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MISSION

Advantage Smiles for Kids (ASK) is dedicated to improving the quality of life for low-income, at-risk children by providing the orthodontic and associated dental care to produce a happy, healthy smile.

CARING PROFESSIONALS
PROVIDING ORTHODONTICS
FOR AT-RISK YOUTH



"The kids called me bucky beaver... Thanks To ASK I will finally have straight teeth."

—Capri



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HOW TO REFER A CHILD

If you are an orthodontist, dentist, teacher, licensed clinical social worker, mental health professional or school counselor who knows of a child who meets these eligibility requirements and you want to refer them to our program, visit our web site at:

www.advantagesmilesforkids.org Click on the **Eligibility** link to download an application and disclosure form, or call **866-268-9616**.



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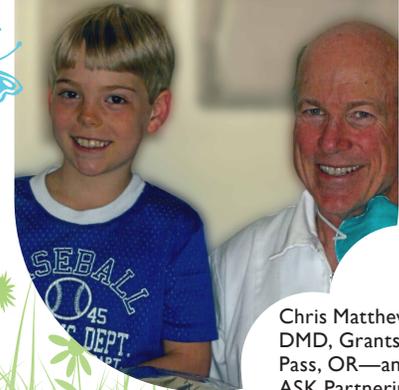
With Braces



"I am no longer embarrassed to smile in front of others."



Before



Chris Matthews, DMD, Grants Pass, OR—an ASK Partnering Orthodontist

WHY ORTHODONTICS?

Although a beautiful smile is the most obvious result of orthodontic treatment, there is so much more benefit to this care than meets the eye. The daily reality for children with untreated oral disease and severely misaligned teeth or jaws is often pain, inability to eat comfortably or chew well, breathing, swallowing and speech problems, embarrassment, poor dental health, low self-esteem, serious physical health problems, refusal to laugh or smile and distraction from play and learning. Untreated orthodontic problems also contribute to tooth decay, diseased gums, bone destruction, TMJ problems and loss of teeth.

The professionals associated with Advantage Smiles for Kids (ASK) understand how important it is for children to have a happy, healthy smile and that good oral health is essential to a child's overall general health and well-being throughout their entire life.

ASK's goal is to obtain excellent oral, social, personal psychological and physical health for the underprivileged children of our communities and ultimately improve their quality of life.

ELIGIBILITY

- Must be considered an "at-risk" child/teen whom society deems the potential to develop anti-social behaviors if not provided assistance.
- Must be considered "low-income" child with no visible means of financial support to obtain orthodontic or supporting specialty dental care.
- Must have been examined and all necessary dental treatment completed.
- Must demonstrate a positive attitude toward keeping his/her dental disease under control.
- Must have support from a caregiver willing to participate in the child's treatment through transportation assistance; in oral health procedures where necessary; and in some kind of monetary assistance for the treatment, regardless of how small, with willingness to participate in the development of a financial treatment plan.
- Referral by a participating dentist, social service agency, CASA program, school counselor, teacher, administrator, mental health professional, etc. The referring person/agency must be willing to assist the child through the process, ensuring the requirements are understood, and that the child gets a primary care dentist with evaluation and follow-up care.
- Must be able to have orthodontic treatment completed by high school graduation. Typically, treatment must be started by their 16th Birthday.
- Must be enrolled and in good standing in an accredited school or home school program and be working and on track to graduate from said school. Exceptions to the rule will be accepted with an established, documented reason.
- Orthodontic care must be provided by a participating orthodontist approved by ASK.
- Must provide current grade and attendance reports with application.
- Must include a recent "smile" photograph with application.
- Must sign appropriate release of information form allowing ASK to verify information.