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Dental Outreach Program – How Effective it is in Reaching Out to the Community

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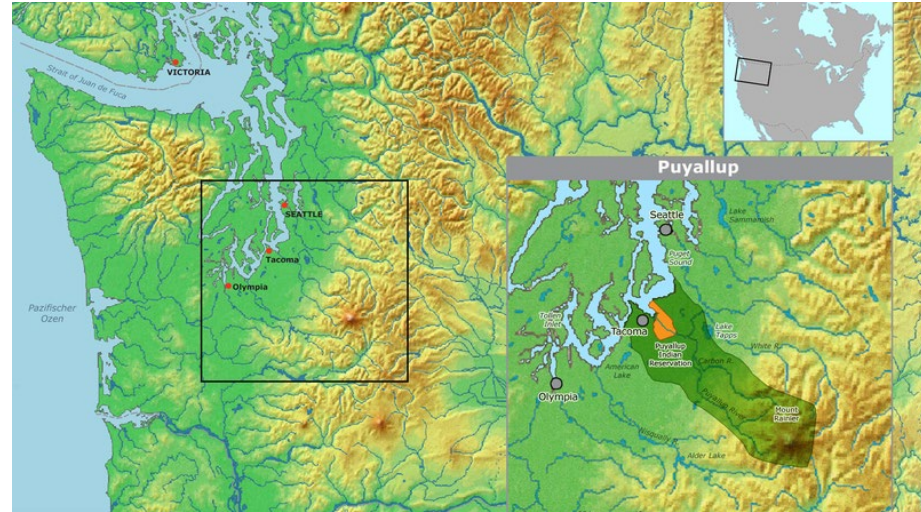
Puyallup Tribal Health Authority





In the Lushootseed language, the people are known as the puyaləpabš. The literal translation of this word means “people from the bend at the bottom of the river.” This refers to the many dispersed villages that spanned outward from the mouth of the Puyallup River, near the present-day site of the Tacoma Dome. The name spuyaləpabš also became associated with our people’s welcoming and generous behavior. Over time the meaning of spuyaləpabš, or Puyallup, has taken on this association.





The tribe has 6,700 enrolled members, of whom 3,000 live on the reservation.

With a land area of 73.935 km² (28.547 sq mi), the reservation ([47°14'38"N 122°22'15"W](#)) is one of the largest in the Northwest. Its size notwithstanding, it is often not shown on Washington maps because its land has been so thoroughly sold off to non-Natives.^[2]



From the mid-nineteenth century, European Americans began to enter the area in greater numbers. The United States wanted to enable development of lands and settlement by these people. They arranged with the Puyallup and several other tribes, under the [Treaty of Medicine Creek](#) (1854), for the tribes to cede land to the US and go to the more restricted area of a reservation. This was initially designated for residence only by tribal members. The Puyallup and United States representatives had such different conceptions of property that they did not fully understand each other's position. While the tribe lost most of its historic territory, it retained rights for fishing, hunting and gathering on that land.



Puyallup Tribal Health Authority (PTHA)

Organizational Structure

PTHA was the first ambulatory health clinic in 1976 to enter a 638 “self-determination” contract with the Indian Health Service. As a 501(c) 3 organization chartered by the Puyallup Tribe, PTHA has demonstrated commitment to quality through national accreditation by AAAHC and COLA.

Mission

It is the mission of The Puyallup Tribal Health Authority (PTHA) to provide quality health care and promote wellness in a culturally appropriate manner.

Puyallup Tribal Health Authority Values



In acknowledging the rich diversity of culture that our patients and co-workers share, the PTHA and its employees uphold and seek to emulate the following organizational values:

- **Respect:** Treating each patient and co-worker with honor, compassion and courtesy.
- **Honesty:** Dealing with patients and co-workers in a sincere, trusting and fair manner.
- **Quality:** Striving for the highest level of excellence in our caring service and professionalism.
- **Team Work:** Working and communicating with each other in an understanding, supportive and flexible way.

Puyallup Tribal Health Authority offers many different departments



- Community Health
- Dental
- Medical (open to new patients.)
- Mental Health
- Pediatrics
- Pharmacy
- X-ray & Lab



