

Early Smiles is an innovative program that provides oral health preventative services and resources for pregnant women and children ages 0-5. These services include oral health education, a dental screening, and navigation assistance to establish a dental home. Furthermore, it builds collaboration between medical and dental providers and integrates oral health into primary care settings.

The program serves children and pregnant women residing in San Bernardino County in settings such as preschools, Head Start and kindergarten sites, community health centers, hospitals, WIC locations, OB/GYN sites, family resource centers, and community events.



## Screening

- ▶ Screening and prevention services will be provided by licensed dental hygienists using a comprehensive screening protocol, including a clinical assessment and a caries risk assessment.
- ▶ Preventive services provided include oral hygiene instruction and fluoride varnish application.



## Oral Health Education

- ▶ Oral health education includes information on optimal oral health practices and is augmented with information about accessing dental care and the importance of a dental home.
- ▶ Oral health education is offered individually or in a group setting.

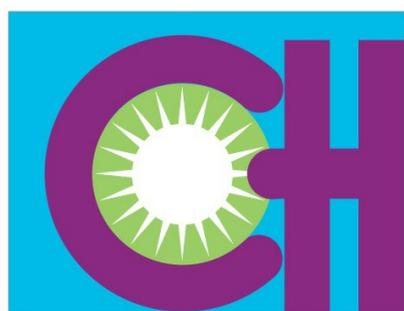


## Navigation

- ▶ Navigation services are provided upon determination that the child or pregnant woman lacks a dental home.
- ▶ The Early Smiles team assists in identifying, utilizing benefits and accessing dental care.
- ▶ Limited incentives may be offered to ensure that families complete their first dental appointment.

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