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Delta Dental awards 25 Iowa agencies over \$144,000 for oral health projects

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JOHNSTON, Iowa -- The Delta Dental of Iowa Foundation awarded \$144,765 to 25 Iowa agencies to improve the oral health of Iowans through its mini-grant program.

The Foundation awards mini-grants twice a year in May and October. Mini-grants are intended to support one-time oral health projects, such as workshops or conferences, or short-term projects of up to one-year in duration, such as a survey, data collection or research study. These grants are also used to stimulate long-term oral health projects and may be combined with funds from other sources.

Area agencies being awarded mini-grants by the Delta Dental of Iowa Foundation in 2010 include:

***Davenport, Edgerton Women's Health Center** - \$3,000 for "Start Them Young," oral health care for infants and toddlers.

***Quad Cities, Bethany for Children & Families** - \$9,000 for "Give Kids a Smile" dental program.

Delta Dental of Iowa is the largest and most experienced provider of dental benefits in the state. As a not-for-profit, Delta Dental of Iowa invests in oral health projects through the Delta Dental of Iowa Foundation that focus on access to care, prevention, education and research. The Iowa company is a member of the Delta Dental Plans Association, a national organization of not-for-profit Delta Dental plans. The national association is the largest dental benefits carrier in the nation providing coverage to 54 million people in more than 93,600 employer groups.