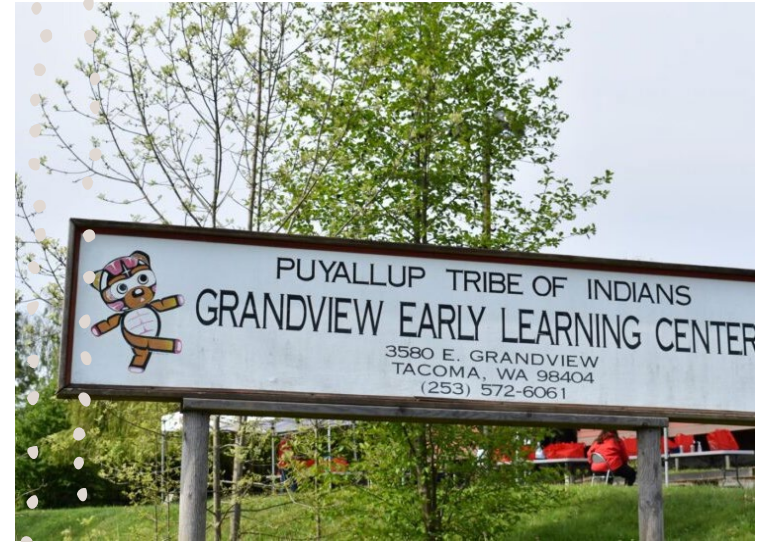
PTHA Dental

- 19 Chairs includes
 - General Dentistry
 - Pediatric
 - Prosthodontic
 - Orthodontic
 - Dental Hygiene
- Dental Lab
 - Denturist/Dental Lab Supervisor (Andrew Murray)
 - 3 lab techs
- Employees
 - Dental Director (Dr. Jesse Brannan DMD)
 - Dental Clinic Manager (Gail Hernandez)
 - 4 General Dentist (Dr. Ann Jones DDS, Dr. Brian Bucher DDS, Dr. Jae Rhee DDS, Dr. Myung Cho DDS)
 - 2 Pediatric Dentist (share position Dr. Julia Richman DDS, Dr. Aarika Anderson Elter DMD)
 - 2 Orthodontist (2 days a week Dr Isaac Fu DDS, MSD, Dr. Eric Nordberg DDS)
 - 4 Dental Hygienist (Denise Goude-lock, Christina Moore, Bao Lam, Jamie Giron)
 - 18 Dental Assistants

Community Outreach

Grandview Early Learning Center

Chief Leschi School



Chief Leschi School Screening and Sealant program

- Chief Leschi open in 1978 and the current location open in 1996.
- Current enrollment is 635 students (PreK-12)
- Dental Screenings: PreK to 5th grade.
- Start in September and goes to June.
- Screenings are done by our team. Dr. Ann Jones, Denise (RDH), Renee (CDA), and Katie (CDA)
- 2023-2024 school year (as of 5/1/24) we have screen 342 children. Placed fluoride varnish 419 children and sealants on 108 children.



The consent form is sent to the parent/ guardian at the beginning of the school year with the student's enrollment packet. This is returned to school nurse.

The dental screening form will be attached to the informed consent, then each student is separated by grade and teacher.

The report card is given to the teacher to place in the student's cubby or backpack to be sent home.



INFORMED CONSENT FOR SEALANTS AND FLUORIDE VARNISH APPLICATION

The Puyallup Tribal Health Authority Dental team will be visiting Chief Leschi Elementary School classrooms to do **visual dental screenings**. You also have the option to have sealants and/or fluoride varnish applied to your child's teeth to protect against cavities, but your consent is required.

Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
 Grade 2012-2013: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Home phone: _____

Health History: Has your child had any of the following conditions?

- Asthma
- Seizures or Convulsions
- Allergies: please list: _____
- Others: _____

I give my consent for **SEALANTS** to be placed on my child's teeth:

YES NO

I give my consent for **FLUORIDE VARNISH** to be placed on my child's teeth:

YES NO

Sealants are a plastic coating that is applied to the chewing surfaces of the new back permanent teeth. They protect cavities from forming in the deeper grooves of these teeth where toothbrush bristles cannot clean. Sealants reduce the risk of cavities where they are placed, but it is still important to brush and floss these teeth to maintain dental health. There is no known risk involved with sealant placement, though your child's bite may temporarily feel different until the sealants wear into place with normal chewing. Sealants eventually wear down or chip away, so it is important to have regular dental checkups to ensure that cavities are not forming and to have sealants replaced when necessary.

Fluoride Varnish is a coating that is painted onto the teeth to help strengthen the outer enamel layer so that it will be more resistant to cavities. It appears as a yellow coating on the teeth until the varnish wears off or until it is brushed off with a toothbrush. Because the varnish sticks to teeth, the fluoride is held in contact with the enamel and very little fluoride is swallowed. This makes it ideal for young children who tend to swallow other fluoride gels or rinses. There is no known risk involved with fluoride varnish.

If you have any questions, please call the **Takopid Dental Clinic** at (253)593-0232 ext. 328.

PTHA.Dental
(Rev. JUL12)

(Dental Office Use Only)
Chief Leschi School Screening
And Sealant Program

Name: _____ Date: _____

Teacher's Name: _____ Grade: _____ DOB: _____

		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18
		T	S	R	Q	P	O	N	M	L	K		

Key

Sealants present:	S
Needs Sealants:	NS
Decay:	D
Filled:	F

Oral Health Status	Oral Hygiene	Decay Status
Healthy	Good	Low
Mild	Fair	Medium
Moderate	Poor	High
Severe		

Progress Notes:

	Code	Date
OH Education and Presentation	1330	
Exam by Dentist	0140	
Exam by RDH	0190	
Sealants #	1351	
Reseat #	1353	
Sealants Present/None Needed	0007	
Preschool	0004	
ECC/Rampant Caries	0003	

Notes: _____

Fluoride Varnish Application (1206)

Date: _____
 Date: _____
 Date: _____

REMEMBER, YOU CAN PREVENT CAVITIES!

