



Creating Happy Healthy Smiles by Weaving Strong Prevention Strands

Children's Dental
EBCI Public Health & Human Services

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Learning Objectives

- Mission & Vision
- Common Language Used
- Key Pieces to Successful Screening
- Screening Day
- Case Management
- Partnerships
- Screening Impact Results
- Classroom Education
- Connection

Mission & Vision



Our Mission

Improving the dental health of EBCI children by providing education and prevention services in a fun, engaging fashion

Our Vision

Happy, Healthy Smiles



Common Language

“Common language is not about English versus other languages; it’s about the fundamental need to understand what people mean when they say something.” (Friedman, 2005)

Medical information for the public should be written at no higher than an eighth-grade reading level, according to the American Medical Association, National Institutes of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Wylie, 2023).



foolish vs foolish
sweet vs sweetie

Culturally Inclusive

While common language is important, meaningful representation of those you serve is crucial to providing inclusive and responsive services.



Brush, Book, Bed Routine

Mellie Burns, Kristina Hyatt, Chi Shipman



Scan to hear narration by Kristina Hyatt, EBCI Tribal Member

Key Pieces to a Successful Basic Screening Survey (BSS) Event



Communication

- Site Administrator
- CIHA Dental
- School Staff
- Children's Dental Staff
- Parents



Communication Forms

classroom roster

Note to CDP staff, Column Key-FL Permission Y or N, FL Applied ✓ if applied, X if not applied, Scr Score A if Absent, 0,1,2 based on screening results, or OO if parent opted out in writing.

TEACHER: _____ **Classroom Screening & Tooth Vitamins Roster** **Date:** _____

Child's Name	DATE OF BIRTH	GENDER	FL PERMISSION	FL APPLIED	SCR SCORE	Follow-up
1.						
2.						
3.						
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19.						

Teachers, please complete the roster in alphabetical order and include the child's name, date of birth and gender. Do not complete the FL permission column. Return completed roster to XXXX, by the date she gives you. Alphabetize and keep all returned forms in your room. Please bring permission forms with you when you come to community room. A nonreturned form will result in a NO status for fluoride Varnish. We will screen all students unless a parent/guardian opted out of screening services in writing.

consent form



Teacher's Name _____
PLEASE RETURN FORM TOMORROW TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

TOOTH VITAMINS (fluoride varnish) CONSENT FORM

Tooth vitamins are painted on teeth to prevent tooth decay. This method delivers a safe and effective dose. The vitamins set up on contact with saliva, so children usually do not swallow them. Used at the right levels, it is safe and effective. Swallowing too much fluoride can cause stomach upset. To receive these no-cost very helpful services, please answer the questions below, sign and return to the school. (This consent is good for the entire school year.)

Please check one:

____ Yes, I want my child to receive tooth vitamins
____ No, I do not want my child to receive tooth vitamins

Tooth vitamins will be applied **only** for those children who returned this form checked Yes

Using a disposable mirror and small flashlight, a licensed dental professional will look in each child's mouth. If you do not want your child's teeth looked at, please indicate that in writing, here: _____

Please complete the following:

Student's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Print Parent Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

May we contact you by () phone or () text Please check all that apply

BEST DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER: _____

Complete **ONLY** if your child will receive tooth vitamins:

Health History

1. Has your child ever had serious health problems? No: ____ Yes: ____ If yes, please

Explain: _____

2. Does your child have allergies? No: ____ Yes: ____ If yes please explain:

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*** This service does not replace dental check-ups. It is recommended that a dentist examines your child's teeth once a year***

Key Pieces to a Successful Basic Screening Survey (BSS) Event



Preparation

- Prepare all supplies
- BSS forms
- Count out incentives by classroom



Preparation

Supplies



BSS Form

 EBCI Children's Oral Health Screening 																											
Screen Date:	In System: ☐ Yes ☐ No		Teacher:																								
Site: ☐ Agelink ☐ CES ☐ Dora Reed ☐ Kaleidoscope ☐ NKA EE ☐ NKA ☐ Snowbird ☐ Other _____	Age: (In Years) Grade: (N) ☐ Not in School (P) ☐ Preschool ☐ Grade _____	Gender: (1) ☐ Male (2) ☐ Female																									
Treated Decay: (0) ☐ No Treated (1) ☐ Treated (2) ☐ Can't be determined	Untreated Decay: (0) ☐ No Untreated (1) ☐ Untreated (2) ☐ Can't be determined	Treatment Urgency: (0) ☐ No Obvious Problem (1) ☐ Early Care Need (2) ☐ Urgent Care (3) ☐ Can't be determined																									
School Year: _____ - _____			Name: DOB:																								
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It's Screening Day!

1 Set-Up



2 Remind



3 Show, Tell, Do



4 Screen



Case Management



EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS
PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION
Children's Dental

Your child had a dental screening today at _____ daycare center.
Today does NOT take the place of routine dental visits.

