

# Common Dental Myths

*“Dental professionals are motivated by profits not people”*

We work with dentists and technicians who care about the community! We focus on the oral health care of your entire family!

*“Being on MediCal, I’ll receive lesser treatment/service”*

All plans are accepted, and all patients are treated with the best care and respect!

Dentists are here to give us the best care when it comes to our teeth. Those with Medi-cal are enrolled in Medi-cal dental. Visit <https://smilecalifornia.org/> for more information or to find your local Dental provider.

*“I’ve had bad experience with dentists in the past”*

Your dental health session will be safe, friendly, and positive. Your experience with us will ensure that you keep coming back!



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# Standing with your Family Standing with your Community



CavityFree SF District 10  
(Hunter's Point/Bayview)

# Cavities are Preventable!

We are proud to offer intervention-based services to families such as educating families on the importance and safety of: fluoride, school-based sealant programs, twice yearly dental care and exams, and keeping up good oral hygiene/ health practices.

The goal of *CavityFree SF's* community-based **Children's Oral Health Task Forces** are to promote the importance of oral health in a way that is culturally responsive and most effective for communities in need of access to quality dental care!



The District 10 Children's Oral Health Task Force is led by APA Family Support Services. This Task Force engages parents/guardians and other caregivers living in the **Bayview-Hunters Point** and **Visitacion Valley** neighborhoods area of San Francisco, *but also* African American and underserved families living throughout San Francisco.



## What We Do!

CavityFree SF's District 10 Initiative seeks to serve the underserved African American community of not only Hunter's Point/Bayview but that of the broader African American community within San Francisco with access to high quality oral healthcare resources, services, and programs. We also seek to influence policies that affect our communities' access to topnotch dental health.

We are constantly expanding our relationships with dental providers who provide MediCal patients here in the city with the very best of care! Our goal is to provide you with the resources,

information, and training to help you help your children be as healthy as they can be! Catch us at local events and health fairs or on Instagram [@cavityfreeSF](https://www.instagram.com/cavityfreeSF)

## Mission!

CavityFree SF is a citywide partnership dedicated to improving oral health for all San Francisco children. Our goal is to reduce oral health issues by: influencing policies that affect our community, providing resources to families and caregivers, and establishing support systems to provide preventive services and treatment.

While progress has been made over recent years to provide more programs and services, high rates of untreated tooth decay continue to be reported. Significant inequalities exist based on race and income.

In 2017, **children of color** were **2-3 times** more likely to experience tooth decay than white children.

