

# **Give Kids a SMILE**

## **Dear Parents or Guardians:**

Minnesota dental professionals are concerned about the growing number of children who don't have access to dental care. That's why about 2,000 dental professionals will come together on Feb. 6 and 7, 2009, to provide free dental care to low income children in need.

This special event is called "Give Kids a Smile" and is coordinated by the Minnesota Dental Association. The dental care will be available in community-based clinics and private practices in many locations throughout Minnesota. Here is more information:

**All patients must have appointments in advance and be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. After Jan. 1, 2009,** parents may call United Way 211 (just dial 2-1-1) or 800-543-7709. Operators will have a list of participating dental offices and will be able to direct people to a location in their area. Parents will then call the dental office to schedule an appointment.

**Services will vary** from preventive care, which includes cleanings, sealants and fluoride treatment, to restorative care, which includes fillings. Information on specific services that will be provided on Feb. 6 and 7 will be outlined when an appointment is scheduled.

**Typically, clinics treat children ranging in age from 3 to 18.** When calling for an appointment, parents should ask about any age requirements.



Learn more at [mndental.org](http://mndental.org).

Please photocopy this document and share it with families who could benefit from the "Give Kids a Smile" program. This document is also available in Hmong, Spanish, Vietnamese, Somali and Russian. Please download them from [mndental.org](http://mndental.org).

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