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I.A Oral Health Program

**Integrating Oral
Health Into School-
Based Health Centers**

**My Goal:
Improve the Health of
Vulnerable Populations**

My Vulnerable Children Model

- 15 Dentists
- 275 Schools
- Portable In-School Dental Services
- Comprehensive Dentistry
 - Exams, X-Rays, Fillings, Sealants, Baby Tooth Extractions, Stainless Steel Crowns, Sealants
- 08-09 School Year 5000+ Children Treated
- 15,000 Signed Up For Services

**The Smartest Thing I Ever
Lucked-Up On**

**Sue Catchings, CEO
Health Care Centers in
Schools
Baton Rouge, LA**

The First "Meeting"





LA Data
DHH

- Number of Treated Children
– 250,000=/-
- Number of Untreated Children Increased
– Over 505,000
- Dental Expenditures Doubled 04-08
- Number of Active Medicaid Dentists Decreased 2004-2011

Pilot Program

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- School Identified
- Consents Obtained
- 3 Days Of Treatment
- 40+ Children Received All of Their Comprehensive Dental Care Needs

Pilot Program Turned MOU: Sue

- Presented Our MOU to the School Board
- Informed School Nurses of the Coming Program
- Identified Schools In Most Need
- Assisted in Consent Distribution
- Continues to Assist With Daily Operations

Daily Operations

- Identification Of Children In Crisis
- Transported Emergency Patients To Working Clinics
- Identified and Assisted With Emergency Post-Op Problems
 - Cheek Bite
 - Family Questions
- Referral Follow-up

Program Support

- Invaluable Ally
- Brought Data, Nurses, Principals, School Board Members, and Teachers to Testify House and Senate
- Continual Behind the Scenes Political Advocate
- Continual School Board Advocate

Joint School-Based Health Center Initiatives

- Educational Programs
 - School-Based Nurses – Oral Neglect: What To Do – When To Act



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- Educational Programs
 - School-Based Nurses – Oral Neglect: What To Do – When To Act
 - Teacher Oral Health Education Presentations
 - Principal Education Programs
- Active Referral Follow System
- Daily Operational Assistance
 - Treatment Room Location
 - Family Contact Intervention

Joint School-Based Health Center Initiatives

- Phone Call/Parental Presence Battle
 - Outlined Phone Call Data

Consent

- Parental Contact (40-50% Non-Contact Rate)
- 1.6 Million Phone Calls – 40-45% Connection Rate
- 505,000 Untreated Children x 45% = 227,250 Abandoned Children
- Parental Presence Requirement = More Abandonment

Joint School-Based Health Center Initiatives

- Phone Call/Parental Presence Battle
 - Outlined Phone Call Data and Parental Presence Realities
 - Jointly Testified House Health and Welfare Committee
- Victory



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