HOW:
 Good Home Care!
 Brush and Floss Daily!

Use Fluoride!
 It's only in some water supplies, call your water company or ask your dentist.
 Use fluoride toothpaste (pea size amount).

Good Diet!
 Eat nutritious snacks. Avoid sticky sweet and too much sugar.

Visit your Dentist
 ...At least once each year!

(253) 593-0232

Chief Leschi Schools
 Puyallup Tribal Health Authority
 Dental Clinic

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child was seen by a dental personnel, as part of the Chief Leschi School and Puyallup Tribal Health Authority's effort to evaluate the dental health of your child. This is a visual oral health screening only, not a full exam. This report will help you understand what your child's dental needs are.

Please join us in this effort. For more information about preventive dental or dental treatment needs, please contact your family dentist or the Puyallup Tribal Health Authority Dental Clinic at (253) 593-0232.

When calling for an exam appointment for your child at Puyallup Tribal Health Authority, please tell the receptionist your child received this dental report card and that your child is a student at Chief Leschi School.

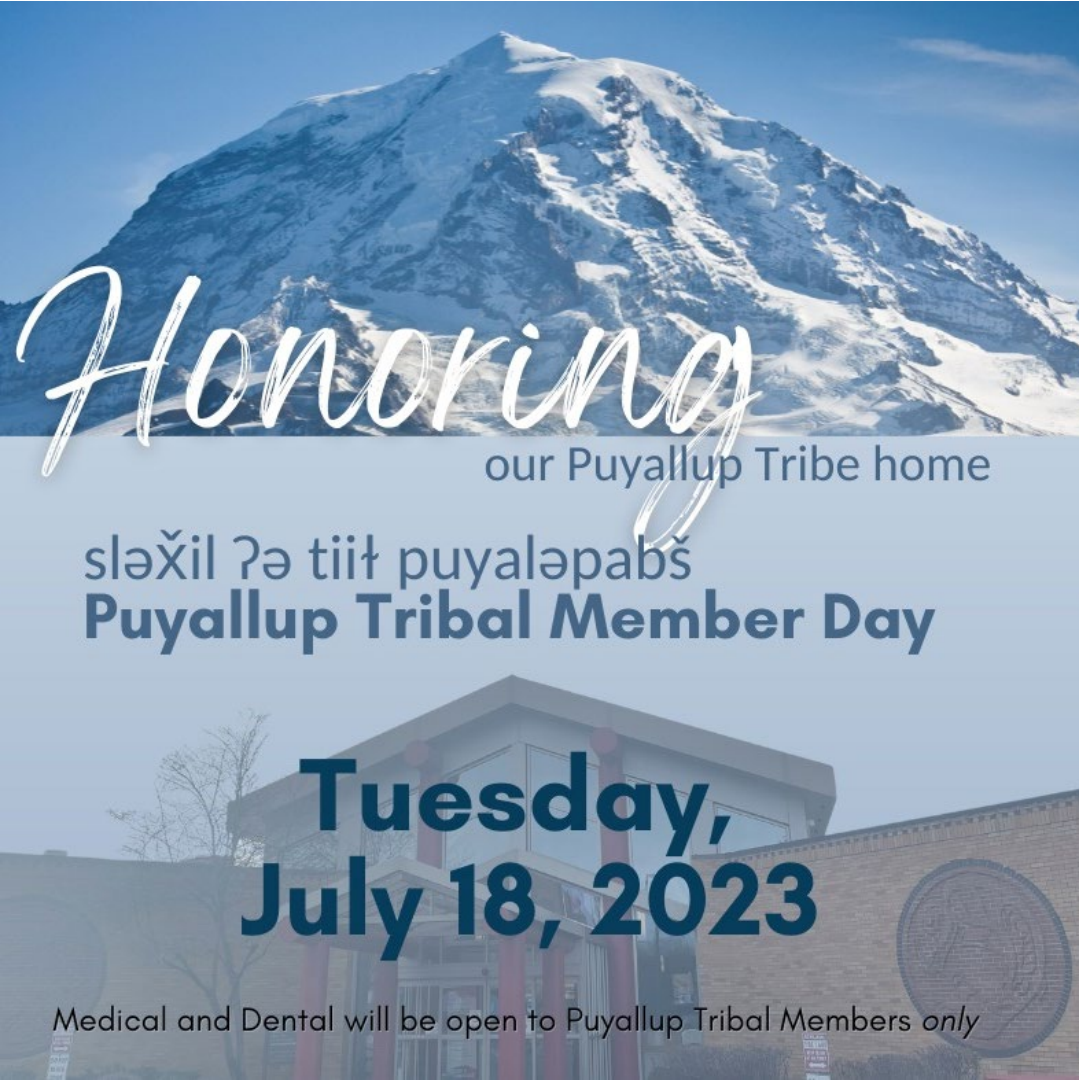
Name: _____
 Date: _____
 Teacher's Name: _____
 Grade: _____

REPORT

Possible Cavities Present	Yes	No	How Many? _____
Sealants Needed	Yes	No	How Many? _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Immediate treatment needed for infected teeth/abscesses.
- Treatment needed for decayed teeth. (medium to big cavities)
- Follow up dental exam is recommended for a complete evaluation.



