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COMMUNITY BASED CARE OF CENTRAL FLORIDA AND FLORIDA DENTAL ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION GIVE 75 LOCAL FOSTER KIDS HEALTHY SMILES

Orlando, Fla. – (June 13, 2014) – Local foster kids were all smiles after receiving free dental care at a clinic hosted by [Community Based Care of Central Florida](#) (CBC) and the [Florida Dental Association Foundation](#). Seventy-five children stepped onto two mobile bus units for private appointments during the third annual Project: Dentists Care clinic, held June 12 and 13 during the Florida National Dental Convention at the Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center.

Foster kids often lack access to routine dental care, according to CBC of Central Florida, the nonprofit organization that oversees foster care and adoption in Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties. The American Academy of Pediatrics notes that about 35 percent of children and teens enter foster care with significant dental and oral health problems.

During the clinic, dentists and hygienists volunteered their time to perform cleanings, X-rays, extractions and other procedures, and provide foster parents with referrals to dentists and oral surgeons for follow-up visits.

“Offering access to quality healthcare is an important part of our mission to protect every child, every day,” said Glen Casel, CEO of Community Based Care of Central Florida. “We’re grateful to the dental professionals who volunteered their expertise to help our kids experience a healthy childhood.”

Added Dr. David Russell, president of the Florida Dental Association Foundation: “By providing basic dental services to these children, we can make a significant difference in their lives by preventing oral disease and counseling them on how to take care of their teeth and gums at home. The Florida Dental Association Foundation is thankful for the chance to give back to our community and look forward to our continued partnership with CBC of Central Florida.”

About Community Based Care of Central Florida

Community Based Care of Central Florida serves more than 3,000 children and their families as the leading nonprofit organization overseeing foster care, adoption and other child welfare services in Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties. For more information, visit www.cbccfl.org, “like” CBC of Central Florida on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CBCCFL or follow it on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/CBCCF>.

About The Florida Dental Association Foundation

The Florida Dental Association Foundation is the charitable arm of the Florida Dental Association (FDA), a statewide association representing Florida-licensed dentists. A constituent society of the American Dental Association, the FDA’s mission is to improve the oral health of Florida residents, promote ethical practice standards and help direct the evolution of the practice environment. To learn more, visit www.floridadental.org.