City of San Antonio
Metropolitan Health District
Oral Health Program

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Oral Health Program History

- **2005**
  - Municipal Funding: $1,300,000
  - Public Health Dental Clinics: 5
  - Full-Time Community Health Dentists: 5
  - Full-Time Support Staff: 15

- **2014**
  - Municipal Funding: $245,759
  - Public Health Dental Clinics: 0
  - Full-Time Community Health Dentists: 0
  - Full-Time Support Staff: 1
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City of San Antonio School-Based Oral Health Program

SEALED TODAY FOR A HEALTHIER TOMORROW
16 Independent School Districts Bexar County
- Edgewood ISD
- Harlandale ISD
- North East ISD
- San Antonio ISD
- Southwest ISD
Program Goals

- Identify children who face barriers to receiving dental services.
- Provide preventive services to children who have an unmet need.
- Refer children with oral problems to providers in the community.
- Restore and maintain oral health for children throughout their early years.
School-Based Sealant Program Services by Grade

- **Kindergarten**
  - The Basic Screening Survey tool is utilized to determine if child has any dental problems
  - Fluoride Varnish is applied to the teeth.
  - Child with additional dental needs are referred for care.

- **Second & 3rd Grade**
  - The Basic Screening Survey tool is utilized to determine if child has any dental problems
  - Sealants are applied to first permanent molars
  - Fluoride Varnish is then applied and the child is referred for additional treatment if needed.
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UT Health Science Center Dental School Service-Learning Rotations
# MILES OF SMILES
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## 2013–14 School Year

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Access to Comprehensive Dental Services

Metro Health awarded additional Title V Block Grant funds from Texas DSHS to support dental services for uninsured and under-insured children

- Provides funding for clinical services for non-eligible Medicaid children (ex. undocumented)
- Sub-contract with U.T. Dept. of Pediatric Dentistry to provide clinical services
Opposition to Community Dental Programs

- Undermines the concept of the “dental home”
- Lack of understanding the scope and severity of the problem
- Difficulty in differentiating for-profit models vs. evidence-based community programs
- Perceived impact on the private practice
Panel Questions...
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