Honoring

our Puyallup Tribe home

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Puyallup Tribal Member Day

**Tuesday,
July 18, 2023**

Medical and Dental will be open to Puyallup Tribal Members *only*

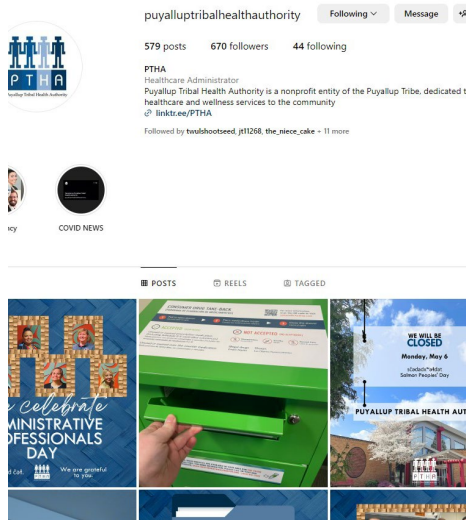
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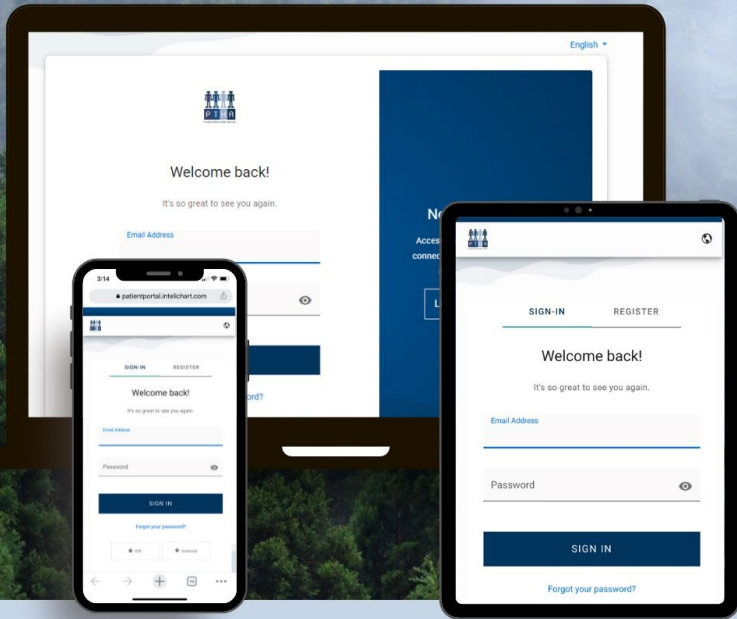
THE CLINIC IS OPEN TO
PUYALLUP TRIBAL MEMBERS
EVERY 3 TUESDAY OF THE
MONTH.

ANY NON-PUYALLUP TRIBAL
MEMBER STILL HAS ACCESS
TO OUR PHARMACY AND
SAME DAY MEDICAL.

We communicate with our patients in many form.

- * QR codes
- * Facebook or Instagram
- * TVs in all the main lobbies with information scrolling .
- * Patient Portal





Are you signed up
for our patient portal?

PTHA Patient Portal

- Call/Text reminder of upcoming appointments
- Send secure messages to your health care provider team
- View lab results
- Request appointments
- Access immunization history
- Request renewal of medication
- Submit consenting agreements

PUYALLUP TRIBAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

SELF-SERVICE CHECK-IN

LOCATED
IN THE
MAIN LOBBY
& DOWNSTAIRS

AVAILABLE NOW!



