



BECAUSE EVERYONE DESERVES A HEALTHY SMILE

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In 2018, Children's Dental Health Services received a phone call from a single mom, Sarah. Sarah shared that she had been struggling to find a dentist to treat her 5 children ranging in age from 3 to 14 years old. CDHS staff was able to help Sarah register her school age children to be seen for care at a school clinic and her younger children were seen at a public health clinic. At the time of their preventative care visits, 4 of the 5 children were found to have extensive treatment needs and referred to our dentist.

As a single mother Sarah faces several barriers to find time for dentist appointments.

Our staff worked with her to schedule appointments for multiple children on each day, additionally our dentist provided as many treatment procedures as possible per appointment in an effort to assist Sarah's busy schedule. After a few restorative appointments, all 5 of Sarah's children have happy healthy mouths because of our programs reducing barriers and improving access to dental care. Sarah's school age children will no longer contribute to the over 51 million hours of school that are lost each year to dental disease. Unfortunately, stories like this one are far too common and just

further reinforce the need to have such an important school based preventative and restorative dental program available to provide access and eliminate barriers for underserved children. In this case it was a success, however if we were unable to see Sarah's children as quickly as we did this story may have not turned out to be so positive.



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