

Statewide Oral Health Needs Assessment 2022-2023



Step by Step Instructions for Classroom Teachers

- K-5 and **third** grade teachers should receive copies of the **Opt-out Form, Every Smile Counts! Fact Sheet and the Screening Results Form** from the school-based coordinator/school nurse.
- Teachers will also receive a toothbrush and **Every Smile Counts!** activity booklet for each student in their classroom.
- Teachers should review the enclosed **Fact Sheet** that provides a general overview of the statewide screening that is taking place. Feel free to make additional copies of the Fact Sheet for school personnel and parents/guardians as needed.
- It is recommended that the **Fact Sheet** and the **Opt-out Forms** are sent home at least one week before the scheduled screening date. The school-based coordinator will ensure that classroom teachers receive these forms in a timely manner. Note that students who return a signed opt-out form will not be screened.
- Please complete the identification information on the **Screening Results Form** for each child. This includes the child's full name and the screening date. Children who are not being screened still receive a Screening Results Form.
- The **Screening Results Form** is handed to the screener at the time of the screening.
- Assist as needed in organizing the students for the screening and take them to the screening location with the populated **Screening Results Forms**. It may be easiest to place the students in alphabetical order.
- After the screening has taken place, the screener will give you a completed **Screening Results Form** for every child. A **Screening Results Form** should be sent home with every child.
- After the screening, distribute student incentives to all K5 and third grade students whether they were screened or not. This includes an educational **Every Smile Counts!** activity booklet and a toothbrush. The school-based coordinator/school nurse will distribute these items to classroom teachers.
- Try to use this opportunity to educate students about the importance of oral health. **Thank you for your support of our efforts to improve oral health in South Carolina!**