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### **SEARHC hosts Denali KidCare pediatric dental clinic in Yakutat**

**YAKUTAT, July 28, 2008** — The SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC) and the Yakutat Community Health Center will host a special Denali KidCare pediatric dental clinic on Aug. 4-8, 2008.

This special pediatric clinic will feature dental examination appointments on Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 4-5, with follow-up treatment taking place later in the week (Aug. 6-8). 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. Lee Steinle will lead the pediatric dental team for this clinic, and Elizabeth Mallott will be the dental hygienist.

Parents and guardians who wish to have their children participate in this special clinic should call Bertina Peterson of the Yakutat Community Health Center at 784-3275 to schedule an exam appointment. For more information about SEARHC's Denali KidCare special clinics, contact SEARHC Dental Health Systems Specialist Cara Land in Juneau at 364-4494, or call the Yakutat Community Health Center 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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