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SEAL INDIANA COMING TO Fill in SITE

Indiana University School of Dentistry’s mobile dental sealant program—SEAL INDIANA—will provide preventive dental care this summer for children enrolled in Fill in SITE on Fill in Day, Month, Date, year. A temporary dental clinic will be set up inside Fill in SITE, where services will include examinations, dental sealants, and fluoride varnish. Children will also receive individual brushing instruction and a toothbrush prophy, along with a toothbrush and toothpaste.

Sealants are thin plastic coatings applied to the tiny grooves on the chewing surfaces of the back teeth. This is where most tooth decay in children and teens occurs. Sealants protect the chewing surfaces from decay by keeping germs and pieces of food out. The Surgeon General’s report on oral health indicates that sealants can reduce decay in school children by more than 70 percent.

A fluoride varnish treatment provides added protection against decay for all teeth.

To have their children participate, parents should complete, sign and check mark YES the SEAL INDIANA consent, being sent home by Fill in SITE. For children enrolled in Medicaid/Hoosier Healthwise, the entire cost of preventive dental treatment (toothbrush prophy, dental exam, sealants and fluoride) is covered. A sliding fee scale, based on family income, and a cap on services is available for those without insurance.

The SEAL INDIANA program is staffed by licensed IUSD faculty dentists and a staff member, along with senior dental students, who serve as clinicians and also provide dental education in classroom settings. Since March 2003, SEAL INDIANA has completed over 22,000 examinations and placed over 36,000 dental sealants. The program has made more than 1,200 site visits to Indiana Title I schools, Head Starts, youth programs, community health centers and shelters for the homeless that house children.

IUSD operates the statewide program, with support of the Indiana State Department of Health and corporate foundations. SEAL INDIANA is endorsed by the Indiana Dental Association.

For more information, visit www.sealindiana.org, email us at iusdseal@iupui.edu or call SEAL INDIANA at 317.278.0750 or Fill in site, at Fill in site’s telephone number.