

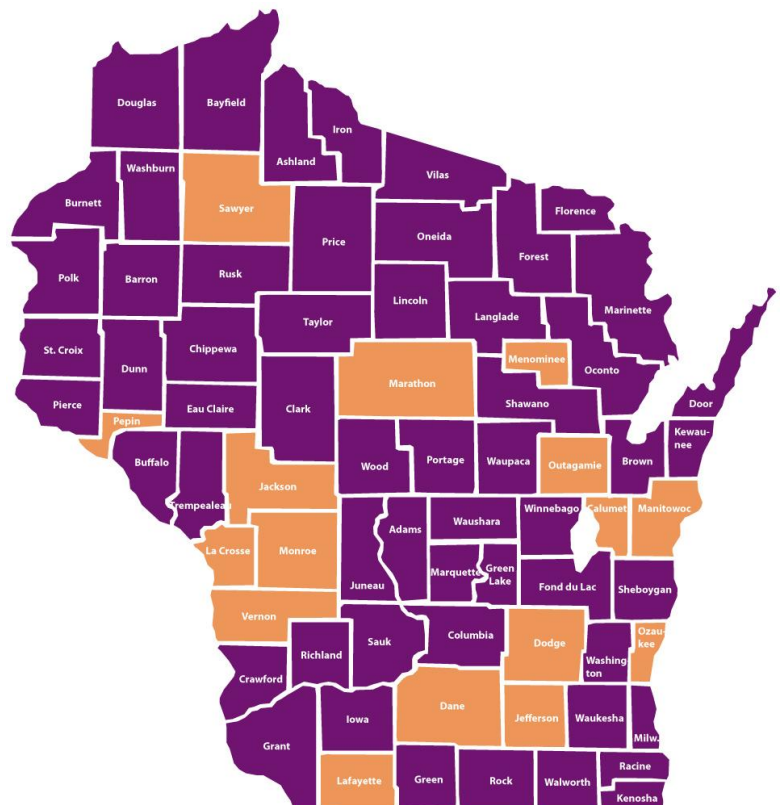


Wisconsin Seal-A-Smile (SAS) Program Fact Sheet – 2011-12

Wisconsin Seal-A-Smile (SAS) is a statewide sealant program that offers grants to local school-based programs targeting underserved children. These community efforts involve a variety of health care professionals including public health, school nurses, dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants. A combination of volunteers and paid professionals organize SAS programs.

The grant funds are used for a variety of program activities. Some SAS programs are sustained by high numbers of volunteer staff and use funds to buy supplies. Other SAS programs have in-kind donations of disposables, sealant material and supplies where funds may be used to offset staffing expenses. The SAS program offers flexibility to accommodate unique community needs.

- The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) contracts with Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin to manage the SAS program.
- SAS is funded through state General Purpose Revenue (GPR), Health Resources Service Administration (HRSA) and Delta Dental of Wisconsin and supplemented by community in-kind support and donation.
- In accordance with Governor Doyle's Kid's First Initiative – SAS GPR state appropriations increased from \$60,000 to \$120,000 in 2005. In addition, DHS allocated a HRSA workforce grant of \$82,000 per year from 2006-09. From 2009-12 HRSA funding was increased to \$241,000 annually. Delta Dental of Wisconsin matched an additional \$241,000 annually for three years.
- The Wisconsin SAS Program is in its 11th year of operation.
- Grants for 2011-12 range from \$1,500-\$75,000.
- Since 2000 SAS has:
 - Screened 101,033 children.
 - Placed sealants on 63,780 children.
- SAS program report highlights for 2010-11:
 - Of the 29,493 children screened, 17,749 had sealants placed.
 - 36.7% of participants had untreated decay.
 - 5.8% of participants had urgent dental needs.
 - 36,912 students received oral health education through SAS.



■ 2011-12 Funded SAS programs.

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