



# Bridging Mission Statements... *one tooth at a time*



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## HOW IT STARTED

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➤ **PARTNERSHIP**  
CCC and Head Start

➤ **SHARED COMMITMENT**  
Improving Children's Health

➤ **ADDRESSING ACCESS GAPS**  
Vulnerable Populations  
Rural Nebraska



# IMPACT



- ▶ 1500 Children Served Each Year
- ▶ Early Identification of Dental Issues or Concerns
- ▶ On-Site Screenings and Assessments
- ▶ Increased Access for Families





## OUR CCC STUDENTS

- Working with young children in real-world settings
- Experience in public health environments
- Building communication with children and families
- Understanding barriers to care
- Developing compassion and service



# WHY THIS MATTERS

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- Healthy Children Learn Better
- Early Care Prevents Long-Term Health Issues
- Access to Care Strengthens Families
- CCC Students Become Community-Centered Professionals



# A PARTNERSHIP THAT STRENGTHENS OUR COMMUNITIES

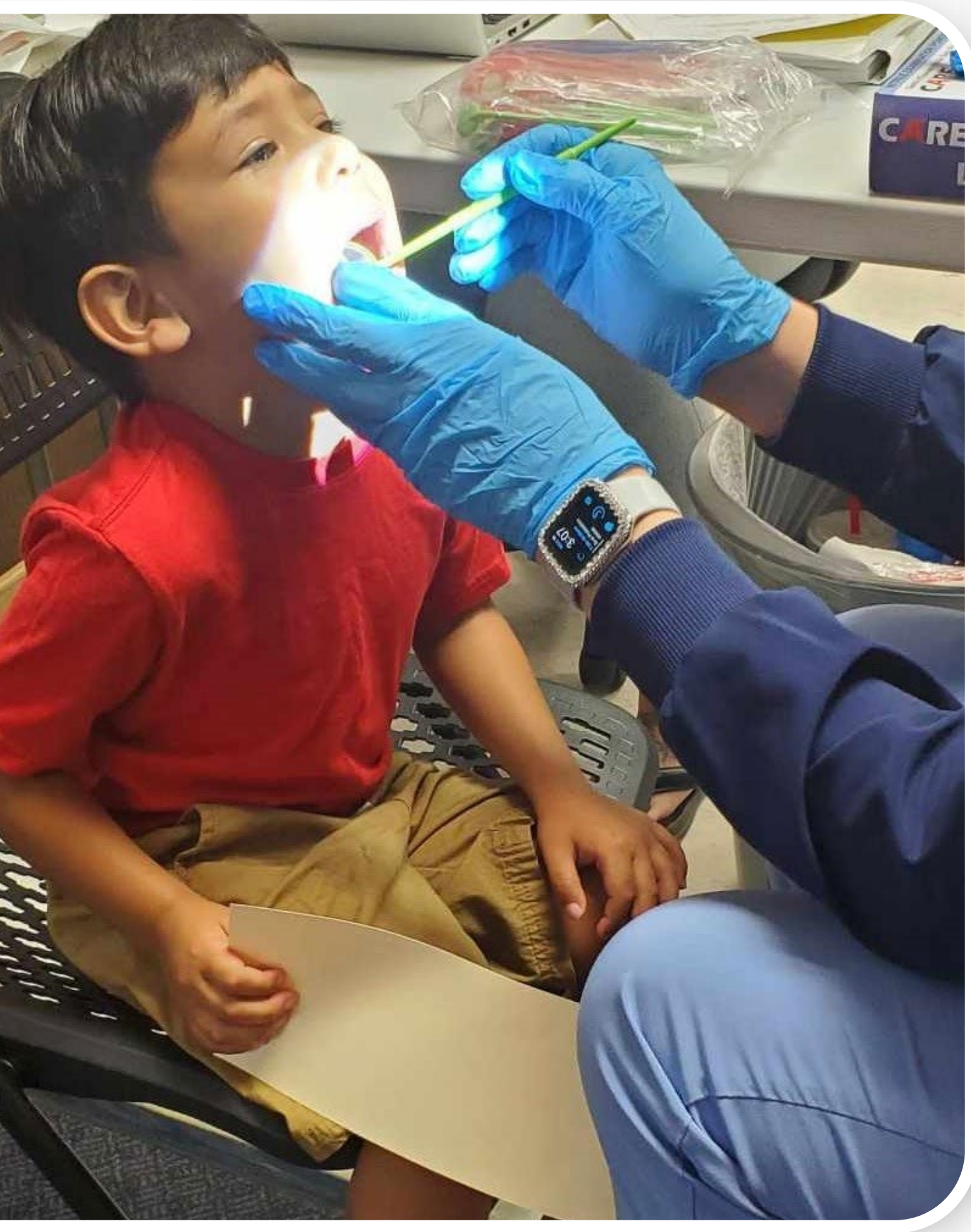


- ▶ **CCC**  
Maximizing Student and Community Success
- ▶ **HEAD START**  
Providing high-quality services to children and families with respect and dignity



## TOGETHER WE ARE

- Supporting children
- Strengthening families
- Developing workforce
- Improving community health



THANK  
YOU