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**Rocky Mountain Youth Clinics Expands Dental Care Hours at Aurora Clinic**

Aurora, Colo. – July 27, 2015 – Rocky Mountain Youth Clinics (RMYC) is now offering preventive dental health services at its Aurora Clinic four days each week. Dental care is available during sick visits or well-child checkups with RMYC medical providers as well as by appointment.

Two RMYC dental hygienists provide oral health education, exams, regular cleanings, fluoride varnishes and sealants Monday – Wednesday and Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The RMYC Aurora Clinic is located at 1550 South Potomac Street, Suite 130.

RMYC sees children ages newborn – 18 at its Aurora Clinic. Patients are able to receive care regardless of a family’s ability to pay. All forms of health insurance, including Medicaid and Child Health Plan *Plus*, are accepted.

RMYC has expanded dental care hours at its Aurora Clinic through funding it received from Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation’s (DDCOF) Colorado Medical-Dental Integration (CO MDI) initiative. The first initiative of its kind in the U.S., CO MDI will integrate dental hygienists in 16 Colorado primary care clinics over five years in an effort to increase access to preventive dental health services.

“Through CO MDI, our Aurora Clinic is a fully integrated primary care clinic, offering patients physical, dental and behavioral health care all in one place,” said Anne Taylor, director of practice management, Rocky Mountain Youth Clinics. “Now, all of our patients’ health care needs can be addressed together, which is more convenient and comfortable for them and their families.”

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. DDCOF has awarded approximately \$1.95 million in funding to the CO MDI clinics to hire hygienists, purchase equipment and deliver care.

**To make an appointment at the RMYC Aurora Clinic, please call (303) 360-8111.** For a complete list of the CO MDI clinics as well as more information on the initiative, please visit [www.deltadentalcofoundation.org/initiatives](http://www.deltadentalcofoundation.org/initiatives).

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#### **About Rocky Mountain Youth Clinics**

Rocky Mountain Youth Clinics is a non-profit organization, established in 1996, that provides quality health care to over 30,000 children – from newborns to age 18 – in schools, hospitals, clinics and mobile units across the metro Denver area and Eagle County. Our experienced professionals focus on meeting all of the child’s health needs, including medical and dental care, behavioral health counseling and healthy lifestyle programs. We partner with the community to connect kids and families to the services they need, even beyond health care. We treat our families with respect, compassion and understanding of different cultures and languages, regardless of the family’s ability to pay. Compassion. Comprehensive care. Connecting kids to healthy lives. That’s Rocky Mountain Youth Clinics.

#### **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](http://www.deltadentalcofoundation.org).