

# Give Kids a SMILE

## Dear Parents or Guardians:

Minnesota dental professionals are concerned about the growing number of low-income children who face barriers to dental care. That's why thousands of dental professionals come together on the first Friday and Saturday of February to provide free dental care to 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**, 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. An online list will also be available at [www.mndental.org](http://www.mndental.org).

**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 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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