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## **SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT**

### ***Kool Smiles Hosts Public Health Policy Leaders To Discuss The Importance of Dental Health***

**Richmond, VA-** On Wednesday, several public health policy leaders joined the state's leading dental experts and providers for a tour of the Kool Smiles dental office in Mechanicsville to talk about the importance of dental health.

Kool Smiles, one of the state's leading providers of quality dental care for children and young adults, has played a large role in improving oral care in Virginia. Kool Smiles has treated thousands of Virginia's children since 2005.

"Providing smiles to the girls and boys of this area by providing them with preventive oral healthcare is as important as any other healthcare available in the commonwealth of Virginia," said Virginia Delegate Joe Morrissey (D-74<sup>th</sup> District).

Other notable attendees of the hour-long program included Assistant Secretaries for Health and Human Services Thomas Gates and Rachel Harms, and Cecilia Garner, Executive Assistant to the Senior Policy Advisor for Mayor Dwight C. Jones. "We want to extend our gratitude for Kool Smiles' committed and loyal service to the thousands upon thousands of the area's young children who without your support would not receive much needed dental care," Garner said.

Felecia Carter, a mother of three children, spoke to the group and said her family enjoyed the warmth of the Kool Smiles dentists and staff. "My kids want to come to the dentist every day," Carter said.

"We are proud to be a part of the success story in Virginia," said Dr. Ashley D. Nichols, Regional Director of Kool Smiles. "Our mission is to expand access to high quality dental care for underserved communities. The vision of oral healthcare Virginia's leaders put forward aligned with our mission, and the partnership has produced wonderful results."

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#### **About Kool Smiles**

Founded in 2002, Kool Smiles is a network of local dental offices dedicated to expanding access to quality dental care for children and families in underserved communities. Kool Smiles provides preventative care, diagnostic imaging and a full range of restorative care supported with electronic health records. Kool Smiles offices, many of which are newly constructed, are designed to facilitate communications between our patients and doctors in a relaxed atmosphere. In addition to accepting most insurance plans, Kool Smiles is proud to offer services to families covered by Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Programs (SCHIP). Kool Smiles also provides oral health education programs through partnerships with community schools and organizations. To find a local Kool Smiles dentist, please visit [www.koolsmilespc.com](http://www.koolsmilespc.com).