

Give Kids a Smile! By: Sharon Fabrizius, Colorado Springs Clinic Coordinator

The Colorado Springs 'KIND' clinic participated in *Give Kids A Smile* again this year! We were proud to host GKAS in our clinic during the week of February 2-February 7, 2009. Seven years ago, the ADA started GKAS as an opportunity for the entire nation to participate in servicing the underserved child in basic dental care. It is an annual event that asks the dental communities to offer free dental treatment and education to children in uninsured families. The Colorado Springs 'KIND' clinic volunteered to host 11 dentist and 1 hygienist, who donated a total of 52 hours of combined services. KIND serviced 116 patients, with a total Value of Service donated of \$33,528. This was a successful event both for our patients and our community! We look forward to participating again next year.

The Denver Clinics also hosted Give Kids a Smile Day on February 6 at our Morey Clinic. What an incredible experience for all of the KIND staff who participated in this event and look forward to next year.



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Happy 10th Anniversary Chopper Topper By: Genevieve Valdez, RDH; Chopper Topper Coordinator

The Chopper Topper Program began in 1998 and is currently celebrating its 10th year of success! The program began as a public/private partnership between three agencies. These agencies are KIND, Health S.E.T., and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Oral Health Program.

The Chopper Topper Program focuses primarily on children who have limited access to dental care because of economic and/or cultural barriers. The program is currently working with schools that have a student population rate of 60% or more enrolled in the free /reduced lunch program. All second grade children may participate in the Chopper Topper program with a consent form signed by a parent or guardian. Second grade children are the target because at this age most of the first molars are newly erupted but have not had time to decay. Services are provided on-site at elementary schools in eight school districts throughout the Denver Metro Area. Services include: a dental screening, Oral Hygiene Instruction, appropriate referrals for children who need restorative or emergency care, and sealants for the children indentified to benefit from the placement of pit-and-fissure sealants.

The Chopper Topper Program began as a pilot program at Cheltenham Elementary, located in West Denver, in 1997. Cheltenham was selected because:

1. The school and a "Parent Empowerment Group" which met on a weekly basis.
2. The school nurse had time available to help develop and administer the project.
3. KIND had a board member who was the head nurse for the Denver Public Schools who provided knowledge about which schools might be appropriate.
4. The school had a high percentage of children enrolled in the free/reduced lunch program, which indicated a high rate of low income children, the target population.

At the time, the program used volunteer dentists, hygienist and students. Based on general assessment, all collaborators agreed that the project was considered a success due to the number of children served, the type and quality of services provided, the administration of the project, the publicity received and the fact that it was a positive dental experience for the children.

In order to increase the number of children who could receive care through this program KIND has decided to employ two Dental Hygienists (one full-time and one part-time). This has allowed more students to be seen, the program to achieve more efficient and effective results and for the program to be widely accepted as one of the leading sealant programs in the state.

Over the years, the number of schools benefiting from the Chopper Topper program has risen greatly. Twenty three schools were seen in 1998-1999 school year. Sixty four schools will be seen in the 2008-2009 school year! Happy Anniversary Chopper Topper!



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EBD

By: Meredith Goldin, MPA; Associate for Programs and Development

With support from the Colorado Trust and the Partnership for Families and Children, KIND has been conducting a program evaluation of its Evidence Based Dentistry program and how it relates to Cultural Competency. The research will continue through May 2012, but below are some of our preliminary findings for one of the three outcomes we are researching thus far...while the numbers will change over time, we think this data is interesting to note!

Outcome 1 of 3

Decrease in baby bottle syndrome among EBD clients as measured by Early Childhood Caries Diagnosis and Child's Risk Status by ethnicity

African American- is positively correlated with Early Childhood Caries Diagnosis and Child's risk status (indicating that African American children are more likely to have higher ECC Diagnosis and in turn a higher risk status) using the Pearson Correlation with a measure of .156.

Asian American- No data at this time

Caucasian- is negatively correlated with Early Childhood Caries Diagnosis and Child's risk status (indicating that Caucasian children are less likely to have higher ECC Diagnosis and in turn a lower risk status) using the Pearson Correlation with a measure of -.282.

Hispanic/Latino- is positively correlated with Early Childhood Caries Diagnosis and Child's risk status (indicating that Hispanic/Latino children are more likely to have higher ECC Diagnosis and in turn a higher risk status) using the Pearson Correlation with a measure of .126.

Native American-No data at this time

Mixed-The category of "mixed race" is negatively correlated with Early Childhood Caries Diagnosis and Child's risk status (indicating that Caucasian children are less likely to have higher ECC Diagnosis and in turn a lower risk status) using the Pearson Correlation with a measure of -.148.

Other- The category of "other race" is positively correlated with Early Childhood Caries Diagnosis and Child's risk status (indicating that children in this category are more likely to have higher ECC Diagnosis and in turn a higher risk status) using the Pearson Correlation with a measure of .205.

