



**Washington Dental Service Foundation**

**Description:** WDSF’s mission is to eliminate oral disease and improve overall health for everyone. The Foundation focuses primarily on seniors and young children - two vulnerable populations.

To make significant, lasting improvements in oral health in Washington, WDSF focuses on:

- Advocating for sound oral health public policy
- Supporting practices in health services that emphasize early intervention and the prevention of oral disease
- Increasing dental coverage and improving access to dental services
- Assisting communities in water fluoridation

Some of the Foundation’s work that impacts young children includes:

- **Access to Baby and Child Dentistry (ABCD):** The ABCD program provides preventive and restorative dental services to Medicaid eligible children up to age 6 in Washington State. The ABCD program includes trainings for dental providers to work with children, provides higher Medicaid reimbursement for trained dentists, provides outreach and recruitment to families, and works with families to create dental homes for children.
- **Cavity Free Kids:** This curriculum was developed to promote oral health in early learning environments, giving teachers, parents and children activities and tools to help learn about tooth decay and what they can do to prevent it. CFK can be used in Head Start, preschool, childcare, home visiting programs and more!
- **Early Learning Initiative:** Oral health is an integral component of overall health - children can’t learn and succeed if they suffer from painful dental disease. WDSF engages state and local early learning organizations that support children’s early learning and development in efforts to integrate oral health into their programs and services.

**Who Washington Dental Service Foundation works with:** Thrive by Five Washington, Department of Early Learning, Head Start, University of Washington Department of Pediatric Dentistry and other early learning organizations to impact the oral health of more children and families.

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