**Child and Adolescent Oral Health in Florida**

**Oral Health Status**

**Tooth decay is the most prevalent chronic disease among children and adolescents.**

- 25.1% of Florida third graders have untreated tooth decay.
  - Source: Third Grade BSS Survey, 2016-2017

- 1 in 5 Florida Head Start children have untreated tooth decay.
  - Source: Head Start BSS Survey, 2017-2018

- There were 21,241 dental-related emergency room visits by children ages 0-20 costing more than $43 million in 2018.
  - Source: Florida AHCA Emergency Department Database, 2018

**Preventive Services**

**Dental sealants can prevent up to 80% of cavities and protect teeth for several years.**

- 54 DOH School-Based Sealant Programs
  - 117,703 children served
  - 621,480 services provided
  - Source: FLOSS 5-BSP Data, 2017-2018

- 40.5% of Florida's third grade children received dental sealants in 2016-2017.
  - Source: Third Grade BSS Survey, 2016-2017

- 76.1% of Florida's children, ages 1-17, had a preventive dental visit in the previous year.

- 36.9% of Florida's Medicaid children, ages 1-20, received preventive dental services.
  - Source: National Survey of Children's Health, 2017-2018
  - Source: Annual EPDHF Report CMS-416, 2018