MobileSmiles Oklahoma eliminates financial, geographical and situational barriers to dental care access. With the vital help of volunteer dental professionals, the program utilizes two state-of-the-art mobile dental vans that travel throughout Oklahoma to deliver dental care and education where it’s needed most.

Who We Serve
With the help of a local site partner, MobileSmiles serves patients who face barriers to the dental care they need. Examples of barriers to dental care include finances, lack of insurance, distance to a dentist and other situations that prevent someone from receiving care.

Services Provided on the Mobile Unit
The mobile unit provides cleanings, fillings, extractions, sealants and fluoride varnish. Currently, the mobile unit does not provide root canals, oral surgery, partials or dentures.

How It Works
MobileSmiles site visits are organized with the help of a local site partner. A site partner is a nonprofit organization, church, school, or agency in the local community. The site partner pays a $600 community investment fee per site visit day, a small portion of the costs involved in operating the mobile unit. The site partner is also responsible for pre-qualifying and scheduling at least 8 prospective patients. On average, a site visit day lasts 6-8 hours, serves 8-12 patients, and delivers over $2,000 worth of dental care services.

How to Serve as a Site Partner
- Contact Katherine Adams at 405-241-1299 or 888-241-1253 or kadams@okdf.org for details and to set a site visit date.
- Approach local businesses, charities, agencies and others who may be willing to contribute toward the community investment fee. We will help you with this process.

Since its inception in 2006, the program has treated more than 11,500 patients, delivering over $1.8 million in donated dental services. Funding for our program is provided by Delta Dental of Oklahoma Oral Health Foundation, Sarkey’s Foundation, Texoma Health Foundation, Southern Oklahoma Memorial Foundation, Chesapeake Energy, Oklahoma Health Care Authority, SandRidge Energy, Patterson Dental and Midwest Dental Supply.
Commonly Asked Questions

Q: What is MobileSmiles Oklahoma?
A: MobileSmiles Oklahoma is a partnership program of two 501(c)(3) organizations: the Oklahoma Dental Foundation and the Delta Dental of Oklahoma Oral Health Foundation. The program eliminates financial, geographical and situational barriers to dental care access.

Q: How does the MobileSmiles program work?
A: With the vital help of volunteer dental professionals, the program utilizes two state-of-the-art mobile dental vans that travel throughout Oklahoma to deliver dental care and education.

Q: Does the MobileSmiles program work directly with people in need?
A: No. When the program visits a community or “site,” it works with a local “site partner,” which is a nonprofit organization, school, church or agency that is responsible for qualifying and scheduling patients.

Q: As a patient, can I set an appointment with the MobileSmiles program?
A: No. Patients must be scheduled by a local site partner.

Q: How is the MobileSmiles program funded?
A: Approximately 75 percent of the program’s total funding consists of private donations from corporations, foundations, and individuals, including major funding from Delta Dental of Oklahoma Oral Health Foundation. The remaining 25 percent of the program’s income is in the Earned Income category and comes from SoonerCare and insurance reimbursement and fees. The MobileSmiles program asks its site partners to pay a “community investment” fee of $600 per mobile van per day. This investment by the community is vital to the financial sustainability of the program.

Q: Does the MobileSmiles dental van serve as a dental home?
A: Everyone needs a dental home where they receive professional cleanings and exams every six months and other dental care as needed. The goal of the MobileSmiles program is to provide care to patients currently without a dental home and – when possible – to connect the patient to a local dentist to serve as his/her dental home.

Q: What are the criteria for site partners?
A: A site partner must be a nonprofit organization, government agency, church or public school. Site partners are asked to pay a $600 community investment fee per day of service. This is a small part of the actual cost of bringing the mobile unit to the community (which is approximately $1,500 to $2,500), but it’s vital to the sustainability of the program. When necessary, we encourage site partners to apply for grants or to ask local businesses or churches to serve as “site sponsors” by covering all or part of the site fee. Typically, more than $2,000 in dental care is delivered in a single site visit, so site partners provide their community with a valuable service.

Q: Can businesses serve as site partners?
A: While a for-profit business cannot serve as a site partner, they are welcome and encouraged to serve as a site sponsor. A site sponsor provides all or part of the $600 community investment fee.