

Dentists donate 5038 care for children

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BEAVERTON — Dentists across Washington County will offer free services Friday to children of low-income families as part of the national “Give Kids a Smile” program.

The event is all day at several dental offices across the county. The Oregon Dental Association will join thousands of dental professionals across the country to help young people who aren't getting oral health care they need.



This annual nationwide event is sponsored by the American Dental Association during National Children's Dental Health Month.

“Give Kids A Smile” will focus attention on the epidemic of oral disease among poor children.

“Children in need are unable to help themselves,” said Dr. Mark E. Jensen, president of the Oregon Dental Association. “We want to work together with community leaders and legislators to successfully meet the oral health needs of children through state programs, preventive education and community-based disease prevention strategies like water fluoridation.”

Dr. Barry J. Taylor of Beaverton, president of the Washington County Dental Society, said several area dentists would participate in Friday's event.

Albertsons grocery stores are working with the Oregon Dental Association and the state group Children First for Oregon, to promote “Give Kids A Smile Day.”

For care in the Portland area, parents should call 503-513-5010.