**We honor**
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Our Beloved Elders
Puyallup Tribal Health Authority



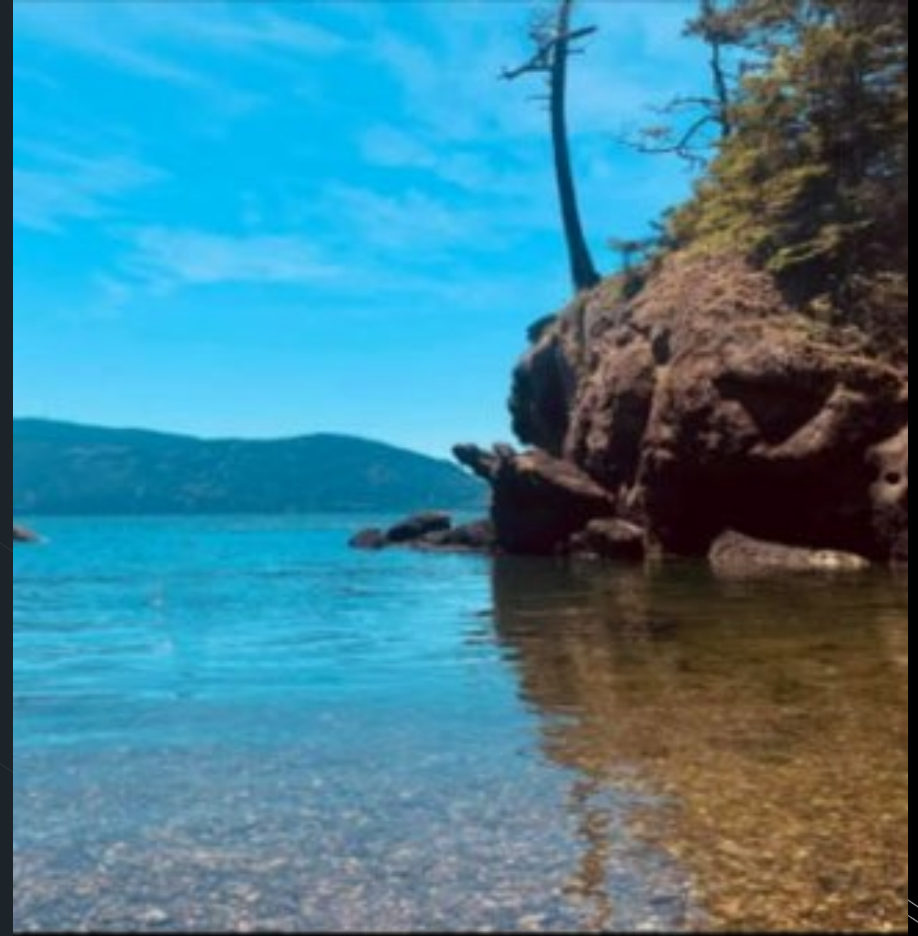
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Outreach Care

Tat Sem Maat, Angela Johnson
Lummi Tribal Health Center
Lummi, Wa



Outreach

Lummi Nation
School
(grades K-12)

Head start

Little Bear
(elders
home)

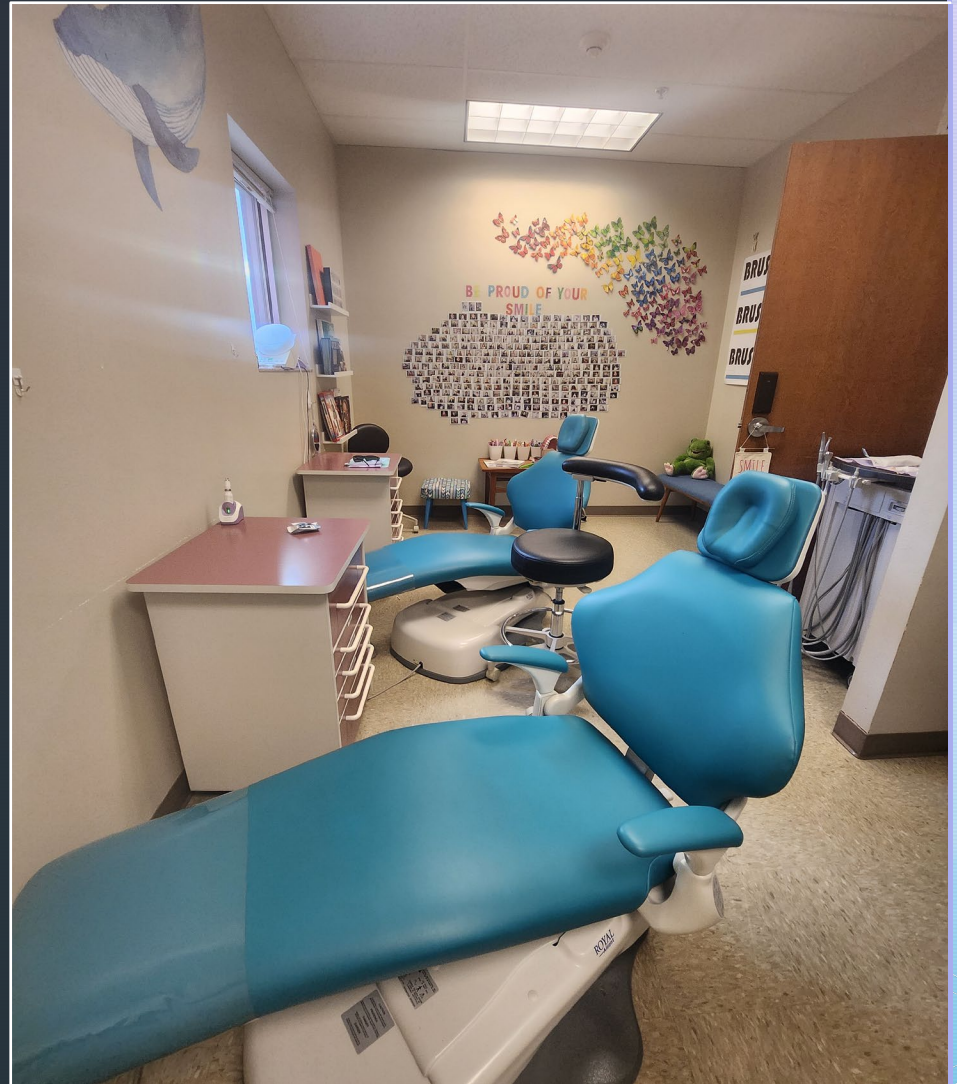
Health Fairs

Events

Lummi Nation Early Learning programs



Lummi
Nation
School
Grades K-12



Little Bear retirement and assisted living





Health Fairs

- Annual Health Fair
- Drive through health fair
- Job fair
- Diabetes conference



