Dental care offered to children

Children ages 2-19 who do not have dental insurance are invited to make appointments for free dental care on Sat., Feb. 6, which is Children's Dental Health Day.

The event will take place at Clark College Dental Hygiene Clinic, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver.

Eligible children may receive x-rays, sealants, fluoride treatment, fillings and extractions. Cleanings are not included.

"This event offers dental care to children who are missing out on these important services because their families lack insurance or can't afford dental care," said Melody Scheer, oral health program coordinator.

Volunteers will help families sign their children up for Medicaid and provide information on when children should start brushing their teeth and what kind of toothpaste to use.

The annual event is in its fourth year. Last year, 230 volunteers, including dentists, served 301 patients, providing services valued at more than $70,000.

Children will be seen by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, call 397-8020, 397-8010, or 397-8000, ext. 7371.