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Children's Medical Daycare

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Daycare Sinks Teeth into Oral Care

HAMILTON, NJ – Mercer County Children's Medical Daycare fights tooth decay in young children. The daycare has instituted an oral care program that stresses preventative care for oral hygiene. "We're making brushing your teeth fun" says Michelle Bunting, President of Mercer County Children's Medical Daycare (MCCMDC).

The center has partnered with The Central New Jersey Maternal and Child Health Consortium to provide appropriate oral care to the children enrolled in the program. The program's Oral Hygiene Guidelines require that every child brush their teeth at least once a day while in the daycare. "Each child will have their own toothbrush, and will receive assistance if they can't brush on their own. So far yellow toothbrushes are our hottest items." Mrs. Bunting said.



"With all of the problems that children in New Jersey are facing, setting the standard of health care in our industry is a duty we have to the public," said Charles Bunting, CEO of MCCMDC.

The Centers for Disease Control have reported that dental caries (tooth decay) are the most prevalent infectious disease affecting young children. Early childhood tooth decay has reached epidemic proportions among children in New Jersey. Proper oral hygiene is the best way to prevent tooth decay in children according to CDC reports. Mercer County Children's Medical Daycare, in partnership with Kim Bongiorno, RDH, BS from the Central New Jersey Maternal and Child Health Consortium, are committed to reversing the trend of childhood tooth decay.

Vice President, Beverlyn Grissom said, "All pediatric medical daycares in New Jersey should be required to include the oral care of children in their programs. In this case, the partnership of a public and private organization works to promote children's oral health, improve their quality of life, and eliminate oral health disparities. It just makes sense."

For more information on preventing childhood tooth decay, visit www.cdc.gov and www.cnjmchc.org.