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## **Health Outreach Effort Promises Resources, Referrals & Teddy Bear Remedies!**

**(March 6, 2009) HEMET, CA** — Does Teddy have an ouchie? Get him checked at the Teddy Bear Clinic, only open during the Hemet Unified School District First 5 Preschool Program's Family Health Faire on Friday, March 13, 2009.

The clinic is just one of many fun ways families can learn about health, connect with community health care providers and get referrals.

The annual event, which is open to the public and held 4-6:30 p.m. at 633 E. Kimball Ave. in Hemet, features the clinic with free bears for children through age 5, an interactive exhibit on germs and hand washing, finger printing, raffles and more than a dozen vendors with valuable health information for parents and caregivers in the San Jacinto Valley!

Call Josie Becerra at 765-1648 ext. 207 for more information on this event, which is part of the district's First 5 Riverside-funded school readiness programs.

Other components of the district's school readiness programs include training for early childhood professionals; a comprehensive program, including health and social services, parenting, family support services, and resource and referral, that addresses the emotional, social, physical and cognitive needs of children ages 0-5 and their families; "Parents As Teachers" home-based preschool services; a center-based, half-day preschool class; kindergarten transition parent activities; parent workshops; a health fair and health outreach, including some vision, hearing, dental, nutrition and medical services; and literacy events.

*First 5 Riverside, the Riverside County Children & Families Commission, is a public entity funded by Proposition 10 tobacco tax revenues and established by the County Board of Supervisors in 1999. First 5 Riverside provides funding of early education, health and child care services that help children through age 5 develop a strong foundation for success in school and throughout their lives. For more information about First 5 Riverside programs and other funded services, call 951-248-0014 or Toll Free 800-266-3880 or visit [www.rccfc.org](http://www.rccfc.org).*