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# School-Based Health Center- Dental (SBHC-D)

# SBHC-D Delivery of Services

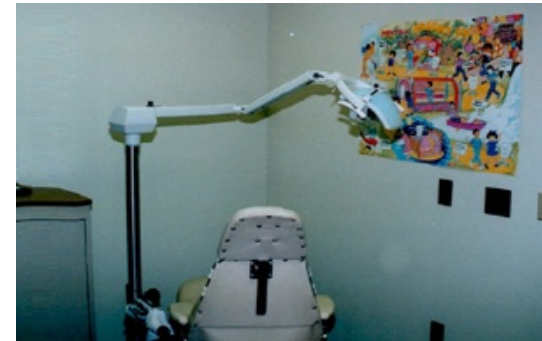
SBHC-D programs, are Article 28's hospitals or clinics, that provide preventive and/or restorative dental services to students through portable equipment, mobile dental vans, or in-school dental offices.



**Portable  
Equipment**  
*Most common*



**Mobile Van**  
*Least cost effective*



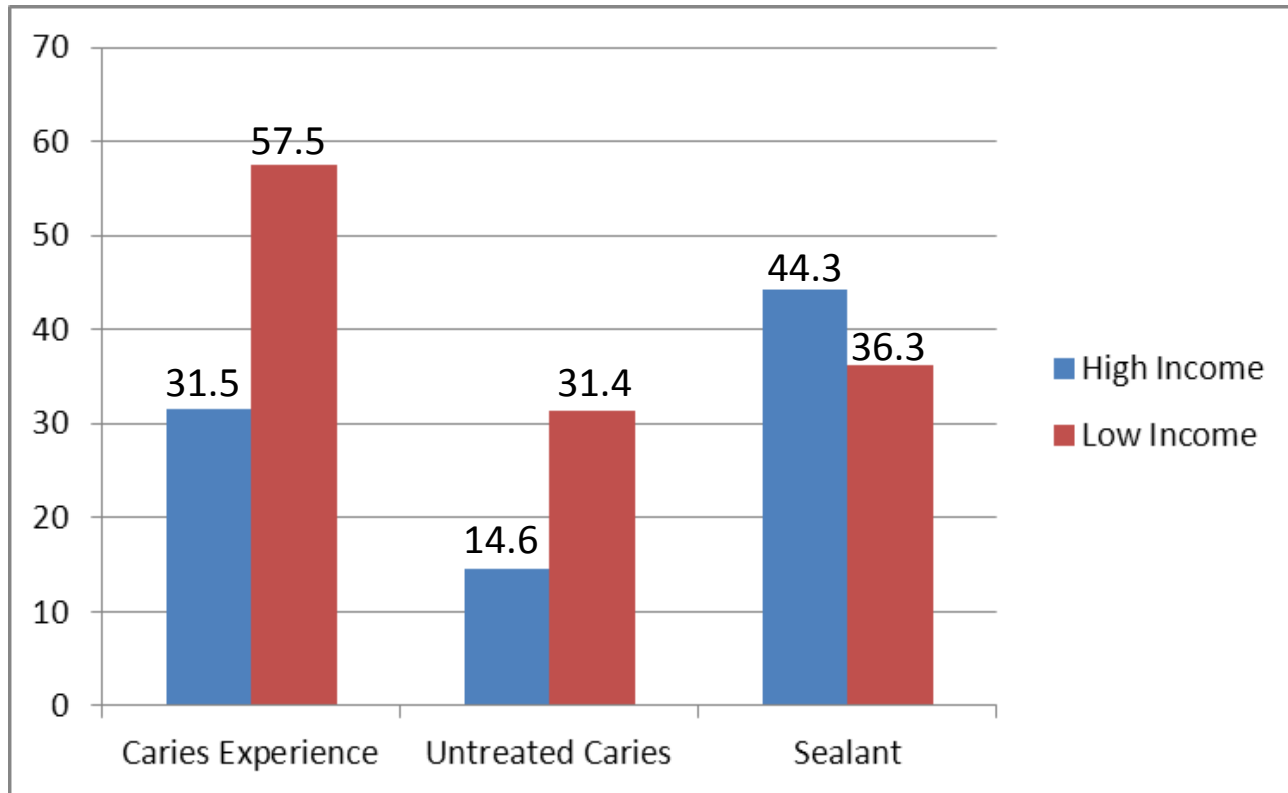
**Fixed School Site**  
*Least common  
Dental office in a school*

