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Dr. Kinner Welcomes You!

**Please read this because it's important for
you to know our commitment to your child.**

Welcome to Your Child's New Dental Home

I wish to personally welcome you to our dental family. Every effort is made to be certain your child is treated respectfully and you are fully informed of your child's dental needs. If your child has dental decay, it is important for you to understand that I have a strong commitment to giving you all the resources necessary to help cure your child of future decay. Please ask if you have any questions regarding your child's dental treatment or treatment alternatives.

Pediatric dentistry expands far beyond diagnosing a dental problem and treating a tooth. The dental experience of your child can determine their outlook on dentistry and taking care of their teeth for a lifetime. When I make a dental diagnosis, the child's age, personality and attitude towards medical and dental experiences all influence my recommendations regarding how to approach treatment.

My dental office *does not* practice procedures rooted in child intimidation. Such practices include parent separation, indiscriminate use of papoose boards and negative verbal manipulation. Although an intimidated child may be a compliant dental patient, the long term needs to establish a confident and trusting relationship can too easily be compromised.

Gaining your child's trust and confidence usually includes a routine first visit. This visit may include an exam, age appropriate x-rays, dental prophylaxis (teeth cleaning) and fluoride treatment.


Because you are present during the first dental visit, you learn our child friendly terminology and are able to reinforce positive experiences at home. My dental team places the highest priority on proper brushing techniques and encouraging healthy food choices so that many dental problems are prevented. As part of the dental visit, parents

and children can learn about new habits which they can work together on at home. Many parents appreciate our introduction of the parent's role as "happy helper" or "coach" in your child's daily oral hygiene, something that helps morning and evening dental routines run more smoothly. My books, "A Child's Smile" and "How to Raise Cavity-Free Kids" are excellent reference guides. If you somehow did not receive your free copy, please ask and we will gladly give or send you one.

If your child requires dental treatment, I will discuss the various methods of delivery of treatment. Many children of school age may be treated in the office with nitrous oxide (laughing gas) and a local anesthetic for numbness. Young children and children with extensive needs may do better if given a medicine to help them relax. Some parents lightly refer to this as a "kiddy cocktail." Young children with either medical concerns, high anxiety or extensive dental needs may do well to be treated at a nearby day surgery center where they can be under general anesthesia during dental treatment. These options are discussed in consultation with parents after thorough examination, determination of dental needs and understanding of the child's temperament.

Since 1983, Las Vegas families have been pleased with my child-friendly philosophy, which helps make children's dental care a welcome part of a child's life.

You may call me personally, on my cell phone, at 499-7727, if you need anything at all. This is especially true if your child has a dental emergency. Also, if there are any concerns that you seem unable to resolve with dental team members, please call me personally.

Most Sincerely,

Dr. Jeff Kinner



Dr. Jeff Kinner **The Children's Dentist**

Personal Statement:

“My staff and I provide caring, prevention oriented children’s dentistry to benefit your child with a positive dental experience, the most comprehensive resources to remain cavity-free and the opportunity to have a beautiful smile for a lifetime.” ~ Dr. Jeff Kinner

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