Each year, we provide the schools with a report card demonstrating the oral health of their student population. This graph shows the oral health scores for all 66 schools combined.

Score 1: Preventive Care - No visual signs of problems with teeth and gums
Score 2: Restorative Care - Moderate signs or symptoms of gum infection (4 or less cavities)
Score 3: Urgent Treatment - Advanced dental disease including signs of pain and infection (5 or more cavities)

PATIENT SATISFACTION
At the end of each dental visit, patients are asked how they felt about their dental visit using the rule of thumb satisfaction scale.

The SBL Dental Team scored a 2.91 out of 3 patient satisfaction score.
A LETTER FROM OUR DIRECTOR

To our valued volunteers, partners, communities, and friends:

Tooth decay is the most common chronic childhood disease. Untreated tooth decay is not only painful, but also may affect a child’s ability to eat and speak. Poor oral health is also detrimental to a child’s learning and success in school, contributing to school absences and lower grades. Delta Dental of Illinois’ 2016 survey results show there is need for improvement in Illinois:

- 29% of Illinois children have had cavities in the past year.
- Only 65% of Illinois children who have visited a dentist have done so before age 5 when children should visit the dentist by age 1.
- 40% of Illinois children do not brush their teeth the recommended two times per day.

However, the same survey of Illinois parents also showed that kids who take good care of their teeth are more outgoing, confident and successful than those who do not have good oral health habits. Illinois parents report that children who brush their teeth at least two times a day are more likely to be successful (66 percent), outgoing (73 percent) and proud of themselves (76 percent). Parents report that one in five Illinois children ages 6 to 12 missed school last year because of oral health problems.

“Pain caused by oral health problems can affect a child in many ways from their ability to focus in the classroom to their confidence,” said Katina Spadoni, DDS, dental director for Delta Dental of Illinois. “Good oral health is a key component to a child’s overall well-being. Not only will good oral health give a child confidence, but it can also help a child succeed in school.” According to Delta Dental of Illinois’ survey, oral health is a top concern for parents. Nearly three in four parents (67 percent) cite their child’s oral health as a top concern that they think about daily, in line with other top concerns, including their child’s performance in school (55 percent), diet and nutrition (68 percent) and physical activity (53 percent).

This annual report tells a great story about the power of our program to impact the lives of children in our 9-county service area. We are proud of the role SBL Dental Services plays in addressing these urgent dental needs in our area. This past year, we were able to provide dental care for over 2,400 children. In FY 2017, the value of our care to children at school locations was $769,884 which does not include summer clinics and after school care provided. We are thankful for our partnerships with 66 local elementary and secondary schools, local health departments, and the Regional Office of Education #11. As a non-profit, SBL Dental Services could not survive solely on the reimbursement it receives from Illinois Medicaid. We depend on donations and grants to continue to help the uninsured and underserved children in our service area.

It is truly an honor to be able to work with such a wonderful, caring staff and create healthy communities.

Thank you,

Laura Bollan, Director of Healthy Communities
WHO WE ARE

Sarah Bush Lincoln Dental Services is a collaborative community effort that provides dental care at no cost to families who qualify. Our staff consists of a Medical Director, volunteer dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants, oral health educators, and office staff.

The program serves a nine-county service area including Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Effingham, Jasper, Moultrie, and Shelby counties.

WHAT WE PROVIDE

Sarah Bush Lincoln Dental Services provides:

- Oral health education
- Diagnostic X-rays
- Dental exams and cleanings
- Sealants
- Extractions, fillings, and other restorative care

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Children birth to 18 years
- Children who receive benefits through Medicaid / All Kids
- Children enrolled in the Free / Reduced Lunch Program

COMMUNITY IMPACT

IN FY 2018:

Total # of unduplicated patients served: 2,611

Number of dental services provided:

Preventative: 4,482
Restorative & Surgical: 5,973

*Total number of toothbrush kits: 2,815

*Made possible by a grant from WomenConnected

“Many children often lack access to regular dental care. As a result of the efforts of the Sarah Bush Lincoln dental program, thousands of local students receive services each year in their school setting. Not only do the SBL professionals provide a positive dental experience for students, they offer education and resources for keeping and maintaining healthy teeth.”

-Kyle Thompson, Assistant Regional Superintendent of ROE #11 Schools
SERVING THE COMMUNITY

SBL MISSION

The mission of Sarah Bush Lincoln is to provide exceptional care for all and create healthy communities.

SBL DENTAL TEAM MISSION

The mission of the SBL Dental Team is to provide a dental home and improve the overall oral health of the communities we serve by removing barriers and providing access to dental care. We will ease their pain, discomfort, and fears by creating a positive dental experience for every patient.
WHAT'S NEW?

NEW FIXED SITE

SBL opened a new fixed site in Mattoon and began seeing patients in April 2018. This site serves patients who need emergency care as well as provide a location for clinic days during the summer and on days when there is no school.

A fixed site also provides us with a location where we can take more time with patients who have special needs and/or would benefit from a more private setting than the mobile unit.

We are thankful for a grant from the Illinois Children’s Health Foundation which helped to outfit the new fixed site with equipment such as dental chairs, delivery systems, minor equipment, supplies, etc.

“Every day we work towards answering the unmet needs of our community. Most children aren’t given adequate time to overcome their anxiety and build cooperation in a dental clinic setting. Other children need treatment now for pain or infection and can’t wait a year for general anesthesia. We take pride in serving families who have been turned away and have nowhere else to go.”

-Marlee Hansen, DDS, Medical Director, SBL Dental Services
MEET OUR SBL VOLUNTEER DENTISTS

We are very appreciative to our volunteer dentists who donate several hours / days of their time to make a difference in the smile of a child.

Dr. Philip Banghart, Since 2000
Dr. Thomas Fonner, Since 2019
Dr. Cody Gass, Since 2017
Dr. Darlene Hildebrand, Since 2000
Dr. Jennifer Kennedy, Since 2000
Dr. Philip Kepp, Since 2000
Dr. Jacob Pschirrer, Since 2001
Dr. J.T. Pschirrer, Since 2001
Dr. Blake Westra, Since 2014

WHAT'S NEW?

NOW OFFERING ADULT SERVICES

Beginning October 1, 2017, SBL Dental Services began treating adults who meet specific criteria.

The SBL Board of Directors has directed funds to begin to address this need. After this year, we will evaluate the program to determine next steps in the treatment of adults.

Adults must live in our 9-county service area and be referred to our program by a SBL provider. They must meet one of two criteria:

- Dental clearance is needed for another medical procedure like surgery or cancer treatments.
- Urgent dental care with pain, infection or injury being present. Patients receive a $500 voucher to use for urgent treatment at one of our 6 local dental partners.

To date: $179,000 has been provided by SBL for Adult Dental Services.
ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION

Through health fairs, summer camps, portable visits, and mobile visits, SBL Dental Services provided Dental Health Education for 4,100 students.

MEMBERSHIPS

SBL is a proud member of MHCA, Illinois Regional Coalition of Mobile Health Clinics Association, IAFCC, ADA, PDAA, & AAPD

PATIENT DEMOGRAPHICS

1 out of 5
3rd grade children in Illinois has untreated tooth decay.

Illinois children living in poverty are 5X more likely to have fair or poor oral health.

HEALTHY PEOPLE 2020

established oral health as one of the nation’s 12th highest priority health issues.

www.oralhealthillinois.org