



# Chicago Smiles Initiative



In order to have a positive impact on children's oral health outcomes, caregivers must have the basic tools for home oral care, education and access to dental providers.

## Supporting Caregiver Education

Our **Chicago Smiles Initiative** supports efforts to overcome barriers faced by families in Chicago and surrounding areas with an emphasis on the education of grandparents, parents and other adult caregivers.

**“While presenting oral health education in a local school we gave each student a kit with a toothbrush, toothpaste and floss. One child kept following us—he wanted a kit for his brother at home. We gave him another and his face lit up like the dawn of a new day!”**

**Dr. Mary Joyce Gomez**

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