

# NEWS RELEASE

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Students from the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry will be heading west to be a part of Dental Day. Panhandle Public Health District and the Gordon Memorial Hospital are teaming up with UNMC College of Dentistry to provide much needed dental care to uninsured children. Free dental care will be provided to children ages 3-21 years on May 31 and June 1 at the Gordon Memorial Hospital. Other Dental Day sites in the panhandle include Sidney and Alliance.

Ashlei Tausan, Gordon-Rushville School nurse is currently working to recruit children and schedule appointments.

Children are being scheduled for appointments on May 31 and June 1.

“This would not be possible without extensive planning and coordination with the school nurse, hospital, UNMC and community volunteers,” said Janelle Visser, PPHD Health Educator. “We are glad to be a part of this successful program to help increase access to dental care and provide dental students an opportunity to work in rural communities.”

If you know of a child who could benefit from Dental Day, please contact one of the following to get registered:

Gordon Elementary 308-282-0216

Rushville Elementary 308-327-2448

Ashlei Tausan 605-786-6147

Janelle Visser at PPHD at 308-487-3600 Ext 105 or 866-701-7173 Ext 105.

For additional information about dental health or Dental Days, visit [www.pphd.org](http://www.pphd.org). The purpose of the Panhandle Public Health District is to educate the region it serves about the prevention of epidemics, spread of contagious diseases, injury, illness and disability. The district is charged with promoting and encouraging healthy behaviors. They promote the quality and accessibility of health services and protection against environmental hazards. Through education, protection and promotion of these issues, the Panhandle Public Health District believes the quality of life of the residents they serve can be greatly improved.