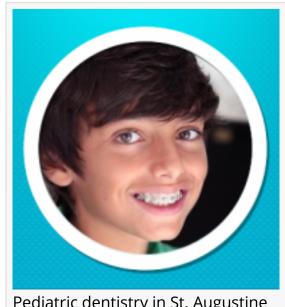


## Seaside Pediatric Dentistry Offers Dental Care for Children in St. Augustine, FL

ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA, June 17, 2013 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Florida recently received a D for dental care for children in a recent national report. Can that ranking be improved? Yes, with simple preventative techniques, such as those used in St. Augustine at Seaside Children's Dentistry

Florida is a fast-growing state with many natural amenities and a diverse and expanding population that faces challenges. One of which is pediatric dental care, according to a recent national survey.

Earlier this year, the Pew Children's Dental Campaign gave the Sunshine State a D ranking on a scale of A to F for its attention to the dental care of Florida's children. As is commonly known, good dental habits are a function of



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childhood education in such things as proper brushing and flossing technique, as well as instruction in what foods to avoid to protect teeth. In this regard, Florida is failing its newest generation.

One of the ranking factors that earned Florida its low mark: failing to provide adequate access to dental sealants for children. A dental sealant, a plastic transparent coating put on teeth in elementary stages of decay, wards off further erosion.

Such preventive measures seem simple enough, but barriers to them exist for many families – a surprising number of which do not realize how easy it is to find effective dental care for children in Florida. Pediatric dentists throughout the Sunshine State understand the latest technology and advancements in dental care, and – most importantly – how to make them fun for children, so that they develop positive associations with dentistry. One such pediatric dentist, St. Augustine's Seaside Children's Dentistry, endeavors to make every dental visit fun and nonthreatening.

There is no secret to Seaside's success: it is rooted in making every young visitor feel at home when he or she visits for dental services, which include the application of the aforementioned dental sealants that ward off future decay and the need for expensive and avoidable restorative dental services. From the video game systems in the waiting room to the televisions mounted in examination spaces, the minds of the patients are occupied as their mouths are protected.

Dr. Matt McLellan and Dr. Maria Fraser of Seaside Children's Dentistry specialize in pediatric dentistry for children – as opposed to some family dentists who might take a "one size fits all" approach. Their extra training in pediatric dentistry taught them how to deal with developing teeth, the challenges they face, and special techniques for ensuring the transition from temporary to permanent is smooth and devoid of complication.

Florida may have a D score in pediatric dental care as of now. But scores can be improved. Maybe not en masse, but on an individual basis. And that's where Seaside Children's Dentistry can help. Call Seaside Children's Dentistry at (904) 595- 6187 to book an appointment. Using the summer to teach kids about healthy dental habits can ensure that they carry over into the next school year, their entire lives, and – perhaps – our state's performance as a whole on national pediatric dentistry surveys like that from Pew.

## About Seaside Children's Dentistry:

Located off of US-1 in St. Augustine, Florida, Seaside Children's Dentistry has served the community for 15 years. The staff includes two dentists, Dr. Matt McLellan and Dr. Maria Fraser.

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