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Baltimore City Head Start Program To Give Free Dental Check Ups To 200 Children

Baltimore City Head Start Program, a division of Housing and Community Development (HCD) will hold a one-day dental screening at Oliver Community Center. The screening will include Head Start children, their siblings and parents. Each Head Start child - whether screened or not - will receive a toothbrush, toothpaste, and a sticker provided by United Health. Over 200 children will receive dental care throughout the morning.

“Today's dental research indicates that there is a strong connection between your dental health, physical health and well being, giving our children the dental attention that they need is more important today than ever. It literally can be a matter of life and death,” says HCD Commissioner Paul T. Graziano. Providing powerful dental information and effective dental products for healthier teeth and gums is just a small portion of the great work the Baltimore City Head Start programs do everyday.

Head Start children who are screened will receive a form with screening results and information provided by Baltimore Healthcare Access with information on continuing care.

In addition to the Commissioner Graziano, Congressman Elijah Cummings will highlight the need for oral health in children and families. The event will take place on Monday, October 22, 2007 from 8:00am - 11:00am at the Oliver Community Center Gymnasium located at 1400 East Federal Street, Baltimore, MD.

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