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#### Free Dental Care Event for Children

# Johnson County, Iowa -

Johnson County Public Health's I-Smile™ Program is partnering with Kimball and Beecher Family Dentistry to provide free dental care to children in need on Friday, February 21st. Appointments are required for the event and will be scheduled from 8 am – 12:30 pm at the Kimball and Beecher office located in Iowa City.

**Give Kids a Smile in Iowa City** provides free dental services to children ages 1-13. These services include oral exams, x-rays, preventive care such as cleaning, fluoride, and sealants; as well as restorative care such as fillings. Children must be registered in advance, and parental authorization signed, to receive services.

This event is designed to meet the increasing need of families who are unable to find a dental provider who accepts Iowa Medicaid or will provide services when there is a lack of insurance or transportation resources.

If transportation to the event is a concern, Medicaid patients are advised to contact the member service phone number on the back of the lowa Medicaid card to schedule a ride. Transportation may be available for families without Medicaid, please contact the I-Smile Program.

To schedule an appointment for the **Give Kids a Smile in Iowa City** call Kimball and Beecher Family Dentistry at 319-337-2114. Kimball and Beecher Family Dentistry is located at 1008 William Street in Iowa City.

The Johnson County I-Smile™ Program provides oral health screenings in school and clinic settings, along with navigation to dental, medical, and community resources in Benton, Linn, Jones, Iowa, and Johnson counties. If you have questions about the I-Smile™ Program call Rebecca Hackett- Leas, I-Smile Coordinator at 319-688-5906.

For questions about this event please contact either Rebecca Hackett-Leas of Johnson County Public Health at 319-688-5906 or Laura Pagel of Kimball and Beecher Family Dentistry at 319-235-6287 ext. 1060.

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