

New Health Department Initiative Targets Children's Dental Health

The Volusia County Health Department, in an effort to increase access to dental care, is considering implementing a school based dental sealant program. We will be targeting 2nd grade children starting with Title One Schools which have the highest percentage of children who are on free and reduced lunch.

We appreciate the support of the Volusia/Flagler Dental Association Board.

If you have any questions please contact Jo Ann Weatherwax, Dental Program Director for Volusia County Health Department at 386-274-0899.

“Pit and fissure sealants can be used effectively as part of a comprehensive approach to caries prevention on an individual basis or as a public health measure for at-risk populations.” *A report of the American Dental Association Council on Scientific Affairs, March 2008.*

In the United States “an estimated 51 million hours of school per year are lost because of dental-related illness.” *National Maternal and Oral Health Resource Center.*