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**Inner City Health Center Now Providing Dental Care for Children and Teens
During Regular Medical Visits**

DENVER – July 6, 2015 – Inner City Health Center (IHC) is now offering a variety of preventive dental health services for children and teen patients during regular medical visits.

These dental visits take place during sick visits or well-child checkups in the medical clinic. The preventive services available include oral exams, screenings, fluoride varnishes and sealants. Patients will then be referred to IHC’s dental clinic for follow-up care, if needed.

One hygienist is available to see patients in the medical clinic Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

To make an appointment, please call (303) 296-1767.

IHC is able to offer these services through funding it received from Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation’s (DDCOF) Colorado Medical-Dental Integration (CO MDI) Project. This five-year project integrates dental hygienists in 16 Colorado primary care clinics in an effort to increase access to preventive dental health services. DDCOF has awarded approximately \$1.95 million in funding to the CO MDI clinics to hire hygienists, purchase equipment and deliver care.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, tooth decay is the most common chronic disease among U.S. children ages 6 to 11. CO MDI is designed to improve the dental health of Colorado’s youngest residents and reach families who have limited access to dental care due to geographic barriers, lack of insurance or transportation difficulties.

For a complete list of the CO MDI clinics as well as more information on the project, please visit www.deltadentalcofoundation.org/initiatives.



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About Inner City Health Center

Inner City Health Center (IHC) provides comprehensive, compassionate and accessible health care for all in one convenient location. For over 30 years, IHC has been a vital resource to the metro-Denver community serving approximately 6,500 underinsured and uninsured patients annually. We use a care model that integrates medical, dental and counseling services to address the needs of the whole person and whole family. Today, just as it was at its creation, IHC continues to serve those who are in the most need with respect and dignity.

About Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation

Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation's mission is to improve the state's oral health by eradicating childhood tooth decay. Over the past 15 years, the Foundation's initiatives have included educational programs targeting low-income, high-risk families; support of dental health education for medical and dental students as well as providers; and opportunities to teach good dental habits and cavity prevention among pregnant women and children. As a 501(c)(3) organization, the Foundation works to make good dental health a community priority. A core belief is that, because dental disease is almost 100 percent preventable, efforts to improve oral health will result in a healthier Colorado overall. To learn more about the Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation, please visit www.deltadentalcofoundation.org.