Events

Questions or
comments





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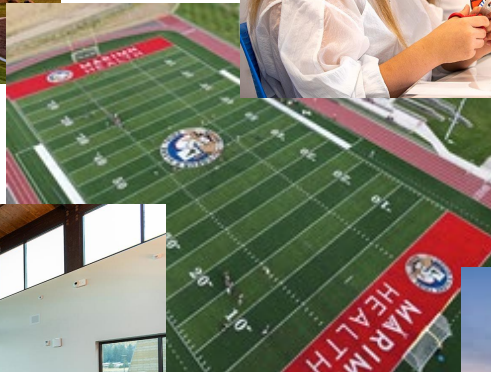
Dental Clinic Outreach

Community Events



- **Baby Fair**
 - **Health Fair**
 - **Summer Internships**
 - **Job Fairs**
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- **Create New Patients**
 - **Share Resources**
 - **Connection w/
Community**
 - **Change of Pace for Staff**

Coeur Center



- Exams
- Xrays
- Prophys
- Topicals
- Minimally Invasive Dentistry



DENTAL REPORT CARD 

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

Treatment needs identified: _____

Please schedule a follow up appointment with our dental team at: (208) 696-1931.



We provided these services:

<input type="checkbox"/> Varnish	<input type="checkbox"/> Exam
<input type="checkbox"/> SDF	<input type="checkbox"/> X-Rays
<input type="checkbox"/> Iodine	<input type="checkbox"/> Prophy
<input type="checkbox"/> SMART Fill	<input type="checkbox"/> Fluoride
<input type="checkbox"/> Sealant	

See resource pamphlets provided for general diet/hygiene recommendations.

 MARIMN HEALTH







Washington



Swinomish Community Outreach

ASIAH GONZALEZ, LDT LAURA KASAYULI, RDH SARAH CHAGNON, LDT



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- § 3 Dentist
 - § 3 Hygienist
 - § 2 Dental Therapists
 - § 10 Dental Assistants
 - § 6 Office Staff

 - § 6 Dental Therapy year 2 Students



- Root Canals
- Dentures/Partials
- Implants
- Exams
- Difficult Extractions
- Crowns
- Fillings
- Complex Procedures



- Fillings
- Sealants
- Exams
- Cleanings
- Oral Hygiene
- Community Outreach
- Simple extractions



- Cleanings/Recalls
- Perio Evaluation
- Sealants
- SRP / Perio Maintenance
- Oral Hygiene
- Community Outreach



Programs that will be implemented in the near future:

- Highschoolers graduate cavity-free
- Pregnant moms/ Infant program

Community Outreach

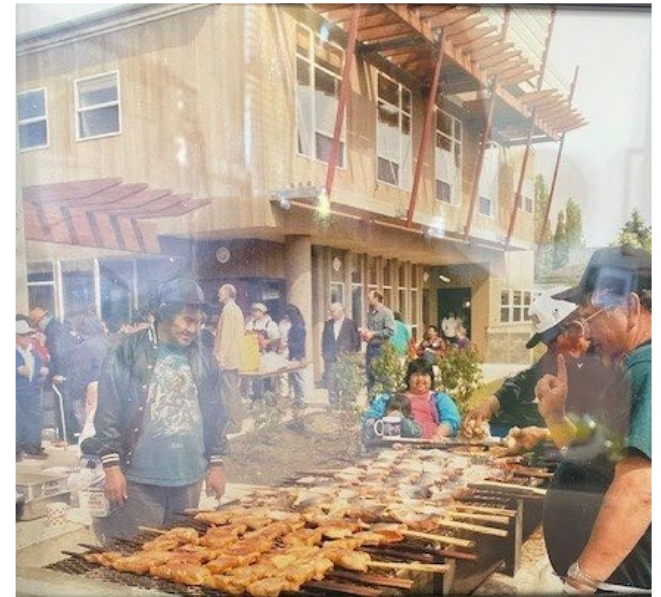


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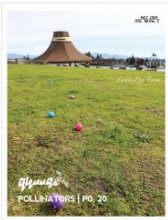
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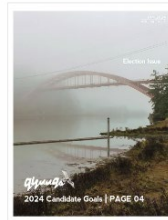
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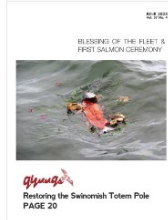
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Dental Clinic

November is Mouth Cancer Action Month. Come in for an exam, and receive a thorough head and neck oral cancer screening during your visit. The early signs and symptoms of most cancers and conditions start in the mouth, head, or neck and often your dental provider is the first to notice any abnormalities. If they do, they will encourage you to seek medical care so that your primary care physician can evaluate it, and have it treated quickly and properly.

