SMILES Dental Teams work to optimize oral health in children and adults who seek care in community settings

Team-based care focusses on:

1. Prevention and Reinforcement of Healthy Habits:
   a) Tooth-friendly Diet
   b) Fluoride
   c) Brushing and Flossing

2. Support for Risk Reduction, using:
   a) Motivational Interviewing
   b) Self-Management Goals
   c) Linkages to Community Resources

3. Early Intervention Services that are:
   a) Minimally Invasive
   b) Evidence-based and Consistent with Emerging Best Practices
   c) Patient and Family-Centered

4. Periodic Recall and Recare Based on Risk

5. Referrals to Dental Clinic When Indicated

- Initial SMILES Visit with RDH
  Establishment of Virtual Dental Home

- Assessment, Primary Preventive Services, Education Relationship Building in Convenient Setting

- Caries present?
  - Yes
  - No

- Condition requires immediate tx that only a dentist can provide?
  - Yes
  - No

- SDF or ITR contra-indicated?
  - Yes
  - No

- Neither SDF nor ITRs should be provided to teeth with symptoms of irreversible pulpitis

- Assist to clinic
  ID and Mitigate Barriers (urgency, treatment, cost, transportation...)

- Fluoride, Sealants, Risk-based Recall/Recare

- Use ITR or SDF when:
  - Placement of traditional dental restorations not feasible due to barriers
  - Children with multiple carious lesions prior to definitive restoration of teeth
  - Caries risk status is high
  - Ability to adhere to effective home care is low
  - Patient unable to tolerate restorative treatment

Especially helpful when barriers exist to accessing a traditional clinic

These treatments can help arrest caries progress and do not preclude future treatment options by the dentist