

It's Easy to see Why We Love What We Do!



## Welcome to Our Practice

Thank you for choosing to bring your child to our office. Drs. Merhoff and Associates have had additional years of specialized dental training to provide exceptional care for your child.

In addition, our entire staff has the training and the love for children to make your child's dental visit enjoyable and fun. In order for you and your child to feel more comfortable, we would like to familiarize you with our practice.

To ensure good dental health for your child, the process needs to begin at home prior to the first visit. We have found it best for parents to treat the appointment as a normal outing. Explain to your child that the dentist will count his or her teeth and take pictures of them to make sure they are healthy. We also will write a story about how their teeth look.

Your participation in your child's dental experience will be a vital part of his or her overall dental health. We require that at least one parent or legal guardian be present for the initial exam (not other relatives or friends). We ask that you accompany your child through each step of his or her initial visit. This visit will include a thorough examination, oral hygiene instructions, nutritional counseling, any necessary x-rays, and a consultation with the doctor. We do ask that at restorative appointments the parents do remain in the reception area so that the doctor can have your child's undivided attention.

Our office is committed to the prevention of dental disease. By seeing your child early in life, we are able to help prevent dental problems through patient/parent education and early treatment when necessary. Your child, with good parental support, may have an excellent dental experience, a healthy mouth, and happy smile.

Please fill out the enclosed paperwork. The blue sheet is a demographic form that allows us to become familiar with your child's habits and medical history. The cream sheet is our financial policy. Finally, the yellow sheet is a combined consent form and HIPAA form. This allows us to see your child at their initial visit. We have the full HIPAA disclosure in our office for your review.

We look forward to seeing your child at their first dental visit!

Sincerely,

Drs. Tina Merhoff and Associates