Project: SMILE

Project: SMILE: targets students in grades 2 and/or 3 and addresses the importance of good oral health practices that contribute to improved general health. Project: SMILE is implemented in one school in each of the twenty-one counties of the State.

Students participate in an interactive oral health education presentation that addresses healthy food choice selection and includes a brushing and flossing demonstration with student volunteers. Each student receives an oral health care kit to promote good oral hygiene practices at home. The kit contains a toothbrush, toothbrushing timer, oral health sticker, Dudley Activity Book and tooth saver container.

Costs per student to participate in Project: SMILE for the 2015-2016 school year are as follows:

- Toothbrush: $0.15
- Tooth Saver: $0.12
- Toothbrushing Timer: $0.12
- Sticker: $0.05
- Letter/ Flyer: $0.14
- Dental sealant education flyer (no cost as the flyer was a current available program resource)
- ADA Activity book: $1.26
- Oral kit baggie: $0.05
- Baggie sticker: $0.03

**Total Cost per Student $2.05**

During the 2015-2016 school year, 20 schools with 1,532 students participated.

**Lessons Learned:**

Project: SMILE is a popular, well-received Program for students in grades 2 and/or 3. Students enjoy the oral health resources and the interactive age-appropriate program is implemented Statewide.

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