

**Illini District  
Dental Society**



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## **Free Dental Exams and Cleanings for Children on Saturday, March 14 at the Fluid Events Center in Champaign**

***The Illini District Dental Society, Champaign-Urbana Public Health District,  
Parkland College Dental Hygiene and SmileHealthy Participate in  
“Give Kids a Smile”***

Champaign, IL – The Illini District Dental Society will sponsor Give Kids a Smile® (GKAS) Day on Saturday, March 14, 2015 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Fluid Events Center located at 601 N. Country Fair Drive in Champaign. The event is part of the Children’s Dental Access Program through the American Dental Association® (ADA) that provides free oral healthcare services to children of low-income families.

On March 14, local dentists and hygienists are taking the opportunity to give back to the community by volunteering time and services for GKAS and providing free dental exams, cleanings and fluoride varnish treatments to any child between the ages of 1 and 17. The oral health fair will offer a wide range of services and activities for everyone including: dental hygiene education; free toothbrushes; face painting; and visits and pictures with Flossie from the Illinois State Dental Society, the Tooth Fairy, the Delta Dental Tooth Wizard and the Blue Cross Blue Shield Blue Bear. The Twin City Derby Girls will also be on hand to talk about their sport and the importance of wearing mouth guards. Appointments are not necessary; however, a parent or legal guardian must accompany the child. There are no income or residency requirements to receive services at the fair.

Will Sensenbrenner, DMD, local General Dentist and Secretary for the Illini District Dental Society, states "Give Kids a Smile is a way for dentists to join with others in the community to provide dental services to underserved children. Each year, we create a fun atmosphere for children and parents to gain a better understanding oral health. The need for affordable

dental care continues to grow. Maintaining good oral health and healthy eating habits are very important parts of a child's overall development. This program will help families assess oral health needs and give them the tools to maintain a healthy smile and life."

The Illini District Dental Society partners with Parkland Dental Hygiene, SmileHealthy, and the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District Children's Dental Clinic to provide Give Kids a Smile® in Champaign.

For more information, please contact SmileHealthy at (217) 359-7404 or the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District Children's Dental Clinic at (217) 531-4538 or at [www.c-uphd.org](http://www.c-uphd.org).

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