

Chicago Cosmetic Dentist Ted Siegel Stands With Governor Quinn To Support 'Put Illinois to Work' Program

Dr. Ted Siegel, a leading Chicago cosmetic dentist who is active in the Chicago community, stood with Illinois Governor Pat Quinn at the recent 'Put Illinois to Work' program.

CHICAGO, IL -- On Tuesday September 28, 2010, [Chicago cosmetic dentist](#) Dr. Ted Siegel stood on the podium with Illinois Governor Pat Quinn during his press conference about the 'Put Illinois to Work' program. The program, currently funded by the state of Illinois, is designed to give those in need the lifelong skills to empower themselves financially and personally.



Dr. Siegel is among the first to participate in the 'Put Illinois to Work' program initiated by Governor Quinn. As a volunteer in the program, Dr. Siegel mentors poverty level single moms, teaching them a valuable job and communication skills.

"My goal is to give these incredible women the chance to enter the work force and be self-sufficient. These are single moms who are at poverty level with little or no life skills or business skills. We are teaching them a healthy lifestyle and work habits and helping them cultivate the self-confidence and self worth needed to become productive members of society," said Dr. Siegel.

Dr. Siegel's first mentee in the program was Nataliz Torres -- a single mother with no previous work experience. Dr. Siegel and his dental staff worked together to teach Nataliz the valuable skills of a dental assistant including assisting the doctors, taking radiographs, making dental impressions, using an intra-oral camera, educating the patients to the importance of their dental health and the consequences of neglect, and calming patient fears.

Nataliz also learned communication and organizational skills by learning all aspects of the front desk reception work. Through administrative work, Dr. Siegel and his team provided Nataliz with the skills and vocabulary necessary to communicate with professionals, companies and customers.

"This program is different than other state and local programs because it offers a hand up, not just a hand out. By empowering these women with skills they can use throughout their lives, my hope is that this will be the last program they will ever need," said Dr. Siegel.

Many Chicago residents know Dr. Siegel as the [dentist in Chicago](#) that opens his doors to the less fortunate to provide free dental care each Valentine's Day. His volunteerism in the 'Put Illinois to Work' program is another way Dr. Siegel expresses his passion for serving the Chicago community.

To learn more about the Put Illinois to Work program, visit <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=48877>.

About Dr. Theodore Siegel: Dr. Theodore Siegel is a certified [Invisalign](#) provider and cosmetic dentist in Chicago, and the founder of Big Smile Dental, located at 2833 North Milwaukee Avenue in Chicago Illinois. Dr. Siegel was recently featured on the cover of 'Doctors in Dentistry' magazine and has been named a Top Chicago Cosmetic Dentist in the Consumers' Research Council of America's Guide to America's Top Dentists. Dr. Theodore Siegel has been honored by the 'Art of Living' organization for his contribution towards the welfare and upliftment of Human Values for his charitable work.