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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### FREE DENTAL CLINIC AND HEALTH FAIR FOR FAMILIES

*Dental Services and Health Resources Give Children "Something to Smile About"*

**WHO:** A representative from Pam Slater-Price, District 3, San Diego County Board of Supervisors office  
Peggy Yamagata, RDH, MEd., Program Manager, San Diego Dental Health Initiative  
North County Dental Task Force  
North Central Region Community Based Organizations  
200+ children 1-18 years old receiving oral evaluations, dental sealants and varnish  
40 volunteers, including dentists and hygienists

**WHAT:** Volunteer dental professionals will provide oral evaluations, dental sealants and/or fluoride varnish free of charge to children without dental coverage. Community organizations will entertain and educate children and families about dental health, general health topics and other community services available in the area.

Funded by County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price, from District 3 [Community Projects](#) program, and coordinated by the North County Dental Task Force, Health and Human Services Agency and the Southwestern College Dental Hygiene Program, this free clinic and health fair supports the "Something to Smile About" program initiated by Supervisor Slater-Price in 2004.

**WHEN:** 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Saturday, April 21, 2007

**WHERE:** Operation Samahan Clinic  
10737 Camino Ruiz  
San Diego, CA 92126

**WHY:** A new California law, sponsored by the California Dental Association, requires all children to have an oral evaluation by May 31<sup>st</sup> of their first year in public school. Tooth decay is the most common infectious disease among children and many children do not receive routine dental care due to lack of finances. Severe dental decay causes many children to miss school in California. The goal of the law is to ensure students are healthy and pain-free so they can succeed in school. For more information, the public can call (619) 692-8858.

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