If you notice any red or white patches, long-lasting mouth ulcers, or unusual lumps and swellings in the mouth, lips, head, and neck - go see your dental provider.

November is also Diabetes Awareness Month: your oral health is an important contribution to managing diabetes and staying healthy.

Call the Swinomish Dental Clinic (360)466,3900 to schedule your appointment for an exam, and you'll also get an oral head and neck cancer screening during your visit.

Diabetes & Your Oral Health



Reasons Why a Dental Hygiene Career May Be For You

- Dental hygienists are an important part of any dental home.** Hygienists are healthcare professionals who are trained to maintain patient oral health through routine dental procedures - such as radiographs, cleanings, education, and other preventive care. A career in dental hygiene gives you an opportunity to help others, support yourself and family, and grow in a profession that is flexible yet steady. Below are some reasons why a Dental Hygiene career may be for you:
- Career advancement opportunities** - dental hygiene can take you outside of the clinic and into research, sales, education, and leadership roles.
- Competitive wages** - careers in dental hygiene enable you to comfortably support yourself and your family.
- Schedule flexibility** - part- or full-time opportunities are available, which allow you to balance family and career.
- Steady employment** - only Registered Dental Hygienists can fill needed positions, adding to the continued demand.

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Office Manager Appreciation Month

Our Dental Clinic is thankful to have an amazing individual in the role of Office Manager: Jessica Oitez.

We are grateful to all that she does for Swinomish Dental, and we want to recognize her many talents.

Jessica leads with a community-first mindset, and empowers others to be the best versions of themselves. She fosters an environment of learning and organization through her skills, all while holding high standards.

Jessica raises the level of care of the clinic by providing support and encouraging teamwork - which equates to providing the best care to our wonderful patients.

In addition to her managerial excellence, she is pursuing graduate education, and balances that with family life so beautifully.

Thank you, Jessica, for all you do!

Housing Program Resource Affordability Connectivity Program

Online at fcc.gov/acp

The Affordability Connectivity Program provides eligible households a discount of up to \$50 per month towards internet service, or up to \$75 per month for households on qualified tribal lands.

Two of the more common internet providers offering this program are Zply Fiber and Astound Broadband (formerly WAVE).

The link above takes you to the online application. You will receive email notification once your completed application has been reviewed. Contact your current internet provider with further questions or assistance.

Preschool/Daycare



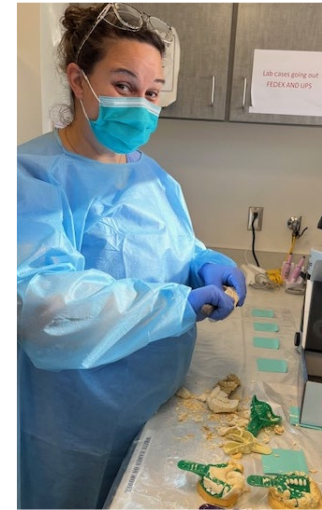




Distribution Week



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Present Day Success

- Providers work at their full scope of practice
- Lowered wait times
- Increase in access to care
- Completing treatment plans
- **Implement more community projects**
- Decrease in emergency walk-ins
- Implant program

Thank you!



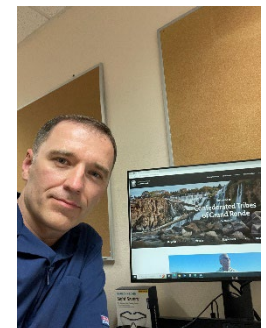
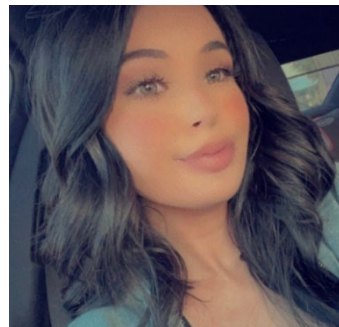
The Grand Ronde Community



