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### **Celebrating the School Health Service Heroes of Sacramento County**

**Sacramento, CA** – The school-based oral health screening program, Early Smiles Sacramento, a program of the Center for Oral Health, will be hosting a reception to celebrate the dedication and fortitude of school health services staff across Sacramento County.

“School health services staff have not only been instrumental to the success of the Early Smiles Sacramento Program, but they have taken on so much in recent years to ensure the health and safety of students throughout Sacramento County,” said Tiffany Turner, the Chief Operating Officer of the Center for Oral Health.

“Not only were school health services staff tasked with keeping students healthy and in school throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, but they have also had to face a growing student mental health crisis and fentanyl epidemic. We wanted to show our appreciation for all that they do for Sacramento County kids,” said Kevin Scott, Chief Executive Officer of the Center for Oral Health.

Established in 2016 with support from LIBERTY Dental Plan, HealthNet, and Access Dental, Early Smiles Sacramento provides oral health education, dental screenings, topical application of fluoride varnish, and navigation services to students in 15 school districts across Sacramento County. Since its inception, the program has served over 300 schools, attended 50 community events, providing over 27,000 dental screenings, and educated over 45,000 students on the importance of oral health annually.

The Early Smiles Sacramento Heroes in Health Services Reception will take place on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at the Lexus Lounge at the Golden 1 Center.