

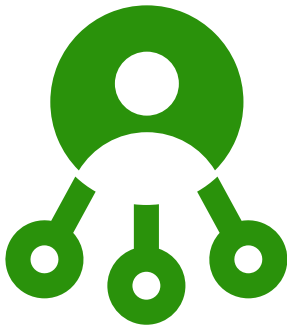
# 2024 Dental Outreach Goals

In Des Moines County, IA



## Community Awareness & Education Campaign

Over 5,400 Des Moines County youth held Medicaid health insurance coverage in 2022. The same year, over 2,800 youth did not receive a single dental service. There is one local provider with a waitlist exceeding thousands. Finally, the alternative provider is over 70 miles away.



## Increased Access to Local Referrals

Des Moines County boasts multiple dental professionals. Unfortunately, Medicaid reimbursements are currently inadequate to sustain a profitable dental practice. Where does this system leave Medicaid youth and how can our community collaborate to improve their condition?



## Increase Parental Consent Form Return Rate

The Lee County Public Health Department currently operates dental sealant & preventative service delivery programs at local schools around our community. Unfortunately, most kids would prefer to avoid the dentist and thus intentionally fail to notify their parents.

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