



“All Aboard The Molar Express”

Good pediatric oral health requires regular dental screenings and cleanings as well as early identification and treatment of dental diseases and cavities. According to the 2013 Health in the United States report, the percentage of children ages 6-19 years with untreated dental caries is 15.6%.

The train themed Molar Express facility was built in 2005 and designed to deliver quality dental care in a child-friendly atmosphere. It is one of the largest dental clinics in the State of Florida. The Molar Express staff has grown from one dentist and two hygienists in 2005 to four dentists, five hygienists, six dental assistants, and three office personnel in 2015. The Molar Express provides dental services to Medicaid-eligible Florida residents from birth through age 20.



With an annual budget around \$1.2 million, The Molar Express can see about 1,200 clients per month, which is around 14,400 clients per year.

Molar Express services include:

Diagnostic:	Examinations, digital x-rays, biopsies
Preventive:	Cleanings, fluoride treatments, sealants
Restorative:	Stainless steel crowns
Surgical:	Extractions and emergency treatment
Education:	Presentations for schools, community groups, and health fairs

“I love that Dr. Zapert funnels the money back to the kids and their needs,”
Kimberly Reams, Molar Express

We Care Network Partnership

In 2006, The Molar Express and We Care Network of the Capital Medical Society Foundation, Inc. partnered to host a Dental Clinic Day on a bi-monthly basis. Volunteer dentists from the Tallahassee area provide dental examinations to adults who do not have insurance. The main service provided is dental extractions, but they follow up with different providers in the area if the adult needs additional services (like dentures).

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Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP): 2012—2015 Strategic Health Issue Areas



CHIP Goal:

By 2015, increase the percentage of children attending Title I schools who have **access** to and receive dental sealants through school-based clinics.

In 2013, the dental sealant program was piloted in Riley and Bond Elementary Schools. In 2014, through a partnership with the Florida Department of Health in Leon County, Leon County Schools, United Way of the Big Bend, and Whole Child Leon, Smile United was formed.

“Great program for kids to have access to dental care at the school,”
Elementary School Principal

This new partnership expanded the reach of The Molar Express from two elementary schools to 11 in our community. It was developed to ensure that all 2nd graders at Title I schools (at least 40% of students qualify as low-income) in Leon County are offered a dental exam, dental cleaning, sealants and any necessary referrals on school campuses.

Key Program Facts You Need to Know		2014 - 2015	2013 – 2014 (Pilot Year)
Number of students receiving sealants in school-based clinic		544	154
Total number of teeth sealed in school-based clinic		1,674	555
Number of Title I Schools served		8	2
Total number of services provided	Examinations	495	159
	Prophylaxis (Cleaning)	491	157
	Oral Hygiene Instructions	527	0
	Fluoride Varnish	526	123