

# Dental Sealant Program

Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)

## OVERVIEW

The Dental Sealant Grant Program assists providers of public health services to develop and implement programs to provide preventive oral health care to Illinois schoolchildren at high risk for dental decay.

The Dental Sealant Grant Program will provide grantees reimbursement for the application of dental sealants to children's permanent molars. The program is designed to assist school personnel and families by assuring access to oral health education, fluoride treatment, All Kids enrollment, and referral to a dental home.

## WHO IS SERVED?

### *Population(s)/Age Group:*

The target population is school-aged children who are eligible to participate in the free or reduced school meals program.

### *Eligibility Criteria and Screening Tools:*

Providers of public health services in Illinois are eligible to be grantees, with a preference for local health departments.

## HOW ARE SERVICES DELIVERED?

### *Local Service System:*

The Dental Sealant Grantees offer services through schools or in some cases clinics and private offices.

### *Referrals into Program:*

Schools are used as a setting to deliver services and refer students.

### *Data Systems Used:*

SEALS (CDC's Sealant Efficiency Assessment for Locals and States software) data reporting system is used by the Dental Sealant Program. Six grantees voluntarily enter data into SEALS, and other grantees use their own data system.

## STATE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR OR CONTACT

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