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Press Release

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HEADLINE: North central Idaho dentists to participate in **Give Kids a Smile** event in February and March

LEWISTON, IDAHO – **Public Health – Idaho North Central District** is once again teaming up with the **Regence BlueShield of Idaho** and **Delta Dental of Idaho** to sponsor the “Give Kids a Smile” event in association with National Children’s Oral Health Month. In February and March, twenty north central Idaho dentists, including the Lewis Clark State Dental Hygiene Program will provide **free** oral health exams, cleanings and x-rays to area children. The event is open to those children in kindergarten through 6th grade without dental insurance.

Those interested in receiving care are asked to contact individual dental offices to make appointments. **Appointments will be made on a first call first scheduled basis, so parents are advised to call and schedule an appointment as soon as possible.** The following is a list of participating dentists and contact numbers for appointments.

Lewiston

Dr. Richard Bailey and Dr. Kent Simmons – 743-5971
Dr. John J. Johnson – 798-7955
Dentistry “4” Children, Dr. Curtis Wiggins and Dr. Jeremy Wiggins – 743-2505
Lewis Clark State College Dental Hygiene Program - 792-2930

Moscow

Bearable Dentistry, Dr. Dustin Weitz, Dr. Bryan Schiavoni and Dr. Matthew Sept – 882-3214
Blue sky Dental, Dr. Kevin Henry – 882-9111
Dr. Clay Hansen – 882-4923
Palouse Pediatric Dentistry, Dr. Karen Sept – 882-9999

Grangeville

Dr. Michael Nelson – 983-2422
Dr. Tyler Harrington and Dr. Brad Schaff – 983-0105

Kendrick

Dr. Jeff Sowle – 289-3221

Craigmont

Dr. Andrea Radabaugh – 924-5830

Kamiah

Dr. Michael McCall – 935-2143

“Dental disease is preventable. Brushing, flossing, eating a balanced diet, regular dental visits and having access to fluoride and sealants are ways to prevent dental disease”, said Carol Moehrle, Director of Public Health – Idaho North Central District. “Ultimately, the money spent on prevention saves a great deal of money in future dental expenses.”

“Giving kids the gift of good oral hygiene does more than improve self-esteem. It also puts kids on the road to healthier lives. They’ll have a higher resistance to other illness and diseases, be able to sleep better and stay more focused in school,” said Carol Moehrle. “We want to make good oral health a priority for all children in North Central Idaho. Good oral health is an integral part of overall health and preventive measures like fluoridation and sealants result in long-term savings.”