

HEALTHY AND READY FOR THE FUTURE

This initiative provides a healthy start in oral health and early education for Latino children, especially those from migrant and seasonal farmworker families, across rural America.

To create meaningful access to oral health and primary health care services, UnidosUS is:

Partnering with six Affiliates — Federally-Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and community-based organizations with migrant and seasonal head start (MSHS) programs— **in 60 communities across five states, to link children to a dental and medical home (a health care provider).**

- Chicanos Por La Causa - Phoenix, AZ
- Clinicas de Salud del Pueblo - Brawley, CA
- El Concilio - Stockton, CA
- Redlands Christian Migrant Association - Immokalee, FL
- Sea Mar Community Health Centers - Seattle, WA
- Su Clínica - Harlingen, TX

Increasing awareness about the importance of early preventive oral health care and regularly seeing a dentist through a **culturally responsive bilingual outreach and education campaign.**

Collaborating with key national and regional partner(s) to highlight the importance of and investment in early oral health care, especially among agricultural communities.

- Hispanic Dental Association - Washington, DC

Early oral health care plays a crucial role in the healthy development of a child.

Approximately **60%** of children will have had a cavity by the age of **five**. Untreated cavities can impact children's health, development, and learning which can result in higher school absenteeism and lower self-esteem. Children living in poverty have higher rates of tooth decay, putting those of migrant and seasonal farmworkers (of which 76% are Latino)—who live below the federal poverty line at twice the national rate (30% versus 15%)—at greater risk.



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