



A recent survey of 1,400 students from Los Angeles found that 72% were in urgent need of dental care—9% requiring emergency care. In addition, language and cultural barriers make educating parents about oral health challenging.

Engaging the Community to Spread Oral Health Awareness

The Los Angeles Oral Health Zone engages the community to address oral health disparities and build healthier residents. It combines resources from America's ToothFairy with local programs, knowledge, expertise, and manpower to address the oral health needs of youth in Los Angeles, with a special focus on Latino students in the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Together, with the LA Trust for Children's Health, and the Child Development Institute, we work to provide oral health education, improve access to care and reduce the prevalence of pediatric dental disease. Here are some of our local partners:

- LA Trust
- LAUSD School District Nursing Services
- Los Angeles Public Health Department
- UCLA Early Head Start
- Colgate Bright Smiles Bright Futures
- LAUSD Healthy Start Program
- Child Care Resource Center
- Valley Care Community Consortium
- CSUN SUAT
- Volunteers of America Greater Los Angeles
- Human Services Association
- LA COE Head Start

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:

Matilde Gabriela

Matilde (pictured, far right) engages the community in LA County to address children's oral health needs. For 20 years she has served diverse groups, including military families and refugees. She is experienced in volunteer, program and case management, has led peer networks and co-founded the Orange County Veteran and Military Families Collaborative.

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Supporting Nonprofit Dental Clinics Within LA 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 Los Angeles County. Dental Resource Program Members within this Oral Health Zone Include:

- AltaMed
- Eisner Health
- Kids Community Clinic
- San Gabriel Valley Foundation
- St. Johns Well Child and Family Center
- The Children's Dental Center
- Valley Community Healthcare
- Via Care

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

More than  **113,000** kids received **EDUCATIONAL** and/or **CLINICAL** services

More than  **87,000** 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.

Thanks to donors like you, these children have a reason to smile again.

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