

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome to our office for your child's first dental appointment. The goals of our office are to make children feel comfortable in a setting designed especially for them. Our staff enjoys working with children and each team member has special training in making children feel at ease.

On our web site you will find information regarding our office, our office policies, a map to our office and also some brief information about Dr. Sedighi/Dr. Whitley. You will also find the **Child's Registration and History Form** on the First Visit page which we would like you to complete and submit online OR print, complete, and bring with you on your child's first visit to our office.

**Your child's first visit will include:**

1. Meeting Dr. Sedighi, Dr. Whitley and our staff and becoming oriented with our dental office.
2. At the first dental appointment, as well as each dental check-up your child will have a thorough oral examination (oral hygiene instructions and proper oral health care will be taught). The teeth will be cleaned and polished followed by the application of a fluoride treatment (fluoride is a highly effective preventative measure used to decrease dental decay). Dr. Sedighi/Dr. Whitley will advise the parents of his findings. We recommend a dental check-up twice a year for most children. An e-mail or post card will be sent when your child is due for his/her check-up. Also, your presence is required since our staff will review your child's medical and dental history.
3. An x-ray examination will be taken as needed, x-rays are necessary to protect your child's dental health. They are used to detect cavities, erupting teeth, plan orthodontic evaluations, evaluate injuries and evaluate health conditions that cannot be detected during a clinical examination. If your child's last dental x-ray films are less than 1- 1.5 years old, please bring a copy of them with you to our office.
4. Dr. Sedighi/Dr. Whitley welcome ONE parent during the examination and treatment visits. This privilege will be evaluated at each visit according to your child's behavior. The parent(s) should be a passive observer at all times during the child's dental visit(s). We want your child's dental visit(s) to our office to be a happy one.
5. Never hesitate to call our office for a dental emergency. Our phone service is available 24 hours a day, please call 636-777-7777 and you can directly page Dr. Sedighi/Dr. Whitley.

**Payment**

Please be aware that the parent bringing the child to our office is responsible for the payment of all professional fees after each treatment, unless other arrangements have been made prior to your appointment. We accept Visa, Mastercard, Discover, cash and personal checks.

**Dental Insurance**

For our patients with insurance, we will file your insurance claims for you as a courtesy. The patient's parent(s) are responsible for the estimated co-payments, deductible or actual fee that your dental insurance carrier does not cover after each treatment visit. Insurance companies administer different plans and policies, please be sure to verify your dental coverage with your insurance company's member services department before your dental appointment. Regardless of the status of your insurance claim, full payment is due to our office within 60 days from the date of service. All balances over 60 days will have a monthly service/finance charge of 1.5%. Please remember to bring your insurance card to your child's first visit.

**HealthCare Credit**

Please ask our office if you are interested in applying for a HEALTHCARE CREDIT CARD. This allows you to pay your child's balance at a zero interest to you for a three-month period. Please do not hesitate to ask us any questions about our office. We

want you to be comfortable in dealing with these matters and we urge you to consult us if you have any questions regarding our services.