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Knox County TennCare Kids hosts Checkup In The City

Knoxville, Tenn. – Knox County Health Department's (KCHD) TennCare Kids Community Outreach staff is teaming up with regional managed care organizations and the Five Points Up coalition to host **Checkup In The City on Saturday, June 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Austin East Magnet High School**, 2800 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue. The event is free and open to the public.

"We're inspired by our partners' dedication to child health, and have enjoyed working with them to create this fun and educational program for families," said KCHD TennCare Kids Community Outreach Manager Charlayne Frazier.

At the event, free well-child health and dental screenings will be offered for children on TennCare. The program will also include interactive health learning stations, music, refreshments and more. Families and children of all ages are encouraged to attend.

"The well-child screenings at this event will offer parents the opportunity to get their child's important screenings completed as well as encourage them to make an appointment to see their primary care physician for those crucial annual checkups," added Frazier.

TennCare Kids is a full program of checkups and health care services for children who have TennCare. From birth to age 21, TennCare Kids services help ensure babies, children, teens and young adults receive the health care they need. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends children receive a yearly physical from their primary care physician. Well-child care is an opportunity for parents to raise questions and concerns about a child's development, behavior or overall well-being, topics that can be harder to discuss during a sick visit.

Event partners include Amerigroup, BlueCare, Community Outreach TennCare Kids, DentaQuest, Five Points Up, Knox County Schools, Project Grad, ProHealth, United Healthcare Community Plan, WellChild Inc., Western Heights Dental and Knox County Health Department.

About Knox County Health Department:

The Knox County Health Department (KCHD) is a governmental agency dedicated to making every person a healthy person. As the first health department in Tennessee to achieve national accreditation by the Public Health Accreditation Board, KCHD's mission is to encourage, promote and assure the development of an active, healthy community through innovative public health practices. The organization conducts disease surveillance, prevention and control; emergency preparedness; nutrition and physical activity promotion; tobacco use prevention; health equity promotion; immunizations; and much more. For more information, visit www.knoxcounty.org/health.

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