

ROHS Report
Regional Oral Health Specialist
Lisa Westhoff RDH MSDH

Hello Healthcare Providers and beyond!

Your local Regional Oral Health Specialist is here to assist you and your clients in all things oral health prevention.

Community Health Services Inc., in partnership with Garfield County, provides preventive dental services and assists individuals and families from Aspen to Parachute in finding a dental home. Our services help fill the needs for underinsured and uninsured individuals.

We also strive to create positive community partnerships with healthcare providers from Aspen to Parachute as we work together to prevent oral health diseases of the head, neck, and mouth.



Medicaid Dental Providers

If you are a Medicaid and/or CHP+ dental provider and would like to be added to our list, please let us know.



Charitable donations

Community Health Services, Inc.(CHS) is a private, non-profit which provides preventive health services to the residents, workers and visitors of Pitkin County and the Roaring Fork Valley.



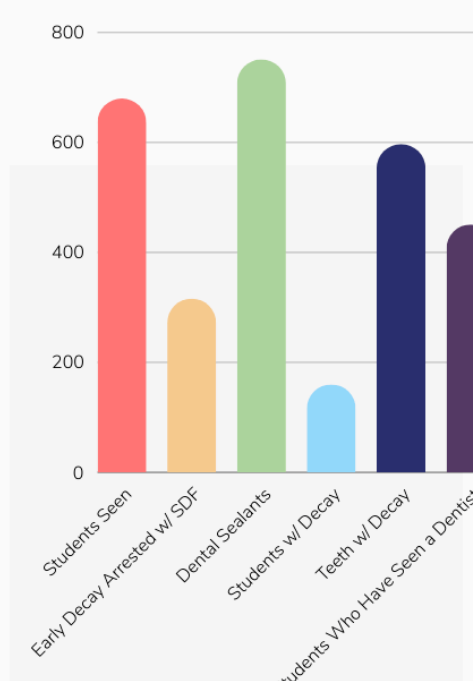
Minimally Invasive Dentistry

SDF (Silver Diamine Fluoride) is a pain-free way to stop or slow down tooth decay and prevent new decay from starting. It's a liquid made up of fluoride and silver ions and it's very good at killing the bacteria that cause cavities.

IT'S NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

SMILES FOR STUDENTS
2023-2024 School Year

- Referrals to Local Dentists
- Oral Cancer Screenings
- Fluoride Varnish
- Dental Sealants
- Dental Screenings
- Silver Diamine Fluoride



Aspen to Parachute Dental Prevention Programs > click here

Serving Students at School for over 15 years

Every school year, a team of licensed dental hygienists visits Garfield County elementary and middle schools. Students conveniently receive care in school during the school day at no cost to the school or families.

Families receive an oral health report for their child and Smiles for Students works closely with schools to find dental homes for any student without one.

Dental education, screenings, and helping students find a dentist are our top priorities.

For the 2023-2024 School Year, Smiles for Students has:

- Screened and provided oral hygiene education to 680 students
- Arrested early dental decay on 316 posterior (back) teeth and Applied 751 dental sealants.

160 students had dental cavities for a total of 597 dental cavities visible without x-rays.

451 students reported they had seen a dentist in the last 12 months.

All students are recommended to see a dental provider twice a year, and the Smiles for Students program and school health personnel work together to ensure students are seen and treated by a dentist, especially those with dental cavities.

If you would like to help support screenings and dental prevention services at your local elementary or middle school, please consider donating to the Healthy Smiles Oral Health Program.

Healthy Smiles Oral Health Program Donations

Oral Health Colorado



Did you know, that the Colorado Oral Health Unit has a new website filled with State Initiatives, News, and Free Resources?



Oral Health in Colorado by the numbers

Oral Health and Children

The inequities in social determinants of health impact and shape the lives of Colorado's children and are barriers in accessing oral health care in the state.

#1 Cavities remain the number one chronic disease in children, with potential developmental, economic, and social ramifications.

3 in 10 children have tooth decay by kindergarten

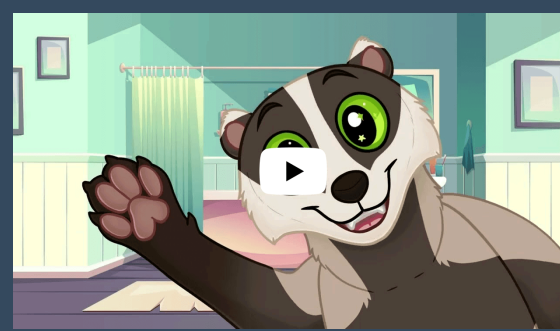
CHILDHOOD TOOTH DECAY BY ETHNICITY
KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS
Hispanic/Latino: 40.9%
White: 23.4%

THIRD-GRADE STUDENTS
Hispanic/Latino: 57.9%
White: 37.9%

NEARLY HALF of Colorado children experience a cavity by third grade

VI, June 22, 2023

Rocky Mountain PBS and Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation Team Up for Kids' Oral Health!



WORD OF MOUTH
The importance of Oral Health

Oral health is connected to overall health. 90% of people who have oral health issues also have other health issues. 2X more people with oral health issues visit the doctor.

Oral health is critically important. 120 million people in the U.S. have oral health issues.

75% of people do not go to the dentist. 40% of people do not go to the dentist.

Prevent oral health issues at a cost of \$6,000 per person.

WORD OF MOUTH
La importancia de la salud bucal

La salud bucal es conectada con la salud general. 90% de las personas con problemas de salud bucal también tienen otros problemas de salud. 2X más personas con problemas de salud bucal visitan al médico.

La salud bucal es críticamente importante. 120 millones de personas en los EE.UU. tienen problemas de salud bucal.

75% de las personas no van al dentista. 40% de las personas no van al dentista.

Prevenir problemas de salud bucal a un costo de \$6,000 por persona.

Oral Cancer Screenings and Education:
Are you doing them at every visit?

Oral Cancer rates are on the rise and it isn't just patients who smoke or use alcohol. HPV related Oropharyngeal Cancers are becoming more prevalent, especially in older white males.

Screenings, Tests, Education, and Vaccination are key in reducing oral and oropharyngeal cancers.

There are resources and educational tools to help!

Cancer Prevention Tools > click here

See you soon