

ICC DENTAL SEALANT PROJECT



In 1998 a group of dentists and hygienists from the Austin area formed a committee to address issues on the lack of dental care within the uninsured population. The committee began to plan a one-day event that would provide a dental exam and dental sealants to uninsured children in Austin. Through the recruitment of dentists, hygienists, dental assistants and other volunteers, the first community-wide dental sealant day was initiated in 1999 and is now known as "*Seal Out Decay...The Austin Way!*"

The City of Austin and SETON contribute by allowing the use of their clinic facilities and St. David's Foundation allows the use of two Theo Dental Mobile Vans in order to provide the services. Each year over 100 dentists, hygienists, dental assistants and other individuals report to one of three clinic sites: RBJ Dental Clinic, NE Austin Dental Clinic and Seton Topfer Community Healthcare Center to volunteer their services. In a six-hour time period, these dedicated volunteers provide **FREE** dental screenings, hygiene and brushing instructions, and dental sealants to many uninsured children who come from Travis, Hays, Williamson, Bastrop and other surrounding counties.

With the generous monetary and in-kind donations from many sources, children are also provided with a "goody bag" which includes: toothbrushes for the whole family, toothpaste, dental floss, mouthwash, informational materials regarding preventive dental care. Social service agencies also play a big part in the success of the project. Organizations such as WIC, the Texas Health Steps program and Insure-a-kid, set up informational booths at each clinic site and are able to provide valuable information to parents.

Seal Out Decay...The Austin Way! is a very successful program that is designed to place dental sealants on the teeth of "at risk" children to help reduce the incidence of dental caries (cavities). Dental caries is the most prevalent progressive dental childhood disease, yet it is almost always preventable. In addition to providing preventive services, this program also educates children and their parents about good dental hygiene, and encourages dental practices that can result in significantly healthier teeth and gums over a lifetime.

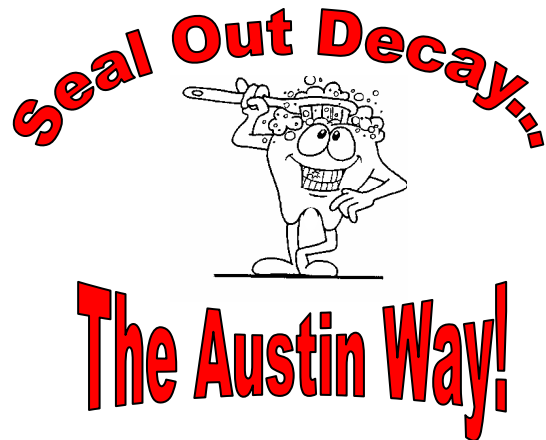


*In 2001 the ICC began tracking information regarding number of children screened, number of sealants applied and how that calculated to the value of donated services. This information was collected from the patients dental charts that were completed by a licensed dentist. The donated value is based on an average of \$30 per sealant. Following is a chart of comparisons for the past six years.

YEAR	Children Screened	Sealants Applied	\$\$ Donated Sealants
2001	320	923	\$27,690
2002	307	1,224	\$36,720
2003	323	825	\$24,750
2004	210	1,055	\$31,650
2005	375	1,118	\$33,540
2006	314	1,369	\$41,070
TOTAL	1,849	6,514	\$195,420

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FOR MORE INFORMATION OR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are always in need of volunteer **licensed dentists and dental hygienists.** The dental services you provide to these uninsured children will more than likely be the **ONLY** dental care they will receive. Each year more and more programs experience budget cuts for medical and dental services, so families go without the proper care. Additionally, the ever increasing cost of health insurance has made it nearly impossible for individuals to afford insurance coverage for their families.

If you are a dentist, hygienist or dental assistant and would like to volunteer three hours of your time to help provide dental sealants, please contact one of the following persons:

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