

Featured Program

The I-Smile™ Dental Home Initiative is a statewide program under the Maternal and Child Health Grant. I-Smile™ has a mission of providing Iowa children, from age one, to increased access for regular and preventive dental care. In FY2011, I-Smile™ provided dental services to 531 children at 20 preschools in Clinton and Jackson County. Out of those screened, 301 (57%) needed a dental referral for either suspected decay or their first dental exam. As of August 1, 2011, 41% of those referred from preschool screenings had seen a dentist to have treatment completed. The EPSDT Dental Services Report shows since FFY 2005, Clinton and Jackson ECI have increased the percentage of Medicaid children ages 1-5 who have received a dental service from 34% to 42% in Clinton County and from 43% to 60% in Jackson County. With the addition of the preschool dental screenings and other I-Smile™ services, we hope to see a continual increase in children receiving dental services.



Vision and Mission of CEA:

The vision of Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa is that every child beginning at birth will be healthy and successful. The mission is to develop and maintain a collaborative system of needs-based services, implemented at the earliest point of intervention that strengthens families and communities.



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We are happy to share our first newsletter with you! We hope to educate and provide you with program information, data and keep you up to date with our efforts in Clinton and Jackson County. Please contact Jenny Kreiter, Coordinator, if you have any questions, concerns or would like more information.

What is Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa?

Our vision is that "Every child, beginning at birth will be healthy and successful".

Our Mission is to develop and maintain a collaborative system of needs-based services, implemented at the earliest point of intervention, that strengthens families and communities.

Our purpose to meet the needs of local children birth to five years of age

Why are the programs we support important to reaching our vision and mission?

- Our programs educate community members who care for children.
- Our programs are a referral and resource in our communities.
- Our programs are quality and evidence-based, providing our area the best service available.



and their families while meeting the specific goals established by the Iowa legislature.

Our priority areas are to:

- Provide resources and support for healthy parenting
- Improve the availability and access to quality health care services
- Increase access and opportunities for quality preschool/childcare experiences

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How are we doing?

The Clinton/Jackson ECI Board provided the I Smiles™ Program funding in Fiscal Year 2009, Fiscal Year 2011 and this Fiscal Year 2012. The Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa fiscal year is July 1 through June 30. This year, FY12 the Board has invested \$10,500 in this program.

I Smiles™ Program Year	Clinton/Jackson ECI Funds Invested	Number of children served	Cost per child	What service did we provide?	What service did we provide?
FY 2009	\$6,120.00	376	\$11.81	Preschool Age children received a toothbrush, toothpaste, floss and oral health information for parents	Preschools received supplies and directions/protocols needed to start a tooth-brushing program intended for children ages 3-5. The protocols followed were developed by the University of Iowa, College of Dentistry
FY 2011	\$8,982.00	531	\$16.92	Dental Screenings and varnish were provided at 20 preschools to any child, ages 2 -5, whose parent returned consent for treatment.	301 of those children screened were referred on for additional services or treatment.

Others within our community working on similar issues:

-  Local dentists that are willing to see children at age one or before. Currently there are 4 out of 9 dentists in Jackson County and 9 out of 19 in Clinton County who will see children.
-  WIC staff who discuss the importance of good oral health and encourage fluoridated water and regular dental visits by age one.
-  School Nurses who provide dental screenings to Kindergartners as part of the Healthy Kids Act and the school dental screening requirement.
-  Physicians that understand and support the correlation between oral health and overall health and encourage patients to have regular dental care.



Dental disease is preventable? However, it is still the most common childhood disease.

The costs for dental care are nearly 40 percent lower for Medicaid-enrolled children when their first visit occurs before the age of one. It is the recommendation of the American Academy of Pediatrics and American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry that a child see a dentist by their first birthday. In Iowa, during SFY 2010, only 156 Medicaid-enrolled children received an initial dental exam by a dentist before the age of one. Two-thirds of low-income Iowa children under age 5 have never seen a dentist and more than 1 in 5 low-income 3 and 4 year olds have decay.

What can you do to help?

- Promote preventive dental care from age one.
- Educate families, health professionals and legislators that good overall health includes good oral health.

What services, programs and activities do we support?

I-Smile™ provides preventive dental services to Medicaid, uninsured, and under-insured children ages 0-21.



Services include a dental screening, fluoride varnish application, education, dental referral, and care coordination. Clients are seen primarily at WIC clinics and preschools. I-Smile™ also provides free dental screenings in schools to Kindergartners and ninth graders that have not completed the School Dental Screening requirement. I-Smile™ offers training to school nurses on the School Dental Screening requirement and how to provide a dental screening. I-Smile™ has planned and carried out the Give Kids a Smile Day event in Clinton County for the past three years. Through this event, 76 students from the Clinton Community School District have received an estimated \$54,000 of dental work. I-Smile™ will continue these services and events to help us achieve our goal that each Medicaid recipient has a dental home.