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<u>Free</u> Dental Care on February 3, 2017 for Eligible Local Children Services provided in conjunction with Give Kids A Smile Day

Eastern Idaho – Give Kids A Smile Day is held annually to provide free, accessible dental services to local, qualifying children, to raise awareness of the epidemic of untreated dental disease occurring locally and nationally, and to create public and private partnerships to increase access to oral health care to solve this crisis. Locally, Give Kids A Smile is sponsored by Eastern Idaho Public Health, Upper Snake River Dental Society, and the Idaho State Dental Association with a grant from Mountain View Charity. Last year 252 area children received free dental services worth \$91,854.

To be eligible to receive free dental care though the Give Kids A Smile Day event, children must meet the following conditions:

- Be between the ages of 3 and 18 years;
- NOT have a current Idaho Smiles (Medicaid) or CHIP card, or private dental insurance
- Have a parent or legal guardian accompany them to the dental office
- Meet these family income guidelines:

	Maximum Gross Income	
Number in Family	Per Month	Per Year
2	\$2,002	\$24,030
3	\$2,520	\$30,240
4	\$3,037	\$36,450
5	\$3,551	\$42,660

(*for additional family members, add \$518 per month per person or \$6,220 per year per person)

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Listed below are the details for this year's Give Kids A Smile event:

- Friday, February 3, 2017 by appointment at participating dental offices in Idaho Falls, Shelley, Rigby, Rexburg, and St. Anthony, a list of which can be found on our website at www.EIPH.ldaho.gov. Call the dental office of your choice to schedule an appointment. (A few dental offices will participate on different date – see website list.)
- Event contacts are Dr. Kidman, DDS, at 208-523-5090 and Elyse Baird, RDH, Eastern Idaho Public Health, at 208-533-3192.
- For additional information, please visit www.givekidsasmile.ada.org.

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