

Oral health is critical to the health and well-being of children and young adults. In fact, **23%**<sup>1</sup> of children experience tooth decay – the most common infectious disease in the U.S. – before they begin kindergarten. Cavities occur regardless of race or socioeconomics. "It's important to find a dental home early on because having good oral health from an early age lays the foundation for better health throughout life."

Dr. Jane Whang, DDS, MA, Regional Clinical Director at Benevis

Untreated tooth decay can also lead to eating, speech and learning challenges. Through early education and prevention in a Benevis Dental Home, we can help our patients prevent painful and costly treatment later on.

<sup>1</sup>Quiñonez C, Jones JA, Vujicic M, Tomar SL, Lee JY. The 2021 report on Oral Health in America: Directions for the future of dental public health and the oral health care system. J Public Health Dent. 2022;82(2):1337. https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jphd.12521.

## **Building a Dental Home** for Families

Benevis provides a true Dental Home for families, establishing an ongoing relationship between a dentist and patient. Our dental practices are kid-first, but they also serve adults, ensuring the whole family has a place to receive high-quality dental care in a warm and welcoming environment.

In addition to standard dental care, Benevis practices provide access to oral surgeons, anesthesiologists, and affordable orthodontic care so that families can meet all their oral health needs in one place, avoiding travel to different office locations.

From the very first tooth through adulthood, Benevis dentists and dental professionals provide consistent, compassionate care. We also deliver ongoing oral health education to help everyone we treat maintain a healthy smile.





A good Dental Home guides preventive, acute and comprehensive oral healthcare, and includes referral to dental specialists when needed. The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, Council on Clinical Affairs, defined the four major components of the Dental Home:



## **Removing Barriers to Access**

Our people have a passion for serving the underserved. We live and work in the communities where our offices are located, and we understand the needs and challenges of our patient population because we are their neighbors.

Benevis helps remove the most common barriers to access. We make it easy for families to find dentists who accept Medicaid, providing a network of **100+** offices nationally that serve more than **600,000** people each year. We offer flexible appointment times for busy schedules. We also teach our patients about the importance of oral health to empower them with knowledge and help them feel comfortable returning for care.

## **Benefits of a Dental Home**

Forming good oral health habits at an early age sets up kids for a healthier future. Through a Benevis dental home, our dentists and care teams help families coordinate dental care for every life stage and we educate them on the importance of oral health to their overall health.

