

Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, DPBH Oral Health Program

Program:

The Community Preventive Services Task Force recommends school-based sealant delivery programs based on strong evidence of effectiveness in preventing dental caries (tooth decay) among children. Dental (pit and fissure) sealants contain clear or opaque plastic resinous material which is applied to the chewing surfaces of the back teeth to provide a protective barrier against decay causing bacteria. Dental sealants can last up to ten years and take as little as 15 minutes to apply. School-based sealant programs target schools in low socioeconomic status (SES) neighborhoods which are identified based on the percentage of children eligible for the federal free and reduced-price meal programs. Data shows that these programs increase the number of children who receive sealants either onsite at schools or offsite in dental clinics.

Community Health Alliance is a non-profit school-based sealant program that utilizes a mobile van to provide oral health education, sealants, and fluoride varnish to 2nd grade children in underserved schools in Northern Nevada (> 50 percent Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL)). They operate during the nine-month academic year.

Seal Nevada South is a non-profit school-based sealant program, administered through UNLV School of Dental Medicine (SDM). The program serves uninsured children in second through fifth grade in underserved schools (>50 percent FRL) in Southern Nevada. They operate during the nine-month academic year.

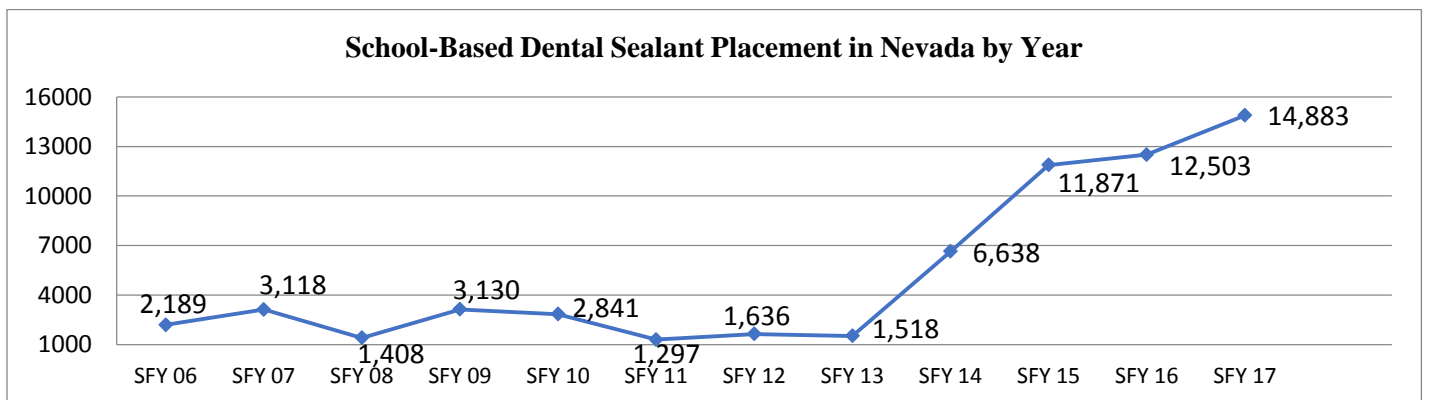
Future Smiles is a non-profit school-based sealant program that provides two types of delivery models: set locations in School-Based Health Centers for Education and Prevention of Oral Disease (EPODs) and mobile school-based locations utilizing portable equipment. Underserved schools (Title I with >50 percent FRL) in both Northern and Southern Nevada are now served year round during the twelve-month academic year.

Eligibility:

Eligibility is determined by the individual programs. (Please note: These Community-Based Organizations do not receive funding through the Division of Public and Behavioral Health for their sealant programs.)

Caseload History:

Program	Number of Schools			Children Served			Number of Dental Sealants Placed		
	SFY15	SFY16	SFY17	SFY15	SFY16	SFY17	SFY15	SFY16	SFY17
Community Health Alliance	24	25	24	563	609	467	1,451	1,562	1,219
Seal Nevada South	14	18	16	414	515	507	1,369	1,631	1,665
Future Smiles	21	25	49	1,721	3,323	4,691	9,051	9,310	11,999
Total	59	68	89	2,698	4,447	5,665	11,871	12,503	14,883



Comments: All programs are reporting individual teeth sealed per CDC recommendations.

Website: <http://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/OH/OH-Home/>