

Registration

Parental consent forms and program information for the dental sealant, fluoride varnish, and fluoride rinse programs can be obtained through your child's school during the school year.

Fluoride supplements are provided at anytime. Contact your Public Health Department for an application.

Funding

The Northwoods Dental Project relies on funding from various grants, community donations and the ability to bill Medicaid for its services.



Programs Available	F o r e s t	F l o r e n c e	O n e i d a	V i l a s
◆ Dental services offered through the Northwoods Dental Project	◆	◆	◆	◆
● Dental services offered through the individual county health departments				
Oral Health Risk Assessments	◆	◆	◆	◆
Oral Health Education	◆	◆	◆	◆
Seal-A-Smile (2 nd and 6 th grades)	◆	◆	◆	◆
Healthy Smiles (6 mos. thru 5 yrs.)	◆	◆	◆	◆
Fluoride Varnish (6 mos. to 6 yrs.)	◆	◆	◆	◆
Fluoride Mouth Rinse (1 st thru 5 th grades)		●		◆
Fluoride Mouth Rinse (1 st thru 6 th grades)	●	●		
Fluoride Supplement (6 mos. to 16 yrs.)	●	●	●	
Dental referral assistance	◆	◆	◆	◆
Dental resources for schools, day cares and Head Start centers	◆	◆	◆	◆
Food Pantry visits	◆	◆	◆	◆
Prenatal Care and WIC	◆	◆	◆	◆

Project Sponsors

Children's Health Alliance

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For more information, please contact:

**Northwoods Dental Project at the
Vilas County Public Health Department
715-479-3758**

The Northwoods Dental Project programs are not meant to take the place of regular dental visits. Families are encouraged to seek a family dentist for routine dental care.

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**Northwoods
Dental Project**

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Florence,
Forest, Oneida,
and Vilas
Counties**

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Program Information

Access to affordable dental care for the members of Forest, Florence, Oneida and Vilas counties had been identified as a priority in their Community Health Improvement Plans for years. The Northwoods Dental Project, a public-private partnership, was formed to bring access of oral health care to uninsured, underserved and low income residents of Forest, Florence, Oneida, and Vilas Counties.

Mission

The Northwoods Dental Project is a public-private partnership that provides community members in Forest, Florence, Oneida, and Vilas Counties access to oral health care. We will strive to educate and advocate for all who come to us for care.

Seal-A-Smile

A school-based Dental Sealant program offered **free** to parents of second and sixth grade students. A dental sealant is a thin plastic coating that covers the chewing surfaces of the back teeth (molars), where most decay occurs. The chewing surface of a molar has natural pits and grooves that can trap plaque and food particles in a way that routine brushing cannot remove, which causes decay

to start. Sealants save the structure of the natural tooth by filling the pits and grooves, leaving a smooth surface that is easy to clean with normal brushing.

A portable dental clinic is set up at the school so children can receive an oral health exam, dental sealants (if necessary), dental supplies and oral health education. Parents receive a letter providing information about the oral health exam, observations made and follow-up suggestions.



Healthy Smiles—Fluoride Varnish

A **free** Fluoride Varnish program is offered to children ages six months through five years of age who are enrolled in or eligible for Head Start and Pre-K classes. Fluoride varnish is a topical fluoride treatment that helps prevent tooth decay in children who are at high risk for tooth decay. It is highly effective, easy to apply and economical. The fluoride is absorbed into the tooth surface and makes the enamel harder and more resistant to tooth decay.

Children receive an oral health exam, fluoride varnish application and dental supplies. For maximum results, the varnish is applied three to four times per year.

Fluoride Supplement

Parents of children six months to 16 years old with non-fluoridated water systems can receive fluoride supplements through the Public Health Department.

Fluoride Rinse

Fluoride Rinse is available to school districts that are on non-fluoridated water systems through the Public Health Department. Students in first through fifth grades swish the fluoride mouth rinse weekly during the school year.