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FREE DENTAL CLINIC OFFERED FOR NORTH COUNTY FOSTER KIDS *Dental Check-ups, Cleanings, Fillings Provided to Abused and Neglected Children*

WHAT: In a unique partnership with North County Health Services (NCHS), the County Health and Human Services Agency's North Regions will be bringing free dental services to North County foster children. Kids from three to 18 years of age will be seen by dental professionals in NCHS' new mobile dental van and provided check-ups, cleanings, fillings, and referrals for further treatment as needed.

WHEN: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (by appointment)
July 11 through July 14, 2006

WHERE: HHSA's Child Assessment Network North (CANN) at Green Oak Ranch
1237 Green Oak Road, Vista

WHY: Tooth decay is the most common infectious disease among children, accounting for 5.1 million school hours lost annually in the nation. There is a statewide recommendation that all foster children receive dental exams and cleanings at least once a year. This partnership between the Health and Human Services Agency, North County Health Services and Green Oak Ranch to bring the mobile dental clinic to CANN is an example of how the North Regions leverage resources for the health and safety of our County's most vulnerable children.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to confidentiality concerns, please do not shoot recognizable photographs or video of foster children.

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