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MILITARY DENTISTS VISIT KIDS FOR DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16, 2016 – Going to the dentist can be a scary experience for kids. To alleviate anxiety, military dentists from Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling (JBAB) are visiting base Child Development Centers (CDCs) to teach kids about the importance of oral hygiene.

The visits are part of Dental Health Awareness Month. However, children enrolled at JBAB CDCs practice oral hygiene year-round. They all have toothbrushes on-site at the centers and they brush their teeth after breakfast as part of their daily curriculum.

These visits reinforce the importance of healthy teeth. Visits like this also allow the children to get familiar with the dentist, so they won't be afraid when they go in for a check-up.

Media personnel are invited to cover the Feb. 17 visit to CDC I on JBAB. Press call time is 9 a.m., Feb. 17; late arrivals will not be accommodated. News media will meet their JBAB Public Affairs escort at the Joint Base Visitors Center, which is located at the South Gate just off I-295 (exit 1).

All media personnel who intend to cover the event must send the following information to michelle.gordon@navy.mil **before 8 a.m. Feb. 17:**

- Correspondent's full name
- Date of birth
- Media outlet
- Correspondent's driver's license number and state (the card, NOT car tag)

Photo outline:

Giselle, 2, uses a giant toothbrush to remove the "sugar bugs" from dental assistant Airman 1st Class Carmen Coleman's tooth costume. Coleman and Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling dentist, Air Force Capt. Matthew Burns, visited JBAB CDC II Feb. 2, 2015 to teach kids about the importance of oral hygiene. (U.S. Navy photo by Michelle L. Gordon)