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Health Department Receives \$16,000 Oral Health Grant

FAYETTEVILLE – The Cumberland County Department of Public Health has been awarded a \$16,000 grant from the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services to expand its dental sealant program. The grant funds offered through the Oral Health Partnership will be used to pay for sealant supplies.

As part of the grant, the Oral Health Partnership requires dental hygienists be trained and qualified as Public Health Dental Hygienists. Del' Veria Marenco, a dental hygienist in the department, will complete the training offered through the partnership and become a Public Health Dental Hygienist qualified to apply dental sealants to patients' teeth, which will increase the clinic's ability to serve more clients.

"We are excited about this opportunity to bolster our efforts in combating oral disease and to provide additional dental services in order to improve the community's oral health, which is essential to general health and well-being," said Dr. Eddie Graham, Cumberland County Public Health Dentist.

The dental clinic is open Monday through Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 1:30 – 5:30 p.m. For more information or to make an appointment, call 910-433-3613. Additional staffing hours are used to conduct dental screenings at schools and to provide services at the Cumberland County Detention Center.

The Health Department's Dental Clinic provides services for children from birth to 20 years of age. Services provided include exams, radiographs, hygiene education, cleanings, fluoride, sealants, fillings, extractions, space maintenance, stainless steel crowns and referrals. Payment for service is income-based, according to a sliding scale.

If you would like more information about the Cumberland County Department of Public Health's programs and services, health-related data, or community resources, please call 910-433-3600 or visit with someone at the information desk, or visit our website at co.cumberland.nc.us/health.aspx#. Comments are welcome and can be submitted on our website at co.cumberland.nc.us/health/commentsform.aspx. The Health Department is located at 1235 Ramsey St. Fayetteville.

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