# Program Aim

- Increase access to dental care and services for NYS children and adolescents
- Address disparities and target low-income children and adolescents

# Disparities

NYS 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Survey, 2009-2012



# SBHC-D Services

## Preventive Services:

- Exam or Assessment
- Prophylaxis (Cleaning)
- Sealants
- Fluoride
- Referral if needed

## Treatment Services:

- Restoration
- Extraction
- Other



# Program Statistics

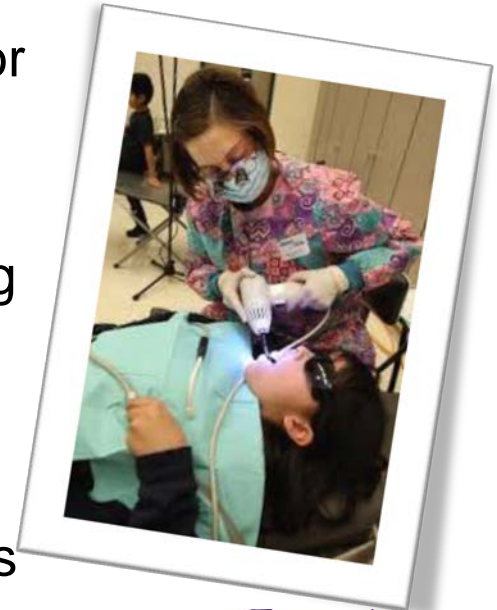
- Providers across NYS: 53 Article 28 providers in 1,553 schools, who serve 300,000 children
- Provider breakdown: Upstate 51% and Downstate 49%

# School-Based Sealant Program (SBSP)



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- School systems provide a great opportunity for delivering sealants in the community
- Strong evidence of effectiveness in preventing dental caries (tooth decay) among children
- Currently, 61.2% of 2nd and 3rd graders served by SBHC-D programs receive sealants



# Evidence-Based Interventions

- Dental caries (tooth decay) may result in pain and other problems that affect learning in school-age children



- Dental caries remains one of the most chronic diseases of childhood
- Dental sealants are almost 100% effective in preventing dental caries on molars in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade children

# Program Specifics

- 53 SBHC-D providers; 25 of those providers will participate with the SBSP as grantees

## SBSP Program

- Goal: provide quality, evidence based model of care to increase sealant application and retention
- Providers **concentrate** on offering sealants to 2-3<sup>rd</sup> graders but can offer Preventative or Restorative services as well

# School Based Sealant Programs (SBSP)

- 25 SBHC-D programs were recently awarded \$1.5 million
  - Contract period is July 1, 2017- June 30, 2022
  - Purpose is to increase the utilization of sealants in underserved second and third grade children through SBHC-D clinics

# Performance Measures

- Outreach and Education/Enrollment
- Dental Screening
- Education and Anticipatory Guidance
- Application of Sealants to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade
- Referral
- Sealant Retention
- Data Collection
- Data Entry

# Next Steps

- SBHC-D Standards and Tools will require Revisions and Updates
  - DOH will seek input from providers for recommendations to changes in program and update requirements
- Data Collection Updates
  - Capture and track data to report to the DOH
  - Aggregate data will be shared across providers to identify improvement opportunities
- Communication with SBHC-D providers
  - Quarterly webinars or phone calls
  - Use of listserv

# What's Ahead

- Continue Title V work:
  - State Priority #6: Promote oral health and reduce tooth decay across the life course
    - Reduce the prevalence of dental caries among NYS children
    - Increase the percentage of children and adolescents age 1-17 years who had a preventive dental visit in the past year
    - Increase the delivery of evidence-based preventive dental services across key settings: school-based clinics

# Questions