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Our Staff



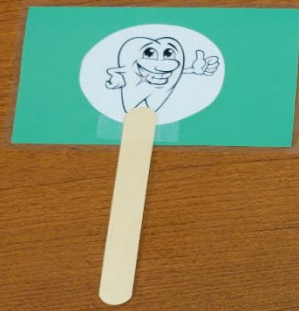
Dental Circles started in 2008

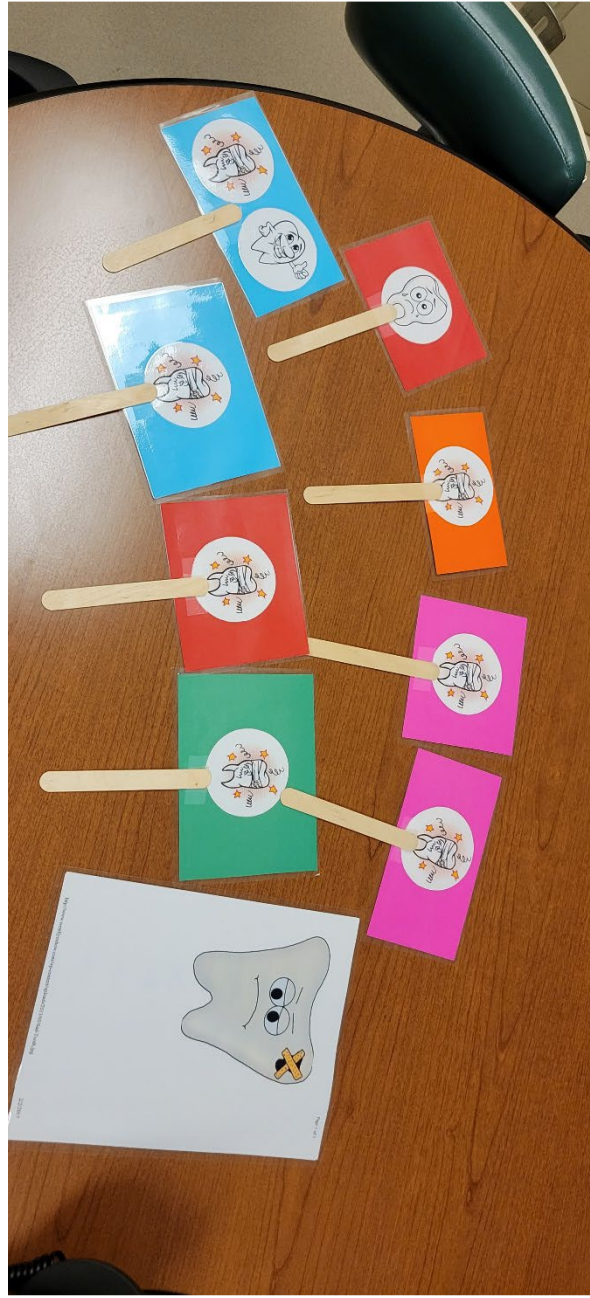












Circle Brushing





Home Visits started in 2012





















“My Plate” Nutrition Effort





Cooking Classes







Kelly,

June 1, 2017

I just had the pleasure of going along with Sheila and Shawn to a couple of home visits for my first time. The home I was scheduled to visit cancelled with short notice but they were able to arrange for me to visit two different homes instead. It was more fun and rewarding than I'd even expected. I was able to help place sealants on a kiddo that can't utilize the clinic and found a cavity on a young tribal member that Mom didn't know about. So we were able to arrange for Mom to bring him to the clinic tomorrow to get the cavity treated. Anyway, I can see why Sheila gets so passionate about the outreach, it really felt special to be invited into their homes to help care for their kiddos. It seems to open up more conversations too. In the second home, we talked about the little guy's under bite and at what age he should see the orthodontist. I could go on and on but I wanted to let you know how it went and thank both you for supporting this continued service.

Erin M. Lange, DMD, MPH

Staff Dentist

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

(503) 879-2050

Well Child Check with Medical



Mid-Year Screenings







Elder Outreach



Adult Foster Care





Village I and II (20 Residents)



Outreach Can Happen Anywhere



Hello,

Shelley Clift, MPH

We screened 86 students this week!

I encourage everyone to take a look at this data and feel very proud of the work we do in Head Start. Coming out of the pandemic, we had a disheartening rise in students with dental needs. I'm happy to see we're back on track! Our efforts to provide quality nutrition, tooth brushing, and regular dental screening truly do make a difference.

Thank you to our teaching staff for supporting tooth brushing in the classroom. Giving our students that tool now has lifelong health benefits. And thank you to the GR Dental team for taking care of our students and showing encouragement and compassion to our families.

March 2024

	February 2020 (pre-pandemic)	November 2021 (1 st screening post-pandemic)	March 2024
Number of children screened	52	48	86
Percentage of children with dental needs	15%	26%	14%
Number of children with urgent dental needs	3	13	6

Decay Rates in Head Start over the last 8 years

2019=6.9%

2018=10%

2017=8.9%

2016=16%

2015=18%

2014=23%

2013=12%

2012=25%

- Home Visits (connecting our department with the community)
- Cooking classes for Home Based Head Start families
- Mid-year screenings and preventive treatment at Head Start
- Development of monthly circle time curriculum and parent letters
- Circle Brushing
- TV monitors with head phones to lower anxiety (decrease in referrals)
- Silver Diamine fluoride (decrease in referrals)
- Hall Crown technique (decrease in referrals)
- Evidence based recalls (shorter recalls for high risk kids)
- Well Child checks and collaboration with Dr. Empey
- Walk-in appointments for 0-5 year olds
- Preventive treatments at all screenings and appointments

Who's Listening?



DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF HEAD START
ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

3-28-19

Angie,

I just finished reading your recent monitoring report, and was thrilled to see what you are doing to reduce dental decay for your children. I think oral health is often overlooked as a vital area of concern for young children, and seeing the results you and your staff have achieved by taking time to focus on this area is so impressive!

Please let everyone on your Team know what a great job they are doing here!

Kudos to all!

RB-