	No Visible ECC (Low Risk)	Non Cavitated ECC	Cavitated ECC (High Risk)	TOTAL
Caucasian	16%	0	3%	19%
Black/AA	0	5%	3%	8%
Hispanic/Latino	35%	3%	29%	67%
Other	0	0	3%	3%
Mixed	3%	0	0	3%
TOTAL	54%	8%	38%	100%

*%=Percent of Total Patients



Dr. James Abramowitz

Volunteer Spotlight

By: Sally Walker, Community/Volunteer Coordinator

Dr. James Abramowitz has been a KIND volunteer since 1972. He has shared his broad experience and range of skills with KIND and several other charities. Additionally, he has won numerous humanitarian awards for his volunteer efforts. Dr. Abramowitz has been a regular volunteer dentist in the dental clinics and a long time supporter of KIND's Chopper Topper sealant program.

Along with his dedication to treating children in our programs, Dr. Abramowitz has served on several committees that oversee the clinical operations our facilities. He is also highly regarded for his mentoring abilities and has shared his talents with various staff members throughout the organization. Over the years, Dr. Abramowitz has been a tireless ambassador for KIND by encouraging his colleagues to also donate their services to our kids.

Dr. Abramowitz practiced for many years in Westminster. He developed a network of Gentle Dental offices which later merged with the Perfect Teeth group. After retiring from private practice in 1999, he expanded his interests to include working as a dental practice advisor due to the fact that he is widely known for his vast knowledge of dental office design. Currently, he is working as the Dental Director for the internationally known nonprofit organization Project Cure.

Our personal gratitude goes to Dr. Abramowitz for going above and beyond to do his part to help us fulfill our mission to *"provide high quality, comprehensive dental care and education to kids in need throughout Colorado."*

President's Message, By: Larry Chatterley, KIND's Board President

I joined KIND as a board member in late 2007. Since that time, I have come to realize that the organization has crossed some rough roads in the past and faced some unique challenges. Despite past challenges, it had been gratifying to see how well KIND has done thanks to the wonderful volunteers, donors, staff members, and to our executive director Julie Collett.

KIND's success is owed to the many people over the last 96 years that had a passion for its mission. That mission is to be the foremost promoter of oral health for the children of Colorado by providing high-quality, affordable dental care to those children in need. KIND serves thousands of children every year through generous support from foundations, corporations, individuals and dental professionals at facilities in the Denver area and Colorado Springs. KIND also continues to reach out to children in many communities through its mobile "Miles for Smiles" dental unit, and its "Chopper Topper" program that travels to Denver area elementary schools to provide dental screenings and preventive molar sealants.

Through the years many selfless people have carried the torch, and have touched so many lives for better. It has been said that the power of giving shines like a beacon throughout humanity. It cuts the oceans that divide us and brightens the lives of all it touches. You cannot hold a torch to light another's path without brightening your own.

"Strokes of KINDness"

Monday, June 22, Kids In Need of Dentistry will host our 22nd Annual Golf Tournament, "Strokes of KINDness". The Tournament will be held at the Golf Club at Bear Dance in Larkspur. The proceeds go to benefit KIND's programs: Denver Clinics, Colorado Springs Clinics, Miles for Smiles and Chopper Topper.

Consistently rated as Colorado's best, and most challenging public golf course, Bear Dance offers generous tree-lined fairways framed by flashing white sand bunkers, striking water features, and intricate greens.

The tournament is a Shamble Format—every team member hits the ball from the tee box.

The team then chooses the best drive and each player plays his/her ball from that point into the cup.

This is a great day to spend with friends, enjoy a beautiful golf course, eat good food and most importantly make a difference in a child's smile.

For more information regarding foursomes, sponsorships or volunteering please call Julie at 303-733-3710 x11.



Wine Tasting

By: Sharon Fabrizius,
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On August 27, 2009, the Colorado Springs KIND clinic will be hosting our 3rd Annual Wine Tasting Fund Raiser Event! The event is being sponsored by Cheers Liquors of Colorado Springs and is being held at the Briarhurst Manor in Manitou Springs, Colorado. The evening will begin at 6:00p.m with Wines, Hors d'oeuvres and socializing. The event is sponsored by various wine vendors that come with a great deal of knowledge and passion about their products, along with fantastic samples to excite every taste palate! We look forward to having you join us for this fun filled evening! Please contact Sharon @719-227-1018 for tickets and event information.



A Note From Executive Director - Julie Collett, RDH

As an Executive Director, I have one of the best jobs around! I have the privilege of connecting people who want to give of their time and resources to children who need dental care. These professionals, individuals, corporations and foundations are making a significant impact throughout KIND's programs.

In the short time that I have been the Executive Director, I have been blessed, as I've seen the hundreds of people who give –grow into thousands. More and more people are joining in support of KIND and our mission to provide quality comprehensive dental care and education to kids in need all over Colorado. Thank you for your vote of confidence in our work!

Kids In Need of Dentistry has endured several challenges over the past several months and I am proud to say that we have made an unbelievable turnaround in a short period of time. Our recently released 2008 Audit Report reflects the positive progress that has and is continuing for KIND. This would not have been possible if it weren't for the dedication, commitment and passion that have been shown by our staff, Board of Trustees and volunteers!

We are excited about the future of KIND and would encourage you to become involved in our organization as we look forward to a bright and exciting future.



Julie Collett, with daughters Alexis and Jocelyn

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