Mosaic Health Community Dentistry is a program that has been providing school-based dental services since 1995. It focuses on prevention and education in urban and rural areas in New York State and those underserved by dental providers.

If your child does not have a dentist or dental insurance—or if it is difficult for you to get them to appointments due to transportation, work schedule, or lack of funds—Community Dentistry can provide your child with much needed dental services.

In one school year, our Community Dentistry teams have served more than 45,000 children across nine counties in New York.

Each student enrolled in the program receives a free dental screening, toothbrush, and floss. The Community Dentistry team will also teach your child how to floss and brush their teeth the right way, what snacks are the healthiest, and how plaque and decay form. Other services that you, as the parent/legal guardian, may request are:

- Dental exam by a pediatric dentist
- Dental cleaning
- Fluoride treatment
- Dental sealants (if recommended)
**Is my child eligible for this program?**

Every child enrolled in a participating school is eligible to receive dental services and oral health education.

**How do I enroll my child in the program?**

Our team will distribute registration packets to each child in the school—be on the lookout for this packet. The school nurse will also have registration packets for Community Dentistry. In order to treat your child, we will need you to complete this packet and note which services you would like your child to receive. We include a health history form for your child because oral health is directly related to overall wellness.

**What equipment is set up in the school?**

Our portable dental equipment is easily and quickly set up and includes:

- Dental chair and light
- Dental delivery unit with air and water outputs
- Sterilization equipment

**What counties does the program serve?**

Our school sites and Headstart programs are located in Allegany, Chemung, Livingston, Oneida, Ontario, Schuyler, Steuben, Wayne, and Yates Counties.

**What if my child needs follow-up care?**

If your child needs follow-up dental care and you do not already have a dentist, we will send home a referral list of providers in your area or they can become a patient at any Mosaic Health location. In fact, we can treat your entire family for all your primary care and dental needs.

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**Have insurance?**

We welcome patients with major/private insurance coverage, as well as:

- Medicaid
- Fidelis/Dentaquest
- Child Health Plus
- Healthplex
- Essential Plans

**Don’t have insurance?**

We can help. Students who don’t have insurance or don’t have enough insurance coverage may qualify for the Sliding Fee Discount Program, which is based on your current household size and income. No child will be turned away—Community Dentistry will see any child enrolled by their parent/legal guardian, regardless of their ability to pay.