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1 00:00:01.870 --> 00:00:05.050 You know tooth decay is one of the main childhood diseases.

2 00:00:05.920 --> 00:00:08.375 So much has changed in the 56 years since Dr.

3 00:00:08.770 --> 00:00:10.060 Spock recorded this clip,

4 00:00:10.600 --> 00:00:13.330 but sadly, his message still rings true for kids today.

5 00:00:14.440 --> 00:00:17.979 Tooth decay occurs when bacteria eat away at the outer layers of the

6 00:00:18.179 --> 00:00:19.690 teeth causing cavities,

7 00:00:19.890 --> 00:00:22.270 infection, and even tooth loss

8 00:00:22.470 --> 00:00:24.190 and potential cardiac disease.

9 00:00:24.610 --> 00:00:27.009 About 20 percent of American kids are living

10 00:00:27.209 --> 00:00:30.880 with untreated tooth decay. Tooth decay can be a problem for any child.

11 00:00:31.090 --> 00:00:34.420 But kids from low income families bear a disproportionate burden.

12 00:00:34.690 --> 00:00:36.760 Kids' dental health has both an immediate

13 00:00:36.960 --> 00:00:38.230 and long term impact.

14 00:00:38.430 --> 00:00:41.080 For some kids it's a big social stigma.

15 00:00:41.280 --> 00:00:43.540 If they have teeth that are broken

16 00:00:44.440 --> 00:00:46.974 or obviously you know patients come from a state of tooth decay,

17 00:00:47.320 --> 00:00:48.250 they're embarrassed.

18 00:00:48.910 --> 00:00:50.620 Tooth decay is highly preventable.

19 00:00:50.980 --> 00:00:52.606 So why is it still such a problem?

20 00:00:52.900 --> 00:00:56.499 In part, the benefits of fluoridation have been countered by increased

21 00:00:56.699 --> 00:01:00.070 sugar intake. But the greatest barrier to kids dental health

22 00:01:00.270 --> 00:01:01.630 remains access to care.

23 00:01:02.380 --> 00:01:05.980 In 2011, 10 million American kids lacked

24 00:01:06.180 --> 00:01:07.084 dental insurance.

25 00:01:08.190 --> 00:01:09.789 That that access to care

26 00:01:09.989 --> 00:01:13.570 and affordability is critical if we're going to have the prevention.

27 00:01:14.970 --> 00:01:17.100 All kids deserve to have a healthy smile.

28 00:01:17.610 --> 00:01:21.420 We can help by expanding access to care through the school system.

29 00:01:21.620 --> 00:01:24.810 School-based dental health programs have shown great success.

30 00:01:25.350 --> 00:01:28.500 Let's work together to make sure every kid has a healthy smile.