

Children in Rural Communities Benefit From Mobile Dental Clinic

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Mobile dental clinics make it easier for low income and rural families to receive dental care.

Newsire.net - COLUMBUS, OHIO, December 5, 2012- All across America, many uninsured or underinsured children will not have access to proper dental care. Families without the ability to pay cash for dental services are left without dental care for their children, as they are unable to afford the steep costs associated with out-of-pocket care. Children covered by Medicaid fare no better, as many dentists' offices turn these patients away due to extremely low profit margins.

The Miles of Smiles mobile dental clinic, built by LifeLine Mobile and operated by the Lehigh Valley Health Network in Allentown, Pennsylvania, offers dental care to children who would not otherwise be able to afford care. The van has two treatment rooms where dentists and dental hygienists provide teeth cleanings, fluoride treatments, X-rays, cavity treatments, and extractions. Dental professionals also provide patients with education on proper brushing, flossing techniques, and healthy eating habits.

In Southern California, the 40-foot-long Mobile Dental Clinic (MDC)—founded in 2008 by Northern Valley Indian Health Inc., provides needy children with a wide array of dental services from their [mobile dental clinic](#).

"Kids feel really comfortable here," says Dr. Cynthia Carter, of the Mobile Dental Clinic. "Their parents are able to sit next to them and hold their hand, whereas often dental clinics don't allow parents in the treatment rooms."

A recent article by New York Times announced that tooth decay in children as young as 2 year old is becoming more and more common. Dentists regularly see children that have more than 10 cavities at a time. Often, problems are so complicated that dentists are using general anesthesia to perform these procedures, since children so young are unlikely to sit through such extensive procedures while awake.

In various parts of the United States, [mobile dental units](#) are visiting students at school. These units provide dental care to children that otherwise may not make a trip to the dentist. With mobile dental services on the rise throughout the country, many more children will receive access to the benefits of proper oral hygiene.

About LifeLine Mobile:

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