

# THE MOLAR EXPRESS

## Ronald McDonald Mobile Dental Program



### The Molar Express and Rhode Island's Dental Safety Net

The Molar Express is Rhode Island's Ronald McDonald Care Mobile, which provides comprehensive dental services to children, youth, and young adults ages 2-21 in local communities at no out-of-pocket cost to families.

The Molar Express is operated in collaboration with three Rhode Island community health centers: Comprehensive Community Action Program (CCAP), East Bay Community Action Program (EBCAP) and Thundermist Health Center.

In 2013, the Molar Express provided 3,555 dental appointments to 2,501 children in 17 cities in Rhode Island. Patients are primarily enrolled through their elementary and middle schools, and the Molar Express staff delivered dental treatment throughout the school day. Last year, the Molar Express brought dental services to children and young adults at 105 participating schools and other community locations.

### CHILDREN SERVED BY MOLAR EXPRESS BY INSURANCE TYPE

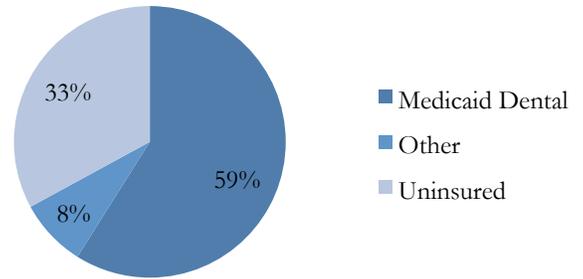


Figure 1: Of the 2,501 children served by the Molar Express in 2013, 59% were dentally insured by Medicaid, 33% were uninsured, and 8% had other dental coverage.

### SERVICES PROVIDED BY MOLAR EXPRESS

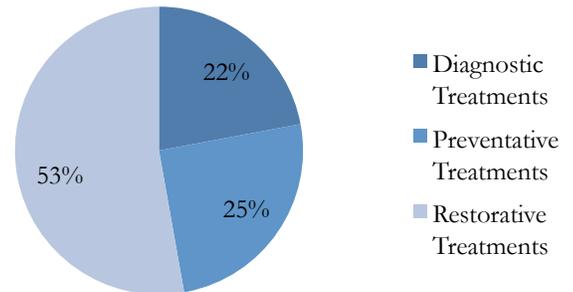


Figure 2: Of Molar Express' 3,555 total patient encounters in 2013, 53% of services provided were restorative treatments (including fillings, extractions, and pulpotomy), 25% were preventative treatments (including cleaning, fluoride, and sealants), and 22% were diagnostic treatments (including exams and x-rays).

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### Rhode Island's Community Health Centers

provide high-quality, low-cost primary health care to our state's most vulnerable populations. Dental health is an integral part of overall health. Recognizing this, all nine community health centers provide dental care to adults and children with Medicaid, private insurance, and who are uninsured. Many community health centers provide mobile dental care in the communities they serve. The Molar Express is one way they do this.