



National Children's Dental Health Month 2015

What did IHS and Tribal dental programs do?



Acoma-Canoncito-Laguna (ACL) Service Unit (Albuquerque Area) – saw a whopping 364 children in schools or the community, providing fluoride varnish, screenings, and sealants at the schools.

Blackfeet Service Unit (Billings Area) – provided screenings, sealants, fluoride, toothbrushes and toothpaste, and oral hygiene instructions for Early Start through 3rd grade, with an amazing 493 children receiving fluoride and 637 sealants placed.

Cherokee Health & Wellness Program, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (Nashville Area) – published four article on NCDHM in the One Feather tribal newsletter and displayed a “Wipe, Smear, Brush” billboard on the side of the road on the reservation. In addition, they provided dental health education to 365 elementary schoolchildren and over 100 Head Start children while in a “tooth fairy” costume.

		
<h2>WIPE</h2>	<h2>SMEAR</h2>	<h2>BRUSH</h2>
Before teeth come in, wipe baby's mouth with a moist cloth or special baby "gum" brush.	When teeth start to come in, around 4-8 months, start using a small "smear" of toothpaste. This is easy if you wipe toothpaste across the brush. Use this amount until your child's second birthday.	After your child reaches age 3, use a "pea size dab" of toothpaste. Use fluoride toothpaste every morning and night. Check after your child brushes to make sure teeth are clean!
	<h3>Tips for healthy teeth from</h3> <h3>EBCI Children's Dental Program 554-6197</h3>	





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Cochiti Pueblo (Albuquerque Area) – provided multiple presentations at the local elementary and middle school, doing dental-related experiments with 4th and 5th graders, measured sugar with 2nd and 3rd graders, and made a model of a healthy mouth with younger grades, reaching a total of 150 children.

Kewa Pueblo (Albuquerque Area) – provided a National Children's Dental Health Month presentation and oral hygiene education to 140 children, parents, and teachers at the Early Learning Childhood Center.

Lawton Indian Hospital (Oklahoma City Area) - coordinated with the Delta Dental Foundation to have Captain Super Tooth do educational programs at six area schools. Over 800 children participated in the six performances and 259 children received a fluoride varnish application. Lawton Indian Hospital Dental did a sealant clinic for two days and completed 406 sealants on 48 children. 25 Head Start children toured the clinic and were educated on oral healthcare, diet and received fluoride varnish applications.

Oneida Tribal Dental Program (Nashville Area) – provided open access for children, reinstated a fluoride varnish program, and developed posters to spread awareness of early childhood caries in the medical department.



Pine Ridge Service Unit (Great Plains Area) – distributed flyers throughout the Area for parents and schools, conducted numerous screenings and fluoride varnish applications at multiple sites, provided oral hygiene education for parents and young children.

Santa Fe Service Unit (Albuquerque Area) – placed glass ionomer sealants and fluoride varnish on Head Start children and met with Pueblo leaders to discuss oral health.



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St. Regis Mohawk (Nashville Area) – used NCDHM to have Head Start children tour the dental office, and at the same time, screened and applied fluoride varnish to the teeth of 47 children.



Taos-Picuris Service Unit (Albuquerque Area) – screened, applied fluoride varnish, and applied dental sealants to 85 students attending the Taos Pueblo Day School, helping push the program “over the top” in meeting their annual GPRA goals for sealants and fluoride.