing them to get the care they need to stay healthy.

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