

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Here's an opportunity you won't want to miss! Your child's school or day care program encourages participation in the Kids Smile Dental Prevention Program which offers your child the opportunity to receive dental preventive treatments at little or no cost to you (see particulars on next page).

The **Kids Smile** program will be provided by local dental professionals who, with your signed consent, will provide a visual dental health screening and may apply preventive fluoride varnish and/or sealants to eligible teeth. These practices reduce tooth decay and help your child develop good dental health habits. A report/referral of findings and treatment will be sent home after each visit.

Dental health education and preventive treatments are important! The Oregon Smile Survey 2007 found that nearly 2 of every 3 children, age 9 or younger already had a cavity, and more than half of those children have untreated decay. Dental disease, if left untreated, can cause pain, infection, loss of teeth, and can lead to chronic health problems later in life.

If you have any questions, please call:

Siskiyou Community Health Center Dental Prevention Program

Alissa Parker, EFDA Diana L. Porter, RDH or 541-659-8144 (cell) or 541-479-6393 x2112

Our Kids Smile program is available for your child. Just complete the attached consent form and return it to your child's school or day care program within 7 days.

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