

Early Childhood Caries



1 or more decayed, missing, filled tooth, under age 6

First Teeth First understands how serious early childhood caries can be. Our hygienists provide education to caregivers and children regarding:

- caries prevention and benefits of fluoride
- importance of regular dental visits starting at age 1
- **establishing a dental home**

90% of a child's critical brain development happens by age 5 (FTF, 2016)

Maricopa County First Teeth First in Partnership with Dignity Health

At NO charge to families:

- Oral Health Education
- Fluoride Varnish Application
- Dental Home Referral
- Maternal Oral Health Screening, Referral, Education
- Basic Dental Screening

What do our hygienists do?



Basic Dental Screening and Fluoride varnish for children ages 0-5

Education: brushing technique, nutrition, and more!

Provide referrals to find a dental home



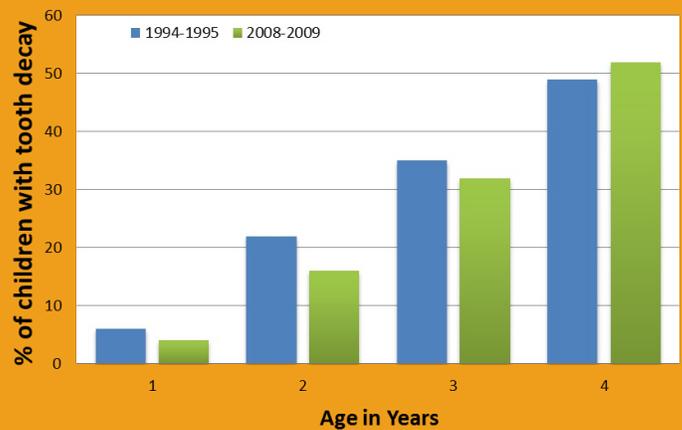
We know we do not replace regular dental visits so we are reaching out to strengthen our network and increase dental referral sources!

A dental home can increase opportunities for appropriate, preventive, routine care (AAPD, 2012).

Improve a child's early development by increased access to dental care.

Would you like to provide much needed care to a deserving population? Partner with us!

Tooth Decay Trends in AZ



AZDHS.gov. (2012). <http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/owch/oral-health/documents/survey/survey-preschool-fact-sheet.pdf>

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Arizona has 30% of children ages 2 to 4 with untreated decay. Nationally, 16% of children ages 2 to 4 have untreated decay.