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Dental Hygiene Clinic offers services for children and adults

The dental hygiene clinic at the University of Southern Indiana provides services to children and adults and is available to all members of the community. USI dental hygiene students, supervised by dental hygiene faculty, do the assessments and treatments. They offer cleanings, x-rays, fluoride treatments, and sealants for nominal fees.

Deborah Carl, dental hygiene program director, said the clinic encourages regular dental hygiene care to prevent diseases affecting the teeth and gums. She said students and faculty promote good oral hygiene and tell patients about the importance of brushing, flossing, healthy diet, and regular examinations with the dentist.

The dental hygiene clinic is located in the Health Professions Center at USI. This spring semester the clinic hours for appointments are 8:30 a.m., 1 p.m., and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Appointments can be made by calling 812/464-1706. Toothbrushes and floss are provided with the service.

February is National Children's Dental Health Month. Supported by the American Dental Hygienists' Association and the American Dental Association, the program emphasizes the role of prevention and early intervention in children's oral health. Ms. Carl said, "Education at an early age is one of the best ways to prevent dental disease. Our students help children learn about teeth and gums and offer proper tooth-brushing techniques, and that establishes a good start toward children's oral health."

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