



Why age 7 is the right time to see an orthodontist.

While your child's teeth might appear to be straight, there may actually be a problem that needs to be evaluated by an orthodontist. If you recognize any of the following issues with your child, please schedule a check-up with your local orthodontist. It may be one of the most important actions you can take to ensure your child's healthy and happy smile.

- Early or late loss of baby teeth
- Difficulty in chewing or biting
- Mouth breathing
- Jaws that shift or make sounds
- Speech difficulties
- Biting the cheek or the roof of the mouth
- Facial imbalance
- Grinding or clenching of the teeth
- Thumb or finger sucking

Orthodontists are specialists in straightening teeth and aligning your bite. They have two to three years of education beyond dental school. So they're experts at helping you and your child, get a great smile—that feels great, too.

Go to www.mylifemysmile.org to find an orthodontist near you or ask your dentist for a referral.