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Miles of Smiles, Ltd.

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Aubrey from Benton, IL colored this picture while Miles of Smiles was at her school.

> Sign up for a Miles of Smiles visit in 2012-13 today!

Miles of Smiles 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.



# Making every mile smile

#### Miles of Smiles is available in all counties of Illinois

The process by which we provide our services is:

**1** Permission slips are sent home with the children. Once the positive, fully completed slips are returned, our team (a dentist and 1-2 hygientists and dental assistants), is scheduled to go to the school. Oral hygiene instructions are discussed on an indivudal basis.

2. Services performed are billed to Medicaid/All Kids, various granting agencies or private insurance. Miles of Smiles, Ltd. accepts what is reimbursed as final payment. The families and school will not be billed for any co-payments, deductibles or balances.

**3.** Miles of Smiles, Ltd. makes an annual donation to each participating Health Department to help facilitate their oral health intitiatives. All monies that transact between us for the dental sealant grant program is awarded to the Health Department after the final billing cylce in June.

A Miles of Smiles, Ltd. is happy to provide a dental education presentation and/or handouts for students upon request.

## Finding a 'dental home' for each Illinois child

It is important to Miles of Smiles, Ltd., that each child in Illinois finds a "dental home."

Any child who provides a signed, fully-completed permission slip becomes eligible for an exam, prophylaxis (cleaning), fluoride varnish and sealants, if needed. (Those children in grades K, 2 and 6 who provide a positive permission slip that is not fully completed will still receive an exam to stay compliant with the State of Illinois mandate.)

The Miles of Smiles dentist will then provide a report to the school and parents documenting any follow-up care that is recommended. A network of local dentists who can provide that care will be presented to each household having a child in need. Through that referral, the child

will establish a "dental home" which is available year-round. Regular visits to that dentist, along with the preventive services provided by Miles of Smiles, will ensure the child is receiving the care he/she needs.

We encourage families that have an established dental home, to continue their oral health care there.

## Look for our letter of agreement

Look for the letter of agreement being sent to the schools. The intent of this agreement is to continue the established collaboration between Miles of Smiles, Ltd. and each school for the delivery of preventive dental services.

### Restorative Pilot Program

We are very excited to introduce our pilot restorative program this Spring. Three schools have been selected, per their request, to have dental treatment delivered on site.

Similar to our preventive program, our team (dentist and assistants) will bring the mobile equipment to the schools to treat the children in need. This will include digital x-

rays. We hope to expand these services to all communities in need, if it is their request. Although a dental home

within the community is the goal, not all locations have this luxury. And every child deserves to have their oral disease treated. Contact us



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