

# Seal a Smile

## School Based Oral Health Program

*A project of Whitney M. Young Jr. Health Services and the Healthy Capital District Initiative*

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Healthy Capital District Initiative (HCDI) is working with Whitney M. Young Jr. Health Services and your school district, to provide dental care at your child's school.

**With permission from their parent/guardian**, children in your school will be able to receive a dental screening, cleaning, fluoride treatment and, when appropriate, dental sealants\* from a registered dental hygienist.

\*A dental sealant is a thin plastic coating that is applied to healthy permanent molars. According to the Center for Disease Control, children with sealants develop 70% fewer new cavities on sealed teeth. Applying sealants to teeth is painless and simple.

- Children insured by Medicaid will be paid in full by Medicaid.
- Children insured by Child Health Plus will be paid in full by CHP. **If they have not had 2 cleanings in the past 12 Months**
- Uninsured families will be encouraged to work with a Facilitated Enroller to apply for Child Health Plus and free or low cost care.
- Children with private insurance may have co-pays. Please check with your insurer before signing up for services.

If your child has a dentist, we recommend that you consult with him/her prior to participating in our program. It is infrequent for children to need their teeth cleaned more than once every six months and insurance often does not cover more than 2 cleanings a year.

If your child does not have a dentist, upon the completion of your child's care, you will receive a parent report on their oral health. Should your child need additional treatment, and does not have a regular dentist we can help you find one.

If you have any questions about the program please contact us, or your school nurse.

**Please return the attached forms to school tomorrow.**