

Maryland Mighty Tooth School-based/linked Dental Sealant Program

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES

What is the environmental assessment tool?

- A tool for programs to gauge whether the environment supports successful implementation of a school-based/school-linked dental sealant program.

Who is it for?

- Current, potential, future and past programs that are interested in assessing whether the environment is conducive to operating a sealant program.

How can programs use the tool?

- Go through each category and determine on the likert scale whether the programs current environmental measure inhibits or supports the sealant program.
- Add comments to clarify and understand how certain measures impact your program.

Why use the tool?

- Identify strengths and weaknesses, opportunities and threats.
- Leverage strengths and overcome weaknesses to sustain the program.
- Assess how the program will be supported by key partners. Establish integral relationships.
- Understand who to approach for collaboration and support.

How often should the tool be used?

- Anytime a new program is being developed.
- When there are major changes or concerns.
- Ad hoc for current programs (recommend every 2 – 3 years).
- Past programs to assess and make changes for potential reboot of the sealant program.