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Oral health care access for Wisconsin kids

11-year-old Addie was born with Down syndrome, weighing only two pounds, one ounce, and spent three months in Children's Wisconsin Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Over time, other medical conditions were identified, including a serious brain bleed, right-sided hemiplegic cerebral palsy and autism. Addie's mom had trouble finding a dental provider near their home who would care for Addie. Children's dental providers are understanding and know how to provide the best and safest care for her. They are trained in caring for kids with complex needs or kids with autism, who often need additional time and support to receive adequate dental care. When Addie has had other procedures under anesthesia, like getting ear tubes, the dental providers coordinated with her medical team to include dental care as part of her procedure to provide efficient and collaborative care. Knowing that Children's Dental Clinic is there for Addie brings relief and comfort to her family. Addie enjoys Mickey Mouse, singing and swinging.



Addie
Little Chute, Wis.

Gabriel has seen many specialists at Children's Wisconsin during his 16 years. Gabriel was born with Down syndrome and has autism. It's not always easy for Gabriel to express himself or communicate his needs, and he has sensory issues that make going to

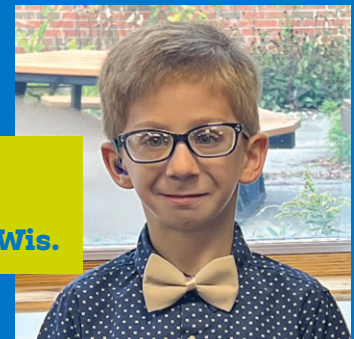


Gabriel
Juneau, Wis.

dentist appointments challenging and upsetting for him. Gabriel comes to Children's Dental Clinic for regular cleanings and checkups, where the specialists there provide patient, safe and appropriate care for him. Sometimes he receives medication before procedures and every couple of years he receives

sedation so he can obtain a deep cleaning and complete X-rays. Children's providers worked together while Gabriel was under sedation to take care of other medical needs, like cleaning his ears, a sedated hearing test and endoscopy when he was having trouble swallowing. Gabriel's family knows how important it is to get him the preventive dental care he needs to avoid future issues. In addition to attending home school, he loves listening to music, swinging and watching his dad in his workshop.

7-year-old George has a huge imagination, loves music and brings joy to all around him. George was born with cleft lip and palate and an almost nonexistent jaw, which is attributed to Pierre Robin sequence, a condition that causes other oral health challenges, including difficulties with feeding and speaking. Because of George's small stature and jaw, George needed providers who had the specialized tools and expertise to help meet his oral health needs. Children's Wisconsin dental providers have performed surgery to cap several of George's teeth and to complete the fillings he's needed. With Medicaid insurance and his special needs, George's family could not find a provider near their home to care for him that was able to provide the great quality of care that he has received at Children's.



George
Stevens Point, Wis.



Ayden
Milwaukee, Wis.

When Ayden was 4 years old, he began experiencing extreme tooth pain, impacting his ability to function. Ayden's dentist discovered he had cavities, but as his mom tried to schedule dental appointments, she found long waitlists or requirements for a referral. Meanwhile, Ayden was crying and suffering in pain, impacting his sleep, eating and daily activities. Finally, Ayden visited Children's Wisconsin Emergency Department in hopes of getting his pain addressed. There, Children's dental team found that several of Ayden's cavities had created infections in his mouth and several of his teeth couldn't be saved. Children's dental team provided safe and compassionate care to Ayden, using general anesthesia to remove the teeth. Now, Ayden is pain-free and has returned to being a playful, energetic and smiling young boy. He loves to play with his little brother and really likes dinosaurs and superheroes.

9-year-old Lici loves playing with her younger sister, listening to music and going for walks outside. When Lici was young, she was diagnosed with an ultra-rare neurodevelopmental disease associated with the CAMK2B gene. Lici experiences global delays, uses a wheelchair and is fed through a J-tube overnight. Lici's mom had trouble finding dental providers near their home that would care for Lici due to her complex health needs. She visits Children's Dental Clinic for regular cleanings and preventive care. Lici's mom shares that she trusts Children's dental team to be very thorough and explain things clearly. They are familiar with Lici's medical needs and provide safe and appropriate dental care for her. If Lici needs dental work done or has cavities in the future, Lici would likely need treatment under anesthesia – a service Children's is uniquely equipped to provide.



Lici
Racine, Wis.

**Jasper,
Ella &
Porter**

Milwaukee, Wis.



When Christine delivered triplets prematurely, they immediately required lifesaving interventions at Children's Wisconsin. For Jasper, complications led to a brain injury that resulted in quadriplegic cerebral palsy. Jasper was born with insufficient tooth enamel, which can cause pain and other complications. With his seizures, medications and his inability to receive food orally, Jasper has special oral health care needs. Jasper's siblings, Ella and Porter, also have developmental delays, sensory issues and insufficient tooth enamel. Christine knows from her networking with other families who have medically complex children that a good special care dentist is hard to find. Children's dental providers have been able to coordinate with Jasper's other doctors while he's already under anesthesia for a dental procedure. The continuity of care and the level of expertise of the dental providers is what makes Children's Dental Clinic so special for their family. Having one convenient place for all of her kids to receive dental care is so beneficial for Christine and her three kids with unique personalities and needs. Jasper likes going on walks with his family, riding his adaptive bike, watching Marvel movies and playing video games.