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## It's About Smile Intake Process and Application Checklist

Background

*It's About Smile* is a Non-Profit organization that coordinates comprehensive oral health care and services at reduced cost to uninsured and underinsured individuals in North Carolina.

*It's About Smile* operates from donations and volunteers and is able to provide subsidized dental services to patients who have limited access to care. This organization allows participants to address their oral health needs and improve their smiles while eliminating the obstacles encountered in seeking and receiving treatment. This has the potential to improve quality of life by improving self-esteem and overall health.

In the United States as a whole there is a collective problem stemming from access to care and much research has been presented on what the barriers are that affect access to care. *It's About Smile* solely exists to help address the barriers that exist affecting patient's ability to receive proper dental services.

Mission

To connect people by breaking down the barriers that exist effecting individual access to optimal oral health care.

Vision

To eliminate oral health disparities one community, one patient, and one smile at a time.

Principles

**Clinical and Professional Excellence** – Striving for clinical and professional excellence means that we have our goals set on actively seeking continuing education for every member of our team as well as professional development. Clinical excellence propels us to be founded on the principles of prevention. Professional excellence serves as accountability for being committed to being involved in the community in which we serve. Excellence ensures that our team remains focused on making our patients and their overall health and oral needs our top priority. Here at It's About Smile, we are an organization dedicated to excellence. We welcome all patients in need and we have a strong desire to make the dental experience a pleasant one.



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**Optimum Oral Health** – Our organization's goals are set on achieving optimum oral health and working with other members of the health care team toward maintaining overall health. Our organization will take the team, interdisciplinary approach to achieving treatment goals. This process begins with patient education, treatment planning and acceptance, and dental hygiene as well as making certain to involve the patient in every aspect.

**Evidence Based Dentistry** – Our organization prides itself in practicing evidence-based dentistry and incorporating timely and appropriate technology that is in line with the needs and desires of our patient population.

**Friendly and Caring Service** – Our goal is to deliver dental services in a gentle manner and ensure that all experiences are positive. Our team is committed to providing friendly and caring service at all times

Objectives

- *It's About Smile*'s primary objective is to provide optimum and comprehensive oral health care while supplementing services with patient education concerning prevention and oral health.
- *It's About Smile* strives to provide a pleasant dental experience for all patients, with the ultimate goal helping eliminate the fear or discomfort associated with receiving oral health care.
- *It's About Smile* values incorporating new technology, services, products and procedures in order to enhance patient experience.





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## It's About Smile Care Candidate Intake Checklist

All of the following documents/procedures must be completed and submitted in their entirety in order to be considered as an *It's About Smile* candidate.

- [\_] Care Candidate Application
- [\_] Statement of Need
- [\_] Official tax return for income verification
- [\_] Signed Social Media and Photo Release
- [\_] Waiver of Liability
- [\_] Care Candidate Interview w/ Photo
- [\_] Copy of Recent Utility Bill

