

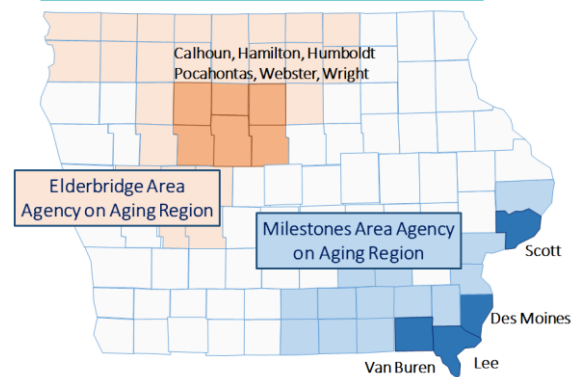


# Helping Older Iowans have better oral health

Good oral health is important at any age, and it is especially critical as we age. Although we know that the number of aging Iowans is increasing quickly, few resources are available to address oral health for older Iowans.

**I-Smile Silver** is a pilot project designed to address some of the oral health needs of older Iowans. Three county health departments, Scott, Lee, and Webster, have contracts with the Iowa Department of Public Health to administer I-Smile Silver. Each of the three health departments have a dental hygienist who is the local I-Smile Silver Coordinator.

I-Smile™ Silver 2016-2018



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For more information:

[ismile.idph.iowa.gov/about-ismile/silver](http://ismile.idph.iowa.gov/about-ismile/silver)

I-Smile Silver Coordinators are:

- ⊙ Assessing the oral health and dental needs of older Iowans through dental screenings
- ⊙ Determining strategies to improve older Iowans' oral health by identifying community needs and assets
- ⊙ Training and educating direct caregivers, nurses, and other health professionals about the importance of oral health and how to care for older Iowans' mouths
- ⊙ Facilitating access to dental appointments and services for older Iowans through care coordination and referral assistance
- ⊙ Promoting oral health through news articles and ads, participating in local events, and representing oral health on workgroups and advisory boards

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