

CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM

I. Site Info

Site Name and Location:

Dental Sealant Program
Allegheny County Health Department
3333 Forbes Avenue, Room 303
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Organization Mission:

The Allegheny County Health Department's mission statement is:

To assure quality public health services by promoting individual and community wellness, preventing injury, illness, and premature death or disability, and protecting the population from harmful effects of chemical, biological and physical hazards within the environment.

The Dental Sealant Program is a component of the Dental Program, which addresses dental needs of underserved children (1-21 years of age). The Dental Sealant Program provides oral health education, a dental examination and sealants to second and sixth grade children in eligible schools.

The Program Objective:

For eighty-five percent of the children participating in the Dental Sealant Program to have sealants applied to their permanent molars. Conduct the Dental Sealant Program in sixty Allegheny County elementary and middle schools where children at highest risk for dental disease are enrolled. Present oral health education for the students and provide educational material to the parents/guardians of these students enrolled in the targeted schools. Provide 100% follow-up care to parents of children with urgent dental carries identified during the on-site examination.

Critical Community Need(s) to be addressed through member service:

This school-based prevention-oriented program provides oral health education, examinations, and dental sealants for a population of children in need of these services. AmeriCorps member will work to have these services provided to as many schools and students as possible, with high quality service, and keep program organized and in good contact with schools, and all associated staff-persons.

Site Supervisor assigned to support member:

Name/Title/Phone/Fax/Email:

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Position Requirements/Qualifications:

- An interest in a health related field or health / human service experience
- Ability to communicate effectively
- Good interpersonal skills
- A desire to interact with children

- Ability to organize and plan with a variety of individuals and organizations, as well as document communications
- A desire to work in a clinical dental setting (training provided)

II. Service Description

Position Title:

Oral Health Program Assistant

Service Activities/Responsibilities:

The basic functions include general office duties, on-site interaction at schools, and clinical dental assisting. You will be in charge of scheduling all education and sealant dates with participating schools, as well as relaying scheduling information and changes to all members of the Dental Sealant team. During school visits, you will be in charge of organizing school dental records and individual student exams and/or assisting dentist with dental exam and sealant placement.

Service Activities/Responsibilities: (be sure to include numbers, amounts, and time lines)

- Schedule school visits for education and sealant applications (60+ schools through Sept-June year)
- Interact and plan via phone, email, face-to-face, etc. with school staff, including, but not limited to, principals, teachers, nurses, district hygienists, and social workers.
- Calculate and input school visit data into dental databases
- Schedule dental equipment delivery and pick-up at each school site with ACHD drivers/staff (as well as school personnel)
- Maintain school specific files (on-going)
- Monitor, by telephone, student permission response
- Prepare program related materials on request

On-site Duties

- Obtain program related dental records and permission slips
- Perform recording activities
- Assure on-site child escort services
- Interact with children at school sites
- Assist dentist with exam and sealant placement during the on-site procedures. Training will be provided by the dentist.

Service Goals: (be sure to include numbers, amounts, and time lines)

- Provide oral health/dental hygiene education for 100% of 2nd & 6th grade participant schools.
- Assist the Dental Sealant Program team in achieving the objective participation of 85% of eligible second and sixth grade children during the September 2009 – June 2010 school year.
- Foster good relationships with school staff and administration, dental staff, and others to help promote future of program

Outcome Measures (be sure to qualify what measurable impact the member will have through service at Partner Site)

- Assist in achieving an 85% child participation rate, through good education programs, interaction with school staff, and parents/guardians.
- Contribute to the Healthy People 2010 Dental Sealant goal for the nation (i.e. 50% of 8-year old children will have dental sealants.)
- Assist with oral health education and improved oral health practices for elementary and middle school children in Allegheny County

III. Logistical Info

Expected Service Schedule:

Office hours: 8:00am – 4:00pm

On-site hours: 7:00am – 3:00pm

--will vary with school visit schedule

Scheduled hours (approx. 40 per week)

Orientation Plan:

On-site (ACHD) orientation; including departmental, HIPAA, and dental sealant office/administration

On-site dental training with dentists and dental hygienists

School visits with program staff

Service Location(s) if different from site address:

Allegheny County Health Department, Dental Office

Clack Health Center

3901 Penn Avenue, Bldg 1

Pittsburgh, PA 15224

School sites in Allegheny County

Additional Info (parking, transportation, ID, etc.):

3333 Forbes Office: parking availability varies in ACHD lot, on most bus lines

Dental Office: parking available on street and variably in ACHD lot, close to 54C, 86B bus lines

School sites vary. Will travel with program staff from Dental office

Attire: Uniform polo shirt and comfortable shoes for school visits, business casual in office

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