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County Health Department Receives Outstanding Community/School Partnership Award

Marion County Health Department was the recent recipient of an Outstanding Community/School Partnership Award from the State of Oregon for being part of a local team that provided outreach dental services to local school children.

Oregon State Superintendent of Public Instruction Susan Castillo presented Marion County Health Department team member Nancy Halhouli with the award.

In 2007, Marion County Health Department formed a partnership with Salem-Keizer Public Schools and joined the Dental Health Solutions for Children Committee. Other partners on the committee are Human Services, Medical Teams International, Kaiser Permanente, Boy's and Girl's Club, local private dentists and community members.

Since then, Marion County and Salem-Keizer Public Schools have:

- Educated 6017 students and 794 parents on dental disease prevention
- Screened 7290 students and identified and prioritized dental needs
- Identified 298 students with immediate dental needs
- Applied fluoride varnish on 185 Head Start students

In addition, with the help of local partners, vouchers for clients who were uninsured and could not afford emergency dental care were provided to 146 young people.

With the help of Medical Teams International, three children's vans and twelve adult vans were made available and provided services to 144 people. These visits included a trip to a migrant labor camp where 14 people received emergency dental care. Dental care and immunizations were also provided at the camp.

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