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**DELTA DENTAL AWARDS \$52,244 TO 13 AGENCIES
FOR ORAL HEALTH PROJECTS ACROSS IOWA**

ANKENY, IA - July 19, 2007 - Delta Dental of Iowa has awarded \$52,244 to 13 agencies across Iowa to improve the oral health of Iowans.

The oral health grants are part of Delta Dental's Public Benefit mini-grant program reviewed on May 1st and October 1st of each year. Mini-grants are intended to support one-time only projects such as workshops or conferences related to oral health; short-term oral health projects of up to one-year duration such as a survey, data collection or research study; to stimulate potential for a longer-term, follow-up project; or combined funding with other sources.

The mini grants awarded by Delta Dental include:

- **Council Bluffs - Word of Mouth: Oral Health Education Connection**, \$5,000 to provide oral health educational materials and prizes at the Kidz Explore Event.
- **Siouxland Community Health Center**, \$3,000 to provide oral health screening supplies and educational materials.
- **River Hills Community Health Center**, \$5,600 to fund mobile dental equipment to be utilized at schools and Head Start sites in eight southeast Iowa counties.
- **Children and Families of Iowa**, \$6,000 to provide the expansion of Meth Mouth educational training program in 15 counties and into their residential Cornerstone Recovery facility.
- **Edgerton Women's Health Center**, \$2,500 to fund the Cavity Free Tots program to expand oral health educational outreach.
- **North Iowa Community Action Organization**, \$2,900 for a laptop and digital projector for oral health education presentations.

“This is our second year of conducting the mini-grant process and we are very pleased at Delta Dental to support agencies across the state that are addressing the oral health needs of their community,” said Donn Hutchins, president and CEO, Delta Dental of Iowa. “Delta Dental’s Public Benefit Program makes significant outreach contributions throughout the year to have a measurable impact on the oral health of Iowans.”

For more information about Delta Dental of Iowa’s Public Benefit Program and a full listing of the mini-grants, visit the company’s website at www.deltadentalia.com.

Delta Dental of Iowa supports a number of community benefit programs as part of its not-for-profit mission to improve the oral health of Iowans. In 2006, the company contributed more than \$400,000 to oral health projects in Iowa, benefiting underserved children and the elderly. Delta Dental of Iowa, the largest and most experienced provider of dental benefits in the state, is a member of the Delta Dental Plans Association, a national organization of not-for-profit Delta Dental member companies. The national association is the largest dental benefits carrier in the nation, providing coverage to more than 47 million people in nearly 81,000 employer groups.

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