



Monterey County
Oral Health Program



Volunteer Opportunity to Promote Children's Oral Health in Monterey County

Monterey County Oral Health Program Background

In 2018, the Monterey County Health Department launched the Prop 56 Oral Health Program, funded through the California Department of Public Health's Oral Health Program (made possible by the state's 2016 \$2 tobacco tax, Prop 56). The goal of the Monterey County Oral Health Program is to address the oral health needs of the Monterey County community through prevention, education, and capacity building.

Interested in protecting and preserving young smiles?

The Monterey County Oral Health Program is seeking dental service professionals to screen Kindergartners and 1st graders and link them to dental care services. The goal of this effort is to promote a "dental home" with families and detect untreated tooth decay among young age children.

Prevention and early detection of dental disease is critical to help fight tooth decay, especially with younger children. In California, more than 50 percent of children ages 3-5 have tooth decay, surpassing the national average of 33 percent. With your help, we can together assist underserved families in promoting oral health and preventing dental disease. Please join our efforts to protecting and preserving young smiles.



Where and when will the dental screenings take place?

Dental screenings will take place at targeted school campuses. The projection of dental screenings is expected to take place in the fall of 2022, pandemic infection rates may impact the timeline.

Pandemic precautions taken during dental screenings

The Monterey County Oral Health Program follows COVID safety protocols and will supply volunteers with PPE (Personal Protective Equipment).



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