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Children's Dental Health Program

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HOW COVID-19 HAS AFFECTED CHILDREN'S DENTAL CARE

According to the C.S. Mott Children's Hospital National Poll on Children's Health at Michigan Medicine 1 in 3 parents feels the pandemic has made it harder to get preventive dental care for their children. Findings also highlight how the pandemic may have disrupted access to dental care and increased disparities among low-income families.

As we approach more than a year of living with the pandemic, it's clear that dentistry remains essential, and we are pleased and grateful that we have been able to continue our services despite the challenges.

In Sullivan County, one of the poorest counties in New York State, many families face challenges in accessing dental

care. It is harder for families on Medicaid to get dental appointments versus those with private dental insurance. Additionally, some parents have found long wait times for appointments, or that dental offices have closed or reduced their number of patients.

The COVID-19 pandemic has directly impacted the cost of running PRASAD's Children's Dental Health Program because of the drop in revenue from insurance reimbursements and the increased cost of dental supplies and Personal Protective Equipment. Despite this and given the pandemic, we are committed to providing the vital resource of dental care to children in need.

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"PRASAD does what is needed the most in a community. Dental care is essential to good health and wellbeing. Our mission is to give children healthy smiles and make a positive impact in their lives."

- Dr. M Cecilia Escarra



COVID-19 RESPONSE

For 23 years, PRASAD CDHP has been committed to improving the dental health of children by providing affordable, comprehensive dental services to thousands of children annually.

When schools closed, on-site dental treatments and in-class dental education paused. In response, we sponsored a hotline for children's dental services; opened our mobile clinic at our main office; and produced videos to deliver virtual dental health education at the schools.



COMPASSIONATE COMMUNICATION IMPROVES CARE

Translating isn't just about communicating literal information to patients, it's also about making them feel at ease and cared for. Our staff is fluent in Spanish and English, which helps patients and parents to feel relaxed and better understand treatment options in their native tongue.

Sonia and her children Angel, Samuel, Kasey, and Genesis are from El Salvador and appreciate speaking Spanish with our staff. The whole family enjoyed their visit!



YOUR GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Low-income children who live in Sullivan County, New York, lack access to the oral care they deserve. Thanks to generous donors, since 1998 PRASAD CDHP has been able to provide Sullivan County children with over 88,000 toothbrushes, 29,000 dental visits and perform more than 92,000 dental procedures! Your help is improving the lives of these children. Thank you!

Please donate today to help those in need.

JOIN OUR EFFORTS!

ABOUT PRASAD CDHP

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