

# Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Oral Health Program, School-Based Sealant Report

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

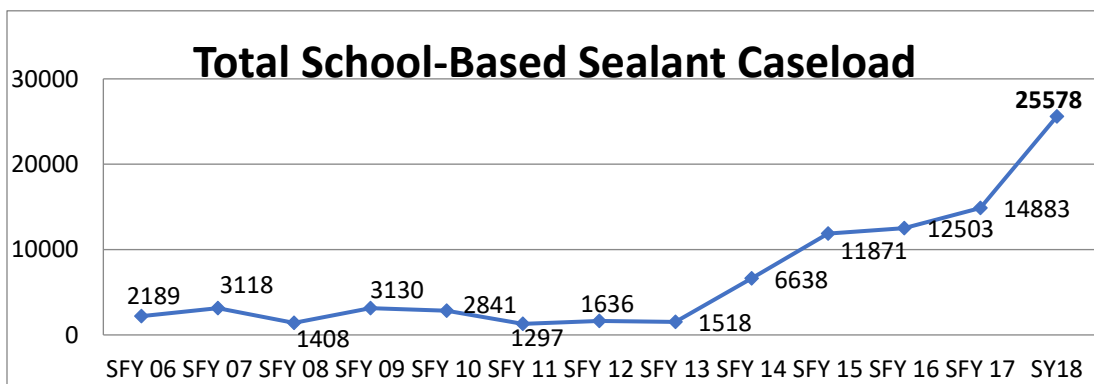
**Future Smiles** is a non-profit school-based sealant program that provides two types of delivery models: set locations in School-Based Health Centers for Education and Prevention of Oral Disease (EPODs) and mobile school-based locations utilizing portable equipment. Underserved schools (Title I with >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		
	SFY16	SFY17	SFY18	SFY16	SFY17	SFY18	SFY16	SFY17	SFY18
Community Health Alliance	25	24	22	609	467	1,067	1,562	1,219	3,362
Seal Nevada South	18	16	12	515	507	639	1,631	1,665	1,443
Future Smiles	25	49	60	3,323	4,691	6,520	9,310	11,999	20,773
<b>Total</b>	68	89	94	4,447	5,665	8,226	12,503	14,883	25,578



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

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