



## COordinated Oral Health Promotion (CO-OP) Chicago

### The Problem

- ◆ Dental cavities are very common in children. Cavities cause pain, poor nutrition, missed school, and other problems.
- ◆ We know cavities can start as soon as children have teeth, but most programs to prevent cavities do not start until pre-school or later.

### Who is in CO-OP Chicago?

420 families agreed to participate.

The average child age was 22 months old.

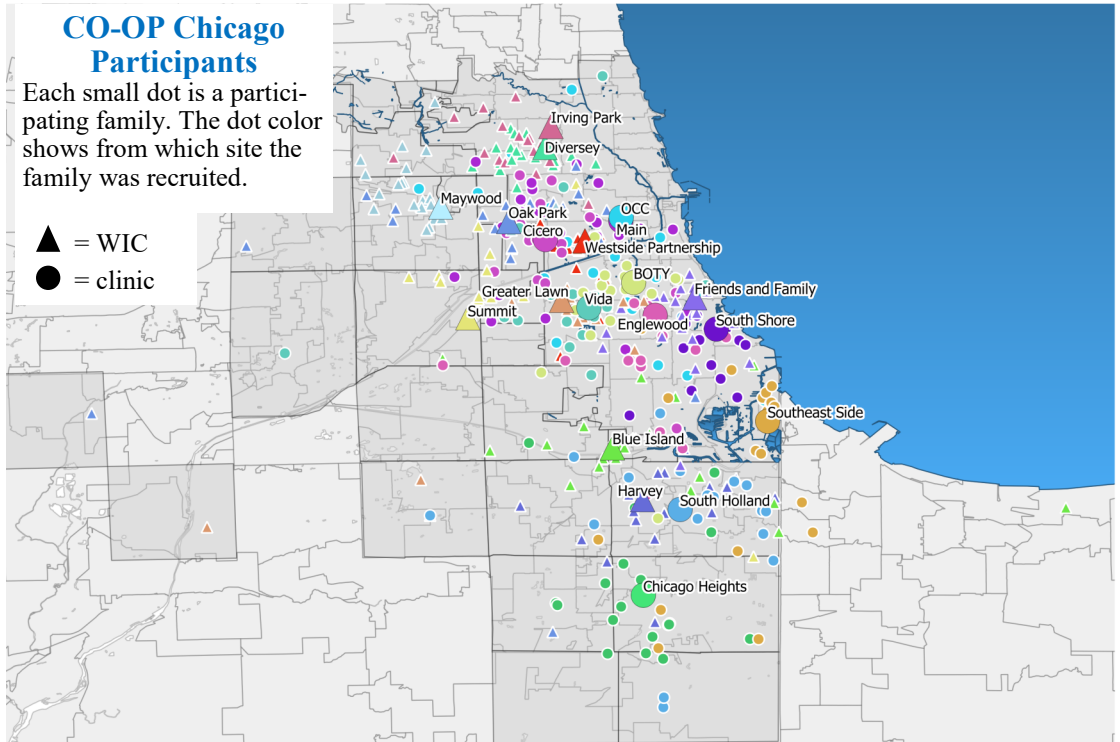
42% of children were Black and 54% were Hispanic.

Almost all children (96%) had health insurance and most (82%) had dental insurance.

### CO-OP Chicago Participants

Each small dot is a participating family. The dot color shows from which site the family was recruited.

- ▲ = WIC
- = clinic



This map shows all the CO-OP Chicago participants! Can you find your tiny dot?

We take your information and pictures back to UIC where specialists are working to figure out what children need to keep their teeth healthy!



### What is next?

- ◇ If you haven't been offered community health worker (CHW) services, you will!
- ◇ In the summer of 2020, we will look at all the information that was collected. We will be able to know if children's oral health changed over time. We will also be able to know if child oral health was different for families who met with a CHW.
- ◇ We will send you reports that explain these results. We will also invite you to events where we will talk in more detail about the results.
- ◇ In the fall or winter, we hope to be able to invite you to continue with CO-OP Chicago. In this next part, we will have dentists do exams and give you more information.

***Please continue answering our calls and looking for our letters!***

