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JOLIET — February is National Children's Dental Health Month, and the Will County Community Health Center (1106 Neal Avenue in Joliet), is working to increase awareness about the importance of good oral health habits.

Community Health Center dental professionals are forceful advocates for oral health who strive to prevent serious dental problems by educating children and parents.

"An educated patient is a happy patient," according to Sangita Garg D.D.S., Community Health Center dental director. "Healthy teeth are certainly important to every child's overall health. Forming good habits at an early age can help to insure healthy teeth for a lifetime."

A comprehensive Surgeon General's study examining the nation's oral health calls dental and oral diseases "a silent epidemic." The problem is especially acute among children, who lose 51 million school hours due to dental-related illnesses every year. The lack of dental care is the most prevalent unmet health need among American children.

"The goal of Will County's dental team is to make a positive difference in the lives of the patients we see by offering the highest quality dental care in a comfortable environment," Garg said. "We work to improve each patient's oral health, self-confidence, and overall quality of life."

Several local activities are planned to highlight Children's Dental Health Month, one of the Nation's oldest annual health observances. Will County dental professionals will be conducting oral health educational presentations at several area schools. Area children from five to 10 years of age will also be participating in a dental page coloring contest.

For more information about the Will County Community Health Center Dental Clinic, telephone 815-774-7300.



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