Smiles for Life is a comprehensive, online oral health curriculum designed to promote oral health for all age groups through high-quality educational resources. The online courses are each 60 minutes and are freely available for North Dakota providers. More information at, oral.health.nd.gov/resources/for-health-professionals/smiles-for-life/

The Smiles for Life training includes eight courses:

- Relationship of Oral and Systemic Health
- Child Oral Health
- Adult Oral Health
- Acute Dental Problems
- Pregnancy and Women’s Oral Health
- Caries Risk Assessment, Fluoride Varnish and Counseling
- The Oral Exam
- Geriatric Oral Health

Number of People Trained and Courses Taken June 2019 - May 2020

138 professionals were trained June 2019 – May 2020.
The curriculum is designed to enhance the role of oral health in all health professions. The most common profession among those completing at least one course in the last 12 months was nursing (64%).

Most popular course: Caries Risk Assessment, Fluoride Varnish and Counseling.

Number of People Completing Each Course, June 2019 - May 2020

- Relationship of Oral and Systemic Health: 44
- Child Oral Health: 35
- Adult Oral Health: 26
- Acute Dental Problems: 40
- Pregnancy and Women’s Oral Health: 24
- Carries Risk Assessment, Fluoride Varnish and Counseling: 93
- The Oral Exam: 38
- Geriatric Oral Health: 26

Field of Smiles for Life Trainees, June 2019 - May 2020

- Family Medicine: 48%
- Other: 25%
- Pediatrics: 16%
- Undecided: 7%
- OB/GYN: 2%
- Internal Medicine: 1%
- Dentistry: 1%
- Pharmacy: 1%

Professions of Smiles for Life Trainees

- Dental Hygienist
- Pharmacist
- Other
- Medical Assistant
- Advanced Practice Nurse
- Physician (MD)
- Physician Assistant
- Nurse

65% of those who took the training, almost half were in the field of family medicine.

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