

I-Smile™ Silver



I-Smile™ Silver can help link Iowa seniors with oral health resources, education, and dental care.

Our program assists:

- Nursing home residents
- Medicaid Elderly Waiver recipients
- Seniors receiving home & community-based services

Healthy Smiles for Iowa Seniors

I-Smile™ Silver is a pilot project in Lee and Scott Counties*, working to create local systems to improve the ability of Iowans \geq age 60 to prevent dental disease, access oral health care, and maintain overall health.

The target population includes residents of nursing facilities, clients of the Medicaid Elderly Waiver program, and those receiving home and community-based services.

Two dental hygienists serve as I-Smile™ Silver coordinators - one in Lee and one in Scott County. The coordinators are:

- ✂ Building relationships with Milestones Area Agency on Aging, community organizations, nursing facilities, businesses, and dentists
- ✂ Developing referral systems with dentists
- ✂ Linking dental professionals with training opportunities
- ✂ Training nursing facility staff and direct care workers about oral health
- ✂ Promoting oral health through articles, displays, and distributing materials
- ✂ Distributing oral hygiene aids
- ✂ Providing care coordination and facilitating access to dental care

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*In 2016, Van Buren County will also be included.