- _____, has sick teeth
- Ignoring this will result in toothaches, infection, and sleepless night
- If your child is eligible for services at the Cherokee Indian Hospital, **PLEASE call the CIHA dental clinic at 497-9163 ext 6478 and tell them you received a paper from your child's daycare center that said your child has sick teeth.**
- While on the phone, a dental clerk will ask you several questions, answer them the best you can. The clerk will turn the answers into the pediatric dental team, and they will call you back to schedule your child.
- Provide the dental clerk with the BEST phone number at which the pediatric dental team can reach you. It may take them a few days to call you back.
- Answer your phone when you receive a call from a 497-phone number.
- If your child is not eligible for services at Cherokee Indian Hospital, both of the following offices see children and accept medicaid.
 - ECU School of Dental Medicine, located at 316 County Services Park Sylva NC, phone number 586-1200
 - Carolina West Dental, located at 205 Waynesville Plaza, phone number 452-5656

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**Chart
Review &
Follow Up**



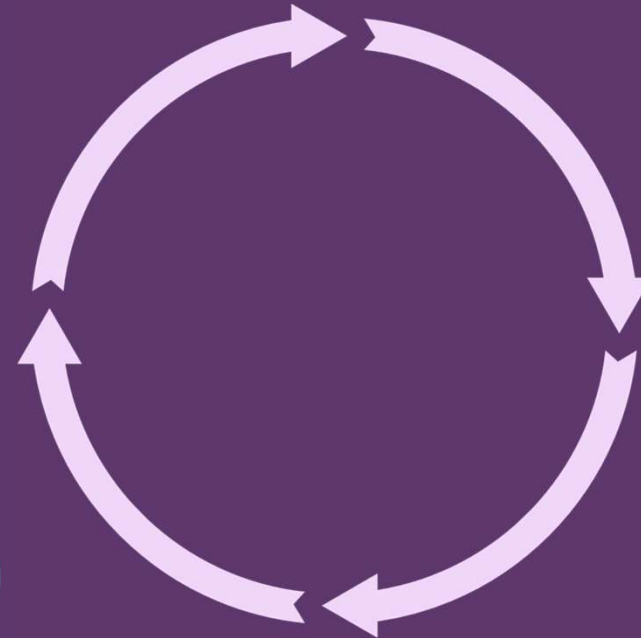
**Classroom
Teacher**



**CIHA
Dental**



**Parent/
Guardian**



Partnerships

CIHA DENTAL



FAMILY SAFETY



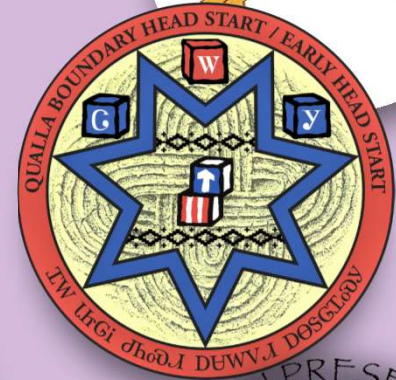
**SITE
STAFF**



**UNITED SOUTH &
EASTERN TRIBES**



**EBCI TRIBAL
GOVERNMENT**



Where we started

2009 Key Findings

33.8%

**of EBCI children age 2-5
had untreated decay**

44.9%

**of EBCI children age 8-10
had untreated decay**

Is anyone better off?

Historical Comparative Data as of 2018–2019

Untreated decay can lead to problems such as pain, missed school, and difficulty eating, sleeping and concentrating. It can also lead to infection and can be very expensive to treat.

Children with untreated decay could lose those teeth at a very early age.

The overall rate of untreated decay was:

