

# **Children's Dental Project Of Butte County**

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A trained team that includes a dental hygienist, a public health nurse, a health education specialist and the Tooth Fairy provide dental screenings and preventive oral health education at multiple preschools throughout the county.

Dental case management is offered, if needed. Available services include:

- Linking the child to a dental provider
- Translation services
- Assistance with transportation
- Education to prepare for appointments
- Encouraging parents to complete a treatment plan

Project goals include establishing:

- A rotational dental referral system
- A dental cooperative
- A children's dental fund to assist with payment for dental services.

The Children's Dental Project (CDP) established the Dental Collaborative and conducts quarterly meetings. The goal of the Collaborative is to coordinate local efforts aimed at dental prevention, accessibility to treatment, and identification of funding. The sharing of information and resources is helpful to prevent overlapping of screening services and to maximize resources.