



## **Connecticut State Dental Association**

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### **CT State Dental Association Participates in Free Hartford Health Fair**

On Saturday, Aug. 8, the Connecticut State Dental Association (CSDA) will be participating in a health fair at the Pentecostal Deliverance Ministries Church in Hartford. Free dental screenings and oral health education will be provided by Dr. Richard Lechner, a general dentist in New Britain, and Josephine Bicknell, the CSDA's Community Outreach Coordinator. The health fair will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 31 Mather St. All services are free of cost.

"I am thrilled to be a part of such a wonderful event. Dental care is often overlooked, but it is extremely important to your overall health. With the current economy, free health services are unfortunately sorely needed." said Dr. Lechner.

The CSDA is working with legislators and public officials to improve access to dental care. The CSDA sponsors statewide and national outreach programs such as Give Kids A Smile and the Connecticut Mission of Mercy, which provide dental care for uninsured and underinsured children and adults.

"Since the Give Kids A Smile 2009 program kicked off on Feb. 6, over 2,090 Connecticut children have received free dental care from state dental professionals. In addition, over 1,800 CT residents received free dental care at the 2nd CT Mission of Mercy in New Haven this past April," said Dr. Bruce Tandy, CSDA President and practicing dentist in Vernon/Rockville.

"While we work to find a long term solution to the growing health care crisis, we plan on participating in more events like this to help those in need. The CSDA will also be attending the Back to School health fair in Meriden on Aug. 18," said Bicknell.

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The Connecticut State Dental Association (CSDA) has 2,700 members including dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants. As the trusted leader and voice for oral health care in CT, the CSDA has advocated for the public's health and promoted the art and science of dentistry since 1864. For more information about the CSDA, visit the Association's Web site at [www.csda.com](http://www.csda.com).