



Dear Parent or Guardian:

We have an opportunity to help brighten your child's smile. I am pleased to inform you that local area schools, daycare centers, and child service agencies are partnering with the Rock Island and Davenport District Dental Societies for the 9th annual Give Kids A Smile Dental Program to be held on various Fridays throughout this year and next year.

On these days, Iowa and Illinois dentists will donate their services at **no cost** to children enrolled in these agencies or schools. If eligible, your child could receive a dental examination, x-rays, cleaning, and a fluoride treatment. In addition, **several dentists, but not all**, have volunteered to provide follow-up services to children they see who may need further care, as referenced in the attached waiver.

Transportation will be provided in most cases and volunteers will accompany children to their initial dental visit. It is strongly encouraged by the dentists, that parents attend the appointments with their child. Parents are welcome to ride the bus with their child or they can meet them at the dentist's office.

Your child **may qualify** for these services on Give Kids A Smile if:

1. **Your child has never been to the dentist.**
2. **If your child is not covered through private dental insurance (children covered by Medicaid, Kid Care, and Hawk-I are still eligible).**
3. **If your child is eligible for free or reduced lunches.**
4. **If your child has recently had a dental screening, but restorative work has not been completed.**
5. **If your child has been through GKAS in the past.**
6. **If your child has not been to the dentist in over a year.**
7. **If your child has been to Community Health Care Dental Clinic or another private practice dentist on a regular basis, they will not be eligible for the program as they have a "dental home" with them.**

This program is open to children who do not otherwise have access to dental care. Children, who have a dentist, and are a patient of record with them, will not be eligible for this program. This is only open to children who do not have a consistent dental home.

If you feel your child qualifies for this program, please complete the attached forms and give them to your school nurse or administrative personnel. A limited number of slots are available, so parents are encouraged to turn in their forms today, as these slots will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Filling out the attached forms does not constitute an automatic appointment slot. Sheets will be reviewed and prioritized according to individual needs.

The dental services being offered to your child at no cost are generally very expensive, so please take advantage of this special opportunity to help improve your child's oral health. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's nurse or appropriate agency personnel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Allers".

Chris Allers
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