

SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CENTERS KEEP **STUDENTS** *healthy!*



A.J. was too embarrassed to smile.

AJ's School Based Health Center dental program changed that. His decay was cared for and his self esteem improved.

- ✓ School Based Health Center dental programs **save the State money**. It cost **10 times** more to manage dental problems in the Emergency Room.
- ✓ Oral health impacts overall health. Lack of dental care can have a major affect on chronic illness -- including heart and lung disease, diabetes and obesity.
- ✓ Dental pain is one of the top five reasons for chronic absenteeism.
- ✓ SBHCs improve academic performance, increase attendance, and reduce dropout rates.

HEALTHY KIDS MAKE BETTER LEARNERS



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