CHILDREN'S SMILE CENTER
Our Mission:
To improve oral health and wellness in children through access to quality dental care.

Our Vision:
A healthy smile for every child.

Core values:
– Compassionate care
– Positive experiences
– Quality Services
Who we are:

- Missouri nonprofit corporation with IRS 501(c)(3) status
- Volunteer board of directors
- Three locations with 27 total staff, both FT and PT:
  - 6 DDS
  - 4 RDH
  - 10 EFDA
  - 2 Front desk
  - 2 Supervisors
  - 1 Business office
  - 1 Community Relations
- Patients are children ages 1 to 19 with MC
- Fundraising: grants, donations, special events
Originally funded by MFFH.
Ozark clinic December 2006 serving Christian and Stone Counties.
Branson West satellite January 2011.
Aurora clinic July 2013.
By 2014 serving children from six counties:

Christian    Stone    Taney
Lawrence     Barry     Dade
Philosophy & Direction

- Clinic-based, private practice, dentist-centered, permanent dental home
- “we want kids to go to the dentist”
- Avoid welfare stereotypes
- Engage with communities as a charitable, nonprofit partner
- Come alongside school districts, assisting school nurses in meeting health needs
- Partnership with local allied health schools
2019 summary

• 6,350 individual patients
• 13,147 separate clinic appointments
• About 15% of care in surgery centers
• Nearly 10,000 school screening encounters
• Active outreach through schools, chambers, collaboration with other services
Challenges:

• Funding levels of Medicaid reimbursement
• Recruitment of dentists
• Investments in facilities and equipment
• Change view of dental services as regular, routine, ongoing and preventive; as opposed to emergency, temporary or substitute
• Barriers to access, primarily transportation
• Charitable fundraising
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