



FirstHealth Dental Care Portable Program

Montgomery County Board of
Education Meeting
November 7, 2022



Dental Care in Children

- Tooth decay is the most common childhood chronic disease. 5 times more common than asthma.
- More prevalent in underserved children.
- 20% of children have 80% of the decay. We serve the 20%.

Who are the 20% that we serve?

- Children on Medicaid or Health Choice
- Children without insurance (household income is at 200% of the federal poverty level or less)

Our Purpose



**To Provide Comprehensive
Dental Care to Underserved
Children up to Age 21**

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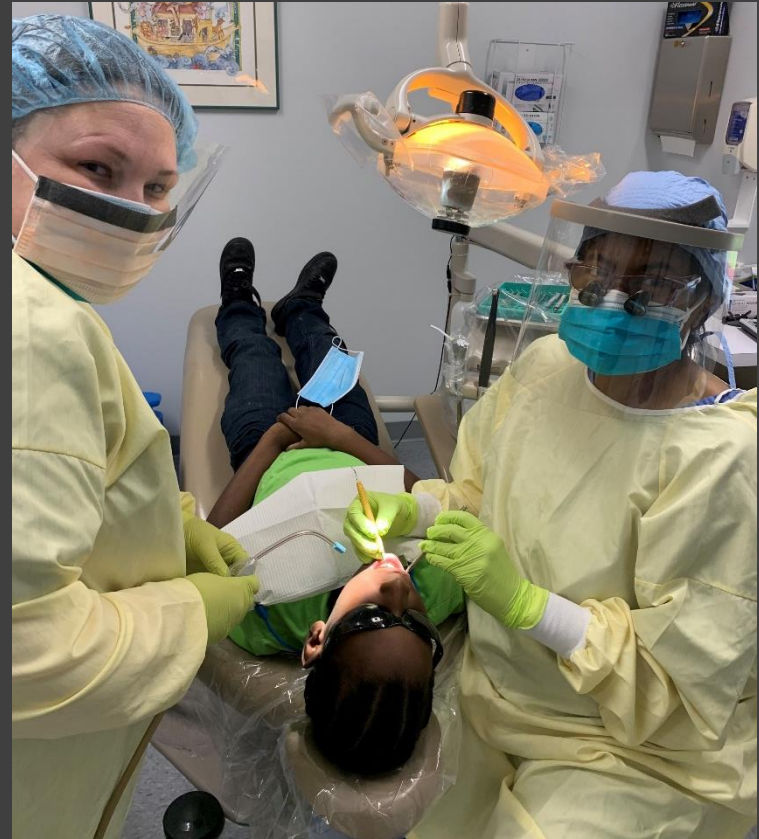
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Starting portable dental program at Montgomery County Elementary Schools

Plan to include the high school as part of the portable dental program next school year



EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL AND
WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL



**East Middle and West Middle
School-Based Dental Care Centers
opened December 2017
(Pre-Covid and Post-Covid)**

Coming to Your School:

Portable Dental Office

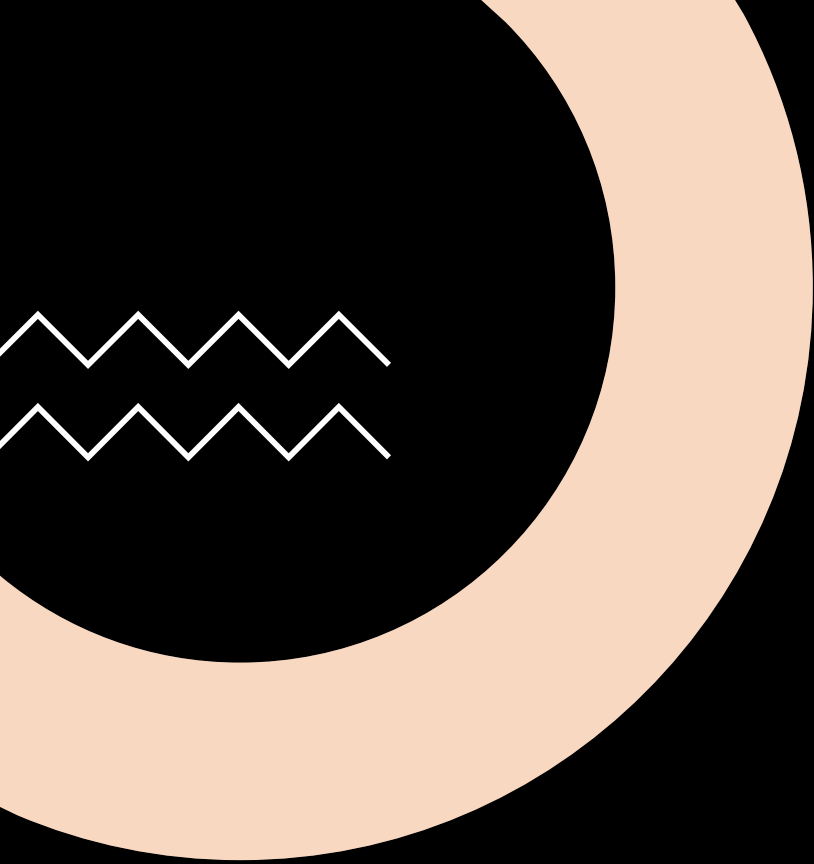


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Candor Elementary
Green Ridge Elementary
Mt. Gilead Elementary
Page Street Elementary
Star Elementary
Troy Elementary

FirstHealth

DENTAL CARE



- Services that are available for the students at the school include:
 - Exams
 - X-rays
 - Cleanings
 - Sealants
 - SDF (silver diamine fluoride)
 - Restorative



Portable Dental Program
started on October 4,
2022.

We decided which school
to start with based on
returned consents. Parents
must give consent for child
to be seen at school.

We inform the school as far
ahead of time as we can.

We set up equipment in a
designated room that will
accommodate 2 dental
chairs, has a sink, and lots
of power plugs.

Our equipment will stay in
room until we leave that
school.

Our staff will go to class
to get patients and return
them when treatment is
complete.

Advantages of our portable dental program

Students experience less roadblocks to receiving dental care such as transportation, work schedule of the parents and not knowing where to go. We are bringing dental care to them.

Students miss less time from school rather than coming to school late or being checked out early for an appointment. Some may miss the whole day because the parents may not bring them to school when they have appointments.

Students are learning good dental habits such as having their teeth cleaned and seeing the dentist every 6 months.

Students will be receiving dental care in an environment where they feel more comfortable, that is at their school rather than going to "the dentist's office."

Loading the Dental Truck





Star Elementary in
Montgomery County

- Set-up of self-contained unit with air, water, and drill funded by the NC Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
- Ultrasonic and sterilization built into work cart



Star
Elementary
in
Montgomery
County

Candor
Elementary



Schools Visited in October 2022

- Star Elementary- 21 visits, almost \$8,000 in care provided (3 days)
- Mt. Gilead Elementary – 16 visits, almost \$5,000 in care provided (2 days)
- Green Ridge – 18 visits, almost \$6,000 in care provided (2 days)
- Currently at Candor—40 children have signed up
- Preventive and simple fillings done first
- Returning to do more extensive filling work and more preventive for those who did not receive the first time



Jessica Seaford, Dental Hygienist
Vanessa Brito-Hernandez, Dental Assistant
Dr. Paul Hood, Dentist
Bonafacia Deloya, Front Desk Receptionist

One Hundred Years from now...It will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove, but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child

Thanks for Your
Time!
Questions?

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