



Unfortunately, many children find themselves without easy and affordable access to necessary dental care. Delta Dental of South Dakota has answered this need by operating two mobile dental trucks that provide quality dental care via top-notch dental equipment to South Dakota children with the greatest needs and least current care. The Dakota Smiles Program is an innovative dental outreach program that brings care directly to underserved children all across South Dakota.

How it works...

Site Partners

The Dakota Smiles program works with local site partners/sponsors who pay a site partner fee and who have the ability to identify and recruit patients who would otherwise have difficulty in accessing dental care. Examples of potential site partners are: Head Start agencies, Boys & Girls Clubs, United Way, Kiwanis, rural community health centers, hospitals, churches, local social service agencies, local service clubs, community action programs, schools (school nurses), etc. The program typically spends a week in each community and the site partner fee is \$2,500 per week.

Patient Qualifications

The Dakota Smiles program will treat children ages 0-21 who meet the following requirements:

The Dakota Smiles program mission is to treat children without access to dental care, which includes those children who have not seen a dentist within the past two years and/or those that live more than 85 miles from a dentist. Children who are currently seeing a dentist in their local area should continue their care with their dentist. **No child is turned away for inability to pay.**

Dental Services Provided

- Teeth cleaning
- Fillings for cavities
- Tooth extractions
- Dental sealants
- Fluoride treatments
- Instruction on care of teeth and gums
- Stainless steel crowns (children only)
- Tobacco and smoking cessation counseling

If you are interested in scheduling one of Delta Dental's mobile dental trucks for a week in your community contact us at:

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