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Welcome to our Office!

Thank you for selecting Children's Dentistry of DuPont to provide for your child's dental health care needs. We are excited to welcome your child to his/her new Dental Home!

This is a specialty practice limited to the delivery of dental services to children from 0 to 18 years of age and individuals with special health care needs. Dr. Takenaka has received an additional two years of specialty training in children-specific oral health care beyond the standard education required to become a general or family dentist. She has been certified as a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry, is a member of numerous local and national dental organizations, and is committed to maintaining high standards in dental education and treatment for the young.

Our office has been designed and equipped to maximize patient safety and comfort. Our main treatment areas include an Open Bay with 4 dental chairs and a private treatment "Quiet Room" with a single dental chair. Your child may be seen in the Quiet Room for their visits per our discretion and/or if requested by the parent. For routine check-ups and first visits, most patients are seen in the Open Bay. We utilize digital intraoral and panoramic radiography.

Our staff is highly skilled in their respective areas of dental health care delivery and is committed to providing the best and most efficient care to each and every patient. Our goal is to make every child's visit as pleasant as possible while accomplishing the treatment goals at hand. We strive to treat every child as if he or she were our own. We are focused on the importance of preventive care and dental health education and hope that the lessons learned in our office will enable your child to embrace good oral health habits for a lifetime.

Because new people and places can be intimidating, we welcome parents to accompany their children back into the treatment areas for their first visit to the office and initial examination. The first visit procedures are designed to familiarize your child with the dental environment and are tailored to best serve each individual child's needs. As your children become more comfortable with us, we encourage you to relax in our waiting area and allow them to demonstrate their independence by coming back into the treatment areas on their own. Many young children react to new experiences and environments by getting upset and crying. We will work with your child to overcome their fears and help them become Dental Superstars!

While it is important for you to work with your child at home to prepare them for their visit, please avoid "scary" words like "shot," "needle," "pull," "cut," or "drill." Children interpret "they're only going to hurt you a little" as "this is going to hurt me a lot" and will behave accordingly! Children can become more scared and apprehensive in the time between appointments from well-intentioned but misguided "prep-talk" from family members and friends than they were when in the office. We work to keep the experience as fun and non-threatening as possible and will often use "kid-friendly" terms to explain procedures to our patients.

A more in-depth review of our General Office Policies and Financial Policy will be made available to you at your child's initial appointment. Welcome and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

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