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February is Children's Dental Health Month
Give Kids a Smile Event Set for February 2008

Pinellas County's annual Give Kids a Smile children's dental health event will take place in February. This year, the Pinellas County Dental Association hopes to screen and treat more than 500 children in Pinellas County who otherwise would not receive dental care.

Give Kids a Smile is sponsored by the American Dental Association and at the state level by the Florida Dental Association. The Pinellas County Dental Association joined this crusade to highlight the need for improved dental care for children of low-income families.

In Pinellas County, this year's event will take place on **Friday, February 1 and Friday, February 8**, when children aged three to eighteen will be seen for an initial screening, x-rays, cleaning and sealants. Then on Friday and Saturday, February 15 and February 16, children who need follow-ups may return for any needed care. Please note: **Appointments are necessary** and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Parents can call to ensure their children are eligible, find out the clinic nearest them and make an appointment by calling 727-588-4040, Extension 129. Parents or guardians must complete and sign paperwork to authorize treatment and provide transportation for the child to the clinic assigned.

For more information , call 727-588-4040, Extension 129. This year, let's all Give Kids a Smile!

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