

RCRMC's 9th Annual Kids Health & Safety Fair

Riverside County Regional Medical Center held its 9th Annual Kids Health and Safety Fair May 12 at the Mission Grove Plaza, with more than 700 persons taking advantage of the free services and valuable information provided.

Sixty-five agencies and organizations provided health and safety education, injury prevention materials and information on services available to the residents of Riverside County. Most organizations featured free give-away items and child activities. Some favorites with the children were face painting and cotton candy provided by RCRMC's Department of Psychiatry, and snow cones provided by Valley View High School Health Careers Academy.

But there was even more! The Cooking Store handed out samples of fruit smoothies, RCRMC Foundation fingerprinted over 137 children and provided parents a completed fingerprint/medical information card and photo of their child, and, thanks to the Inland Empire Health Plan, 190 bike helmets were distributed.

A special feature of the RCRMC Kids Health and Safety Fair was the free children's health screening (Kindergarten thru 12th grade) provided by RCRMC Clinic Services. Mission Grove Dentistry provided free dental screenings, and RCRMC's First 5 Dental Program was on-hand to sign children up for their low-cost dental program. An estimated 90 children were seen in the health screening area, and over 35 in the dental area.

Among the emergency vehicles on display were the City of Riverside Police Department Motorcycle and Bomb Squad, American Medical Response Ambulance Services, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers DUI Vehicle, California State Park - Lake Perris Patrol Unit, and Riverside Commuter Transportation's 40 foot bus.

RCRMC thanks everyone who helped to make this year's event the best yet. If you missed this year's fair, mark your calendars today for next year (second Saturday in May). Each year, the Kids Health & Safety Fair provides fun, entertainment and most importantly, valuable resources and information for our community.