



If it pains you to look at this picture, imagine how the child feels.

An estimated 2,500 Rhode Island children between the ages of six months to four-years-old suffer from Early Childhood Tooth Decay.* But not a single one of them has to. That's because Early Childhood Tooth Decay is preventable. It occurs when children's teeth are harmed by frequently drinking from bottles or sippy cups that contain sweetened milk, juice, soda or other sugary liquids. So if your child needs comforting, try a bottle of water, a pacifier, a favorite blanket or toy. Be the best parent you can be and help prevent Early Childhood Tooth Decay. It will make you and your child feel a lot better.

*Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, Oral Health Program; January, 2001.

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