

Oral Health Program Fact Sheet 20-21



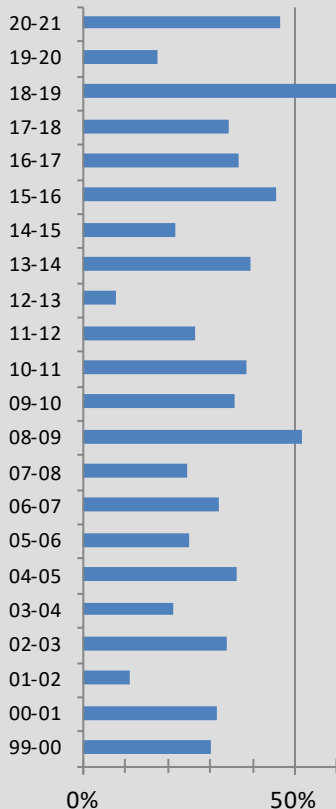
According to Michigan Behavioral Risk Factor Survey (MiBRFS) “Studies throughout the years have shown that oral health is intimately related to the health of the rest of the body. Evidence is mounting that suggests infections in the mouth, such as periodontal disease, can increase the risk for heart disease, can put pregnant women at greater risk for premature delivery, and can complicate control of blood sugar for people living with diabetes.”



Oral Health Program Goals

- Increase access to school-based Oral Disease Prevention Programs for dentally at-risk children in Ottawa County
- Reduce Dental Disease for children that are provided Dental Services on Miles of Smiles Mobile Dental Unit.
- Provide Ottawa County Elementary Schools and Head Start Centers with oral health education and resources.
- Increase access to care for adults in Ottawa County.

Miles of Smiles Yearly Dental Disease Reduction Children Ages 2-12



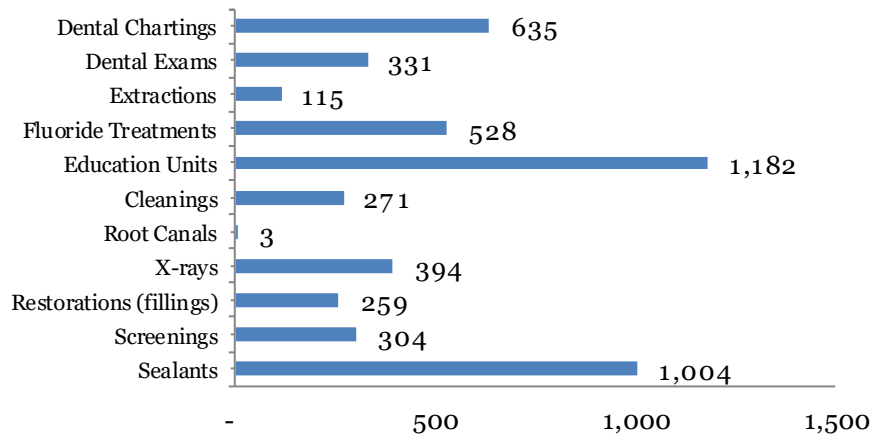
Ottawa County Oral Health Needs Assessment

23,104	individuals living in poverty —7.8%
12,248	medically uninsured individuals under age 65 - 5.0%
2,068	medically uninsured children < 18 years of age—3.0%
25,473	Medicaid eligible individuals—8.6%
19,822	children (0-18) insured by Medicaid—26.5%
14,351	children qualifying for the Free/Reduced Lunch Program—32.2%
4,920	children <17 years of age in poverty—7.2%
29,260	residents of Hispanic/Latino ethnicity— 10.2%

Miles of Smiles Children’s Oral Health Initiative

- The Miles of Smiles (MOS) mobile dental unit is a custom designed dental office “on wheels”.
- MOS provides on-site preventative and restorative dental services for Medicaid insured and qualifying uninsured children: ages 0-20 and provides services for select adult populations.
- Service locations have included: schools, Head Start Centers, Ottawa Area Center, migrant summer schools, Holland Free Health Clinic, Community Mental Health, and health department sites.
- Over 60 dental professionals including dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants and Grand Rapids Community College students have volunteered on MOS.
- Over \$1,800,000 in grant allocations have been received from: Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Holland Zeeland Dental Society, American Dental Hygiene Association, West Michigan Dental Foundation, Alliance to West Michigan Dental Society, Greater Holland Junior Welfare League, Community Action Agency, Delta Dental Foundation, Community Foundation of Holland/Zeeland Area, Michigan Dental Association Foundation, and Grand Haven Community Foundation.

Miles of Smiles & Dental Sealant Program 2020/2021 Dental Services Provided Based on Patient (Preventative and Restorative) Dental Appointments



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Working for You in 2020/2021 School Year...

- 562 preventive and restorative dental appointments on Miles of Smiles mobile dental unit.
- Head Start children received: 89 dental screenings/exams, and 89 fluoride varnish applications.
- 911 students receiving oral health classroom education in the Sealant Program.

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