



Despite Orange County's reputation for affluence, its poverty rate is 24%. Kids living in poverty are five times more likely to have untreated tooth decay and caregivers often don't understand the importance of healthy oral care habits.

Engaging the Community to Spread Oral Health Awareness

The Orange County Oral Health Zone combines resources from America's ToothFairy with local programs, knowledge, expertise, and manpower to address the significant oral health needs of youth in and around Orange County. Together we work to provide oral health education to pregnant mothers, children, teens and their caregivers, and engage youth in oral health advocacy and community service. Our local community partners include:

- Assistance League
- AYUDA
- Students United with America's ToothFairy® (SUAT) Chapters from:
 - Assisten Chapters, Newport Mesa & Orange
 - Cal State Fullerton Pre Dent Society
 - GG-Concorde College Dental Hygiene
 - UCI Pre Dent Society
 - West Coast University
 - Yorba Linda High School Girls League
- Nurses from OC Department of Education
- OC School Readiness Nurses (1st Five)
- Orange County Head Start
- The Gary Center

We are working to increase delivery of oral health education, improve access to care and unite local dental and medical professionals in the fight against pediatric dental disease.

ORAL HEALTH ZONE MANAGER:

Jo Jass, RDH

Jo (pictured, far right) works with local stakeholders to establish a comprehensive community prevention and education program. With more than 20 years of experience in development and maintenance of school-based oral health programs, her career encompasses multiple facets in oral health programs and advocacy as well as working as a Registered Dental Hygienist.

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Supporting Nonprofit Dental Clinics Within Orange County

In addition to educating the community about the importance of oral health, America's ToothFairy works to increase access to care for at-risk populations by supporting local clinics in and around Orange County. Dental Resource Program Members within the Orange County Oral Health Zone Include:

Carlsbad

- Fresh Start Surgical Gifts

Orange County

- Assistance League of Garden Grove Dental Health Center
- Assistance League of Orange Dental Health Center
- Assistance League of Newport-Mesa / Cheri Harris Dental Health Center, Costa Mesa
- Assistance League of Santa Ana Dental Center
- Ayuda, International, Anaheim
- Friends of Family Health Center, La Habra
- Healthy Smiles for Kids of Orange County, Garden Grove
- Vista Community Clinic: The Gary Center, La Habra

San Bernardino

- Assistance League of San Bernardino / Dr. Earl R. Crane Children's Dental Health Center
- Geri Smiles Mobile Clinic

With the help of our community partners and support from our generous sponsors, here is what our member clinics accomplished last year:

More than  **100,000** kids received **EDUCATIONAL** and/or **CLINICAL** services

More than  **20,000** CAREGIVERS received oral health **EDUCATION**

Without the support of our donors and sponsors, these children would likely have missed the opportunity to treat their acute oral health issues, learn about proper dental care and receive preventative treatments.

Because of donors like you, these children have a reason to smile again. **Thank you!**