
Give Kids a Smile

Children's Dental Health Month



February is Children's Dental Health Month. It will also feature the ADA initiative, Give Kids A Smile Program. UNH School of Hygiene, EliWhitney Dental Assisting Program and Smiles2Go Van, will join local dentists and their staff giving educational talks to first graders throughout the New Haven community on topics ranging from brushing techniques to the importance of toothpaste.

The month long activities will be topped off with Dino-Bite day, **Sunday, February 16th**

12 noon - 5 PM at the Yale / Peabody Museum.

Table clinics and hands on activities for the kids will include information on baby bottle caries, nutrition, gum disease, and sealants. Live entertainment will be available throughout the day and the first 1000 kids will get a free goody bag. Also, in collaboration with the Peabody's February theme of dinosaurs, there will be 2 fossil digs and a dinosaur craft area.



Currently, for the first time, we are looking for sponsorships to make the Peabody event free for all kids and adults. The intent is to spread the message of preventive care and dental health across all social and economical backgrounds. Roughly \$3500 needs to be raised to make the event open to everyone.

If you have any good leads, please contact Dr. Richmond Hung at 203-932-5818 or email dentaloffice@fmnh.net. Also, expect to be contacted soon for active participation during the month of February!

ACCESS TO CARE

Dear Colleague,

You may have already received this information in a mailing from BeneCare. The NHDA Executive Board has reviewed and supports this voluntary program. Though far from perfect or solving the access to care issue, it still helps the children of our community. Please consider donating some time, I am.

Dean Cloutier, DDS

Many Children In Your Community Need Your Help.

Of the children in New Haven County covered under Medicaid programs only 35% have access to dental care. The New Haven Dental Association in conjunction with The Dental Practice Association of Connecticut and BeneCare Dental Plans are working on a program called: **"BRINGING CHILDREN TO TREATMENT"**

A Small Gesture By You Can Make A Big Difference To a Child In Need!

You can make a positive difference in a child's life if you would only give a child one hour each week of your practice's time to provide dental services.

To make it easy for you to help:

- You will not need to join the Medicaid program.
- You may define the day, time and age range of the children you will treat.
- Only patients identified, as actually needing care will be referred to your office.
- All scheduling will be done through BeneCare's Call Center. No patients will call.
- Your office will not be included on any list of participating dentists.
- You will be reimbursed promptly on a Fee For Service basis; Medicaid level plus 10%.
- There is no long-term obligation. You can end your participation at any time.

DPAC and BeneCare outreach care coordinator will assist with arranging any transportation for the children and scheduling dental appointments. In cooperation with the dental community, we hope to place those children into care. If you would like more information about **"Bringing Children To Treatment"**, please call Patrick Carolan or Toni Coletta at (203) 234-6374. Thank you in advance for making a tremendous difference for these children.

