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Seal-a-Smile Program

The School District of Janesville has maintained a sealant and fluoride program for over a decade, but HealthNet of Rock County, Inc. approached the school district in 2018 about serving more low-income children in the program through sealants and referrals to a secure dental home that would accept BadgerCare. Since 2018, HealthNet of Rock County has helped thousands of children receive preventative dental care, which has shown to reduce cavities by 76 percent



Why it matters in Rock County?

- 47 percent of children in Janesville Schools are on the free or reduced lunch program.
- According to the 2017 Rock County Community Health Needs Assessment, oral health remains a top priority in Rock County for adults and children.
- A recommended strategy for Rock County's Community Health Improvement Plan was to support school-based sealant programs to ensure that 10 percent more of children in Rock County were linked to a dental home.

In 2020, HealthNet of Rock County still believed that students should still receive preventative dental care at school, despite the threat of COVID-19. HealthNet of Rock County was still able to screen and provide fluoride treatment to 1,337 children through 55 school visits. Over time, HealthNet of Rock County was able to place sealants on 625 children. HealthNet was also able to refer 406 children for dental care, with 72 of those children coming to HealthNet of Rock County and successfully receiving treatment.