

TOOTH TALK

El Dorado Smiles - Local Oral Health Program



CHILDREN'S HEALTH FAIR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17TH, 10 AM - 2 PM

The El Dorado County Oral Health Program is excited to host a children's health fair for our community. This event is geared towards families with children ages 0-5, offering a great opportunity to prepare for the upcoming school year by taking care of essential health screenings. Community partners will provide free vision, hearing, and oral health screenings, including Kindergarten Oral Health Assessments.

A wide array of community partners will be on hand to offer education and resources, helping families connect with local services and build a strong support network.

Join us for a fun-filled day of education, games, and crafts. We look forward to seeing you there!



EL DORADO COUNTY ORAL HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The Oral Health program is completing its needs assessment on the oral health status of county residents and members. This needs assessment helps reveal any gaps and barriers that may be felt by folks throughout the county. This assessment also helps the oral health program address those issues in the community health improvement plan, over the next few years.

To gather the best data, we are asking residents and community members to fill out our short survey on their own oral health experiences, and barriers they may face. If you would like to help support these efforts, please use and share the link and/or QR code to fill out the survey. Thank you for moving oral health in a positive direction!



Needs Assessment Survey We need your input!

OR ENGLISH:



OR ESPAÑOL:



ENGLISH LINK: HTTPS://WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/76NWM3F

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COMING SOON



ORAL HEALTH SCREENING

KINDERGARTEN ORAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT (KOHA)

Resources for Schools



OFFERED AT NO COST AT PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

As we welcome a new school year, it's important to remember that children entering kindergarten, or first grade (their first year in public school) are required by law (California Education Code [EC] Section 49452.8) to submit an oral health assessment to their school. This assessment helps schools identify children who may be suffering from untreated dental issues, provides families with resources to access dental services, and ensures that children are better prepared for pain-free learning and greater success in school.

We are proud to partner with Angela Delfino, a Registered Dental Hygienist in Alternative Practice, who is deeply committed to improving the oral health of children in our county. In March 2024, we launched the Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment (KOHA) inclass screening program, reaching 12 of the 31 schools with kindergarten classrooms. Through this program, we screened 628 students, identifying 42 with urgent dental needs and 123 with early signs of needing dental care. Fortunately, 463 students showed no immediate need for care. As we move into the new school year, we hope to expand our reach to even more schools, giving more students the opportunity to detect and address oral health issues early and improving their learning outcomes.



ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION

If your school would like to participate in the KOHA screenings this year, please contact us at 530-621-4000 or eldoradosmiles@edcgov.us

THE EL DORADO SMILES DENTAL VAN IS COMING TO A SCHOOL NEAR YOU!

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Providing dental service to students on-site, offering easy access to care.

Scan the QR code to fill out the application and secure your child's spot on the van.

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We are happy to announce that Jennifer Setina, Registered Dental Hygienist Alternative Praxis, has partnered with the South Lake Tahoe Family Resource Center. She provides preventative oral health services including exams, cleanings, x-rays, sealants, and fluoride treatments to Medi-Cal recipients, bridging the gap for adults and community members of all ages. With no other resource for adults and seniors in South Lake Tahoe her schedule fills up quickly.

Any dental treatment requiring a dentist, will be provided by the Smile Dental Services team and their dental van. (https://smiledentalservices.com).

With their first fully scheduled day in Tahoe, being August 30th, the dental team is already planning to return to Tahoe on a more frequent schedule.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!



888-585-3368

PLEASE CALL OUR FRIENDLY STAFF TO SET UP AN APPOINTMENT.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND OUTREACH



AUGUST 17TH

CHILDREN'S HEALTH FAIR PLACERVILLE LIBRARY 345 FAIR LANE 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM







Health

Fair

For children under the age of 5 and women at any stage of pregnancy

August 17, 2024

At Placerville Library 345 Fair Lane, Placerville Meet additional Early HeadStart and HeadStart requirements!

Get your child free screenings and information on:

- Dental Exams
- Vision screenings
- · Hearing screenings
- Immunizations
- WIC support
- ... and so much more!



For more information, please email eldoradosmiles@edcgov.us

Games **Prizes Activities**





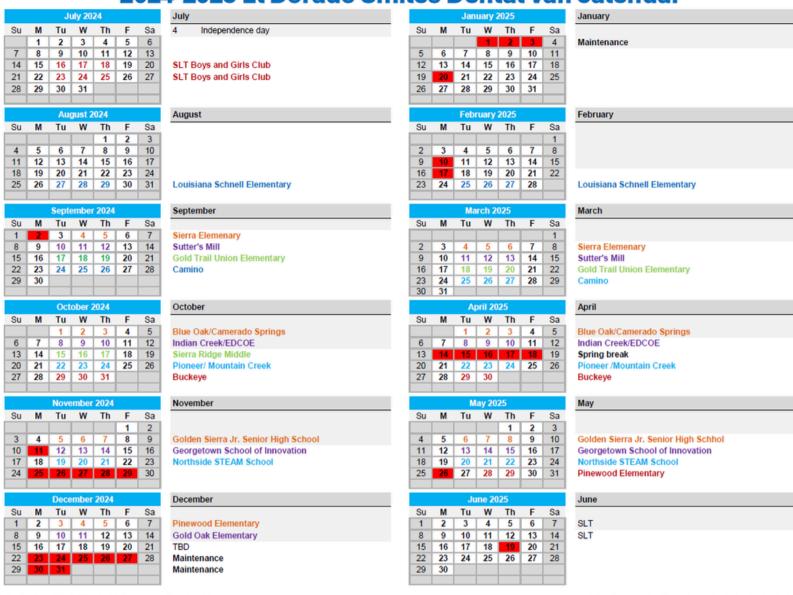








2024-2025 El Dorado Smiles Dental van calendar



Calendar Template @ 2021 by Vertex42.com. Free to print.

https://www.vertex42.com/calendars/school-calendar.html

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How long has it been since you visited a dentist?

Don't underestimate the importance of regular dental check-ups. Not only do check-ups help in detecting cavities and gum disease, they also provide an opportunity to screen for oral cancers and other potentially serious conditions. Regular visits to the dentist, along with daily brushing and flossing, are essential for maintaining good oral health.



SMILE DENTAL SERVICES understands that sometimes it can be difficult to find a dentist in your area ... so we're bringing the dentist to you!

COMING TO SOUTH LAKE TAHOE

Smile Dental Services Mobile Dental Services Van

At Smile Dental Services we are dedicated to ensuring each patient receives not only the best care available, but also the education necessary to maintain good oral health throughout their lives. We invite you to visit us and learn how we can help you achieve your oral health goals.

We accept most PPO dental insurance plans as well as Medi-Cal Dental and we will bill your plan for covered services received. Call us for information on the plans we accept, our basic charges for services for those who do not have insurance, and to make an appointment.

SLT Family Resource Center

3501 Spruce Ave, Ste B

South Lake Tahoe, CA

CALL NOW!

Tel:888-585-3368



www.SmileDentalServices.com

Studies have shown that individuals with periodontal (gum) disease are nearly twice as likely to suffer from coronary artery disease as those without gum disease. This underscores the importance of maintaining good oral hygiene not just for a bright smile, but for a healthy heart too!

Sealants are thin coatings that the dentist paints on the chewing surfaces of your child's back teeth to help prevent cavities. Dentists recommend that kids get dental sealants for their first molars around age six. According to

the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), school-age children without sealants have almost three times more cavities than children with sealants. Oral disease can cause pain and infections that may lead to problems with eating, speaking, and learning. It can also affect social interactions, academic achievement, and job potential.