34% in 2009

27% in 2016

24% in 2017

17% in 2018

19.5% in 2024

14.17% in 2025

Urgent Need for Treatment by Grades

Pre-K

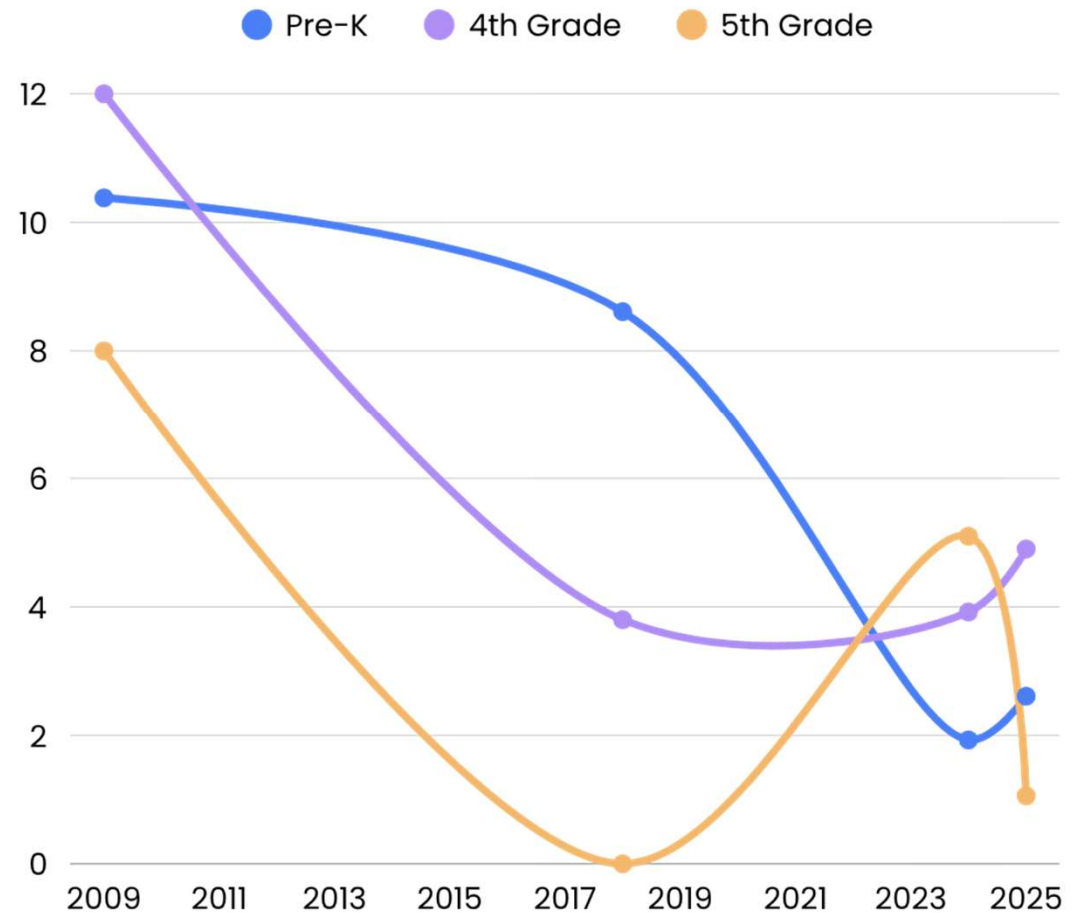
10.38% (2009)
8.61% (2018)
1.93% (2024)
2.61% (2025)

Fourth

12% (2009)
3.8% (2018)
3.92% (2024)
4.9% (2025)

Fifth

8% (2009)
0% (2018)
5.10% (2024)
1.06% (2025)



Classroom Education



**Building
awareness**



**Engaging at
their level**



**Expanding
knowledge**

Connection

brochure

BBB

Tips for Healthy Teeth

- Clean baby's gums every day
- Do not put your baby to bed with a bottle
- Give your child water to drink every day
- Ask your doctor or nurse to check your baby's teeth
- First Tooth = First Dental Visit



Ivey E-Tsi-Li Crowe-Garcia
Tsisquohi Community

EBCI
Public Health and
Human Services
Children's Dental Program



If you need assistance, call:
828-359-6197 or
CIHA Dental Clinic
828-497-9163 ext. 6478

Nashville Area Dental Support
Center United South and
Eastern Tribes, Inc.
Nashville, TN

Wipe Smear Brush



Ayr O'YLC Wolfe
Wayohi Community



SSÖVE SO'APVA Deganadogv Ganvgolidodi BRUSH "Clean your teeth"

WP TƏWƏWƏWO', WP TG'G.SW
dY'G'OL, SSÖVE SO'PBAI EIAHFC
ƏDƏPƏDƏDƏ O'HO'SPA DƏVET

Tali iyatawostanv, tali iyuwagata tsugitsvnvda, deganadogv ganvliyedi
gvdi, diniyotli hisdeligesdi uninvgalidi tsunadogvi.
Help your children brush for two minutes, twice a day, with fluoride
toothpaste.



AQIP Goweli BOOK

DƏVLEL UZPƏDƏY SƏAPBƏDƏ
(DƏ WPƏ) GTVP IAHFC

Tsunadodagwvda kanohelvsgı dehigolıyesdi (ale
taliha) tsatseli diniyotli.
Read a story (or two) to your children every day.



Shb Ganisi BED

O'kəşə DəDƏDƏ GƏDƏ, ZƏ SPƏHR DƏP
O'ƏDƏDƏ ƏƏƏƏƏ ƏLƏHƏDƏDƏ O'kəşə
ƏƏƏƏT. KƏDƏ TƏWƏWƏWO' DƏS ƏƏƏƏ
O'kəşə TƏCƏ GƏDƏ YW GƏDƏDƏ

Usoyiha asinvdi tsahesdi, nölə dulisiniv ayeli uvenvsvdi hanasinegv
hadalenisgesdi usoyiha hadvnehvi. Tsosgo iyatawostanv agvyi hanasinegv
usoyiha iyatsvdi tsahesdi kila tsasinvsvdi.
Have a regular bedtime and start your nighttime routine 30 min before bed
each night.

Translated by Garfield Axe-Long (2022)

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Thank You

For Your Attention

