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DELTA DENTAL AWARDS GRANTS TO ORAL HEALTH PROJECTS

ANKENY, IA. June 20, 2006 -- Delta Dental of Iowa has awarded \$75,000 in mini-grants to public health projects throughout the state of Iowa. The grants are part of Delta Dental's Public Benefit Program to improve the oral health of residents of Iowa.

"Delta Dental established the mini-grants program this year to help meet the short-term needs of oral health projects in Iowa," said Donn Hutchins, president and CEO, Delta Dental of Iowa. "The response to this initial round of grants has been very strong, and we are pleased to support projects that reach out across the state."

Delta Dental mini-grants will support the following projects:

- School Smiles Dental Sealant Program, Des Moines Health Center, Des Moines
- Bright Futures Program for children in southwest Iowa, Word-of-Mouth Oral Health Connection, Council Bluffs
- Big Smile oral health education program, Drake University Head Start, Des Moines
- Oral health barriers survey, Johnson County Public Health, Iowa City
- Clarke County Smiles Program, Clarke County Public Health, Osceola
- Dental Health Starts at Birth Program, Lutheran Services in Iowa, Muscatine
- Oral health assessment program for families in Buena Vista, Clay and Emmet counties, Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Storm Lake
- Pediatric oral health prevention training for primary care providers, Iowa/Nebraska Primary Care Association, Des Moines
- Cavity-Free Tots Program, Edgerton Women's Health Center, Davenport

- Oral health training for child care providers, Child Care Resource and Referral of NE Iowa, Waterloo
- Tobacco control education for dental professionals, College of Dentistry, University of Iowa
- Geriatric mobile clinic, College of Dentistry, University of Iowa

For more information about the Delta Dental of Iowa mini-grants program, visit the company's website at www.deltadentalia.com.

Delta Dental of Iowa is the largest and most experienced provider of dental benefits in the state. The Iowa company 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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