



The SmileMobile is a modern dental office on wheels that brings oral health services to children (babies up through high school age) and pregnant/postpartum people who have limited access to dental care; the SmileMobile has traveled across the state since July 1995.

- The SmileMobile, treats an average of 60 children, youth, and pregnant/postpartum people each week.
- Working in three dental operatories, a full-time dentist and local volunteer dentists and their staff provide a range of services, from examinations, oral health ed., preventive, emergent care to fillings and minor oral surgery.
- Patients referred to local providers, DentistLink and ABCD program for ongoing dental care.
- We accept Apple Health and uninsured.

## Crisis in Oral Health Care



- Dental decay is the single most common chronic disease of early childhood, 5 times more than asthma.

60%

- Nearly 60% of elementary school children in Washington have had dental decay.



- Our two-year olds are more than twice as likely as children nationwide to have dental decay.



- Dental neglect can lead to oral pain, recurring infections, badly decayed and lost teeth, eating disorders, undetected oral cancers and low self-esteem.



## Partnerships

The SmileMobile, is a partnership between Arcora Foundation, Delta Dental of Washington and Seattle Children's Hospital. Since it first hit the road, the mobile clinic has treated more that 48,000 children throughout the state.

- Schools, local health departments, churches, Boys & Girls Clubs, and local community organizations assist and support dental clinics.
- Arcora Foundation is the state's largest foundation committed to improving oral health. Supported by its parent organization, Delta Dental of Washington, Arcora Foundation supports innovative oral health programs focused on preventing oral disease, expanding access to dental care and increasing awareness of the importance of oral health for all.

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## Miles of Smiles Across Washington

The SmileMobile team saw more than 1,300 patients in 2021, providing a range of essential services:

- 1,154 fluoride varnishes.
- 500+ patients referred to local dentists, the ABCD program, and DentistLink for ongoing or specialty care.
- 469 sealants.
- 102 extractions.
- 152 silver diamine fluoride applications.
- 195 emergency pain relief care cases.



Regular  
dental  
check-ups =  
better health



**SmileMobile Brings Emergent and Preventive Care to Communities**

In 2021, more than 100 community organizations partnered with our SmileMobile program to host more than 30 dental clinics across the state.

The three-chair mobile dental van participated in events serving Marshallese (Spokane) and Vietnamese (Burien) populations to provide care in a trustworthy and culturally appropriate setting. In 2022, the program continues to partner with community organizations to bring the SmileMobile to people across the state with the highest needs.

**“This was an opportunity for our families to get dental care and refer for additional care. It was a very successful clinic for us as we were able to serve several of our Chuukese families who have never had a dental visit.”**

**WERLYNA ERWIN, CHUUKESE FAMILY ADVOCATE  
LONGVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT**