



KOOL SMILES OPENS TWO NEW OFFICES IN CONNECTICUT

Quality Dental Care Now Made Accessible for Families in New Britain and New Haven, CT

Kool Smiles, a leading dental health provider for children and adults, has now opened its doors to families in Connecticut, with two new office locations, in New Britain and New Haven. These office openings place Kool Smiles two locations closer to fulfilling its mission of expanding access to high quality dental care for underserved communities.

"Quality preventative dental care in childhood is essential for a healthy life," said Senator Donald J. DeFronzo (D-New Britain). "While low-income children in Connecticut do have coverage for this care through the HUSKY program, we have a shortage of primary care dentists who will see these patients. The opening of Kool Smiles puts these dentists right in our neighborhood, so I'm very excited about this development for New Britain families."

Kool Smiles provides a dental home for thousands of children across the country, in an effort to answer to what the Surgeon General called one of the greatest unmet health needs in children: oral health. Dental caries (tooth decay) is the single most common childhood disease – 5 times more common than asthma and 7 times more common than hay fever. As of June 1st, both children and parents are able to address these issues in a fun, accessible, kid-friendly environment staffed with knowledgeable and compassionate dental experts.

"Kool Smiles was founded with the vision of providing access to quality dental care in communities that have traditionally been underserved. Our expansion into the New Haven and New Britain areas is yet another opportunity for our dentists to reverse the alarming oral health care trends among the families that need dental health services the most," states Dr. David Strange, Chief Dental Officer for Kool Smiles. "We are honored to be able to provide such a valuable resource to both of these communities and look forward to partnering with the area schools, daycare centers, and local social service agencies to ensure the importance of oral health is communicated to each of the families in these areas we now serve."

The New Britain office is located at 105 Myrtle Street in Lafayette Square. The office can be reached at (860) 356-4033.

The New Haven office is located at 531 Elm Street on Whalley Avenue next to Shaw's. The telephone number is (203) 901-1322.

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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.