

SEAL INDIANA

is a statewide mobile dental sealant program operated by Indiana University School of Dentistry, endorsed by the Indiana Dental Association and sponsored by the Indiana State Department of Health and corporate foundations. SEAL INDIANA offers preventive dental services (*examinations, oral hygiene instructions, toothbrush probies, dental sealants and fluoride varnish treatments*) for children from low-income families who are not receiving these services regularly or who do not have access to dental care.



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MOBILE DENTAL SEALANT PROGRAM

SERVING:

Title I Schools (*Lowest Income*)
Head Start & Youth Programs
Migrant Worker Programs
Community Health Centers
Homeless Shelters

SEAL INDIANA HISTORY

Since 2003 when the program began, **SEAL INDIANA** has examined more than 26,891 Indiana children from low-income families (*35% of whom had untreated dental decay*); placed more than 44,017 dental sealants, and provided 22,212 fluoride varnish treatments. **SEAL INDIANA** has traveled to all regions of the state, making over 1,696 visits to Title I schools (*lowest income*), community health centers, Head Start programs (*including those for children of migrant farm workers*), youth programs, and shelters for the homeless and victims of domestic violence that house children.

SEAL INDIANA provides services using portable equipment that is carried into schools and community sites; services are provided inside the school buildings.



***AVAILABLE CLASSROOMS** are converted into temporary dental clinics, as IUSD students and staff transport supplies and portable dental units into the schools. In a typical day, the Seal Indiana team serves an average of 20 to 25 children who are the least likely to receive care. Every child receives a toothbrush and brushing instructions and takes home a dental report, informing parents what treatment was provided and what follow up may be needed.*

CLINIC STAFFING

SEAL INDIANA is staffed by licensed faculty dentists from Indiana University School of Dentistry and all fourth-year dental students, who serve three-day rotations as clinicians and also provide education in the classrooms. In addition to bringing needed preventive dental care to underserved children, **SEAL INDIANA** helps these future dentists understand the complexity of disparities in access to dental care. After their rotation, the students write reflective essays and predominantly state that because of this experience, they will be more aware of and responsive to the needs of underserved children in the communities where they will practice.



SEAL INDIANA FEES

Low fees or free services (*based on family income*) are available for eligible children. For those enrolled in *Medicaid/ Hoosier Healthwise*, the entire cost of preventive dental care is covered.



***DENTAL STUDENTS** have the opportunity to teach young children important information about oral health when visiting Head Start programs and Title I schools throughout Indiana.*



A **dental sealant** is a plastic material that is applied to the chewing surface of back teeth where decay occurs most often. Sealants protect these teeth from plaque and acid that causes decay. Receiving sealants is comfortable, and no anesthetic is required.

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