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*February is Children's Dental Health Month*  
**Give Kids a Smile Event Set for February 2009**

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. In 2008, 470 Pinellas County children received more than \$134,000 in free dental services.

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 the crusade to highlight the need for improved dental care for children of low-income families.

In Pinellas County, the event will take place **Friday, February 6, 2009**. Dental screenings and x-rays will be offered to children age three to eighteen. Then on Friday, February 20 and Saturday, February 21, children who need follow-up may return for any needed care.

**Appointments are necessary** and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 727-210-4222 to ensure your children are eligible, find the clinic nearest you, and make an appointment. Children with dental insurance are not eligible for this event. Parents or guardians: You will need to complete and sign paperwork to authorize treatment. You must provide transportation for your children to the clinic assigned and remain at the clinic with your children.

Give Kids a Smile!

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