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SEARHC hosts Denali KidCare pediatric dental clinic in Hoonah

HOONAH, May 28, 2008 — The SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC) will host a special Denali KidCare pediatric dental clinic on June 16-20 at the Hoonah Medical Clinic.

This special pediatric clinic will feature dental examination appointments on Monday and Tuesday, June 16-17, with follow-up treatment taking place later in the week (June 18-20). The clinic is open for children younger than 18 years old who are currently enrolled in the State of Alaska's Denali KidCare program or are on Medicaid. Dr. Joseph Kelly will lead the pediatric dental team for this clinic.

Parents and guardians who wish to have their children participate in this special clinic should call Veronica Dalton with Hoonah Parents As Teachers at 945-3792 to schedule an exam appointment. For more information about SEARHC's Denali KidCare special clinics, contact Cara Land, Dental Health Systems Specialist in Juneau, at 364-4494, or call Veronica Dalton at the Hoonah Parents As Teachers number.

Denali KidCare is a state program designed to make sure Alaska resident children younger than 18 of working and non-working parents, and expecting mothers who meet income guidelines, have insurance so they have full access to health care. SEARHC partners with the Denali KidCare program to provide special clinics around the region when pediatric dentists are available.

For more information on the Denali KidCare program and eligibility requirements, go to <http://www.hss.state.ak.us/dhcs/DenaliKidCare/>.

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