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MAY THE FLOSS BE WITH YOU

**MILES OF SMILES, LTD., IS A TEAM
OF DENTAL PROFESSIONALS
DELIVERING
PREVENTIVE AND EDUCATIONAL
SERVICES TO CHILDREN IN
SCHOOLS,
HEAD-START PROGRAMS AND
OTHER COMMUNITY AGENCIES.**

**WE ARE COMMITTED TO TREATING
EACH CHILD WITH
COMPASSION AND RESPECT.**



Reasons why your students should sign up for Miles of Smiles, Ltd.

- The U. S. Surgeon General has recommended school-based services to underprivileged school children.
- 80% of the children on Medicaid do not routinely see the dentist as needed.
 - 45% of these children have substantial and active cavities.
- Dental disease contributes to learning challenges, endocarditis, diabetes, failure to thrive, cardio-pulmonary failure, and stroke.
- Loss of teeth results in a loss of personal dignity and affects self-esteem.

**More children are seen by Miles of Smiles, Ltd.
than any other company preventively and restoratively!**

Schedule today for the upcoming school year!

Contact our main office for more information at 309-382-6404.

Miles of Smiles, Ltd. is collaborating with the Springfield Public Schools (SPS), the Sangamon County Department of Public Health (SCDPH) and the Central Counties Health Centers, Inc. (CCHC) to get the needed dental treatment completed for children served in the school setting.



Approximately one fourth of all children receiving preventive dental services at school need follow up care. There are several obstacles in their ability to access such care, including getting to a local dental office. It's been a couple of years in the works with all community partners involved.

And now, Miles of Smiles, Ltd. is pleased to share a photo of the transportation van that is being used to get the children to the CCHC clinic, providing them with a true dental home in their own community.

Located in Springfield, Ill., CCHC provides quality, affordable health and oral health care to Springfield residents and those in surrounding counties who lack health or dental insurance or do not have adequate coverage. The

Wisdom Tooth Award is granted to an organization that significantly improves the oral health of Illinois children, and CCHC was selected from 17 applicants. CCHC will use the Wisdom Tooth Award to help fund its "Check Up Pick Up" Dental Transportation Program and expand its dental services to provide comprehensive care to more children.

CCHC provides affordable health and oral care to Illinois residents who lack insurance or do not have adequate coverage. The team came up with the idea of the "Check Up Pick Up" program when they realized that many of the children referred to the program for dental care never came in for an appointment because they lacked transportation. Thanks to Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation's Wisdom Tooth Award, CCHC has a new van to launch the program, and the van is being used to pick up kids at their schools for their dental appointments and take them back afterwards.



Miles of Smiles, Ltd. enjoys its continued collaboration with the St Louis District Dairy Council in getting nutrition information to school children and their families.

Meet Nikki Carls...



As our hygienist representative, she will be traveling to our Central & Southern Illinois schools to visit and share information about Miles of Smiles, Ltd.



Every child with a signed permission slip is eligible to be seen.

**Never a fee to the family or school.
(Some companies hide the charges until consent forms are sent home.)**

We bill medicaid, private insurance, and various granting agencies. Those reimbursements are considered final payment.

•The highest quality toothbrush, toothpaste and floss is sent home with every child.

•Personalized instructions are given to each child.

•Quality assurance is guaranteed

•Miles of Smiles, Ltd. is privileged to cooperate with local health departments that participate in the Illinois Department of Public Health Division of Oral Health's Dental Sealant Grant Program.

•Parents are informed of their child's treatment needs with a phone call & "take home" form.