

## Expanding Pediatric Dental Care through Pediatricians Providing Topical Fluoride Treatments

The purpose of this study was to increase the number of IHCRC pediatric patients who had topical fluoride treatments between October 1, 2023, and September 30, 2024. For pediatric topical fluoride application, in 2023 we scored 26.5%, surpassing the GPRA benchmark of 21.1%. Although we exceeded the benchmark, we felt we could increase this with the assistance of our pediatric medical providers.

Our goal was to increase from 26.5% to 30% the number of IHCRC pediatric patients who received topical fluoride treatments by applying the treatment at their 15-month well child check. We will accomplish this goal by increasing the number of fluoride treatments being done at well child medical visits by our pediatric medical staff.

By September 30, 2025, our pediatric topical fluoride measure was 41.4%, exceeding our goal of 30%. The new strategy was successful and is now our standard of care.

