

State School-Based Oral Health Programs

School Fluoride Program

Under construction

School Dental Sealant Program

The Oregon Department of Human Services began a Statewide School-based Dental Sealant Program in March of 2007. Since then the program has served:

- 2006-07: 11 schools/3 counties
- 2007-08: 42 schools/9 counties
- 2008-09: 140 schools/26 counties are targeted

The program targets:

- Schools where at least 50% of the students are eligible for the Free-and-Reduced Lunch Program.
- All students within the school
 - 1st & 2nd graders in larger schools
 - 1st - 5th graders in smaller schools

Protocol:

The first day, a hygienist and assistant screen the students that have parental permission. The next visit, 2 portable sealant units, chairs, lights, etc. are brought in and hygienists and assistants (paid a stipend) provide sealants. Hygienists may also opt, instead of the stipend, to take 6 CEUs for volunteer work. The Oregon Board of Dentistry allows hygienists to claim 6 CEUs every 2 years for volunteering.

Contractor Opportunities:

The program is soliciting contractors to implement sealant programs in rural communities. The program provides forms, school contacts, equipment, supplies, wages, and helps to solicit providers (which are paid). Contractors must house the equipment, set up the equipment, schedule the schools and providers, oversee providers, and collect and submit data for the program.

If you are interested in helping with this program or want more information, please contact Laurie Johnson (laurie.johnson@state.or.us)