

**BUTLER COUNTY DENTAL CARE PROGRAM
RESULTS OF THE CHILDREN SURVEY ON ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE**

MAY 2005

An oral health needs survey was offered to approximately 75 children with special needs at the Janet Clemmons Early Intervention Center.

Of the 75 surveys sent home with children, 52 were completed and returned.

15 of the 52 parents indicated that they did not have a dentist for their child (ages 18 mos-4 years)

Of those 15 parents, 5 requested assistance in finding a dental home for their child. The remaining 10 parents reported that their child had no dental problems, has never seen a dentist and did not need help finding a dentist.

Of the 37 parents with dentists caring for their children (ages 30 mos-6 years), 35 indicated that their child was seen every 6 months by a dentist, child had no dental problems and they have never had any problems seeking dental care for their child.

There were 2 parents with dentists caring for their children who wanted to speak with a hygienist in regards to finding a dentist closer to home.

This mini survey confirmed the original survey in that children with special needs have greater access to dental care, vs. adults, in Butler County. Butler County has three large group pediatric Medicaid providers and one Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center Dental Clinic, which in addition to Medicaid offers a program to families with low income, underinsured or uninsured.