



The Wellness Plan awarded spot in national program aimed at increasing dental sealant rates among children

Studies show dental sealants reduce tooth decay and improve oral health

DETROIT – February 28, 2019 – The Wellness Plan Medical Centers pleased to announce that it has been selected to participate in the [National Network for Oral Health Access](#) (NNOHA) Sealant Learning Communities Collaborative (LCC). TWP is one of 11 other health centers nation-wide selected to participate in this six-month Learning Collaborative.

By participating in this program, TWP will have an opportunity to learn techniques and practices that are expected to help us provide sealants to more of the children that we treat at our health centers. The program is aligned with TWP's mission of providing high-quality dental care to the under and uninsured patients we serve across metro Detroit.

Low-income children are 20% less likely to get sealants and twice as likely to have untreated cavities, [according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#). Once applied, sealants protect against 80% of cavities for 2 years and continue to protect against 50% of cavities for up to 4 years.

Dental sealants are a safe, easy and painless way to provide children with additional protection from tooth decay. The application of a non-invasive, protective, clear coating on the back teeth helps to prevent cavities. The treatment creates a barrier that seals out food and bacteria and is recommended after permanent teeth come in.

“Untreated cavities can cause pain and infections that may lead to problems with eating, speaking, and learning,” said TWP Dental Director Dr. Michele Bloxson. “The application of sealants can help to protect your teeth for several years, improves overall oral health and reduces potential future dental costs.”

Sealants can be applied by a trained TWP dental professional during an office visit. TWP offers dental services at the following locations:

- Gateway Medical Center; 2888 West Grand Blvd.; Detroit, MI 48202
 - Phone: (313) 875-4200
- East Area Medical Center; 4909 East Outer Drive; Detroit, MI 48234
 - Phone: (313) 366-2000
- Pontiac Medical Center; 46156 Woodward Ave., Suite A; Pontiac, MI 48342
 - Phone: (248) 897-0900

About The Wellness Plan Medical Centers

The Wellness Plan Medical Centers (TWP) was founded in 1973 as an HMO, and has transitioned into a vital alliance of medical centers in the Greater Detroit Area. TWP is a non-profit with the achieved status of a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). Throughout its six locations in the Metro Detroit area, TWP offers one-stop-shop health, dental and related services throughout the year providing a wide array of services, including pediatrics, adult/senior medicine, preventative care, obstetrics and gynecology, behavioral health and specialty services. TWP is supported by the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) and is a Health Center Program grantee.

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