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Free Dental Health Services for Children Offered Through KCHD Program

Knoxville, Tenn.— The Knox County Health Department's (KCHD) School-Based Dental Program is offering <u>free</u> dental services for children and young adults throughout June.

In partnership with the Knox County Schools Welcome Center (535 Chickamauga Ave.), those ages 4-21 can receive several services including education, screenings, sealants, and fluoride varnish.

"Tooth decay is the most common chronic disease in childhood, yet it is largely a preventable disease," said Sarah Naill, dental hygienist with KCHD's School-Based Dental Program. "Attending free events like this is an easy step to ensure a healthy smile for children."

About 20 percent of children ages 5-11 have at least one untreated tooth decay, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Appointments are from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the following dates in June: 3-7, 10-14, 17-18, 20-21, and 24-28. Interpreters will be available.

Please call 865-215-5131 to make an appointment.

About Knox County Health Department

The first health department in Tennessee to achieve national voluntary accreditation by the Public Health Accreditation Board, the Knox County Health Department (KCHD) is dedicated to ensuring the conditions in which every resident can be healthy. For more information, visit http://www.knoxcounty.org/health.

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