

# Creighton's Healthy Smiles program is making a **BIG IMPACT**

## BY THE NUMBERS

# 332

toothaches prevented annually  
by the Healthy Smiles program

# 1,212

dental fillings prevented in 2018  
by the Healthy Smiles program

# 5,000

dental visits the Healthy Smiles  
program provides annually  
in elementary schools  
*(approximate number)*

# \$44

saved (on average) by families  
for each sealant their child receives



## Dental sealants prevent tooth decay, improve learning and save money.

According to the Nebraska Open Mouth Survey of school children, approximately 70 percent of minority children and 57 percent of Caucasian children have experienced dental cavities by third grade. To address these oral health disparities, the Healthy Smiles program began in January 2014 and currently serves 10 Omaha public schools and two private schools.

The Healthy Smiles program provides dental sealants\*, fluoride varnish, dental screenings and oral health education for approximately 2,500 children annually at no cost to families.

For children with urgent dental needs, the Creighton Care Coordinator assists families in securing care and a dental home.

**For more information about the Healthy Smiles program, please contact Ashley Aubry, RDH, MA, at [ashleyaubry@creighton.edu](mailto:ashleyaubry@creighton.edu)**

*\*Dental sealants are plastic coatings that are brushed onto children's teeth. These coatings dry quickly and create a shield that protects the enamel of teeth. Experts recommend sealants to prevent cavities.*

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