

# the Colorado MDI Project

## Increasing Access to Preventive Care



**DELTA DENTAL**

An Initiative of Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation

The Colorado Medical-Dental Integration Project (CO MDI) integrates preventive dental services into medical facilities by adding a dental hygienist as a part of the health care team.

Patients visiting their doctor will also be able to see a dental hygienist in a convenient and familiar setting. CO MDI reaches families with limited access to preventive dental services due to:

- Geography
- Insurance status
- Transportation
- Socioeconomic factors

The foundation awarded 26 organizations funding for purchasing equipment and hiring a dental hygienist. As part of this eight-and-a-half-year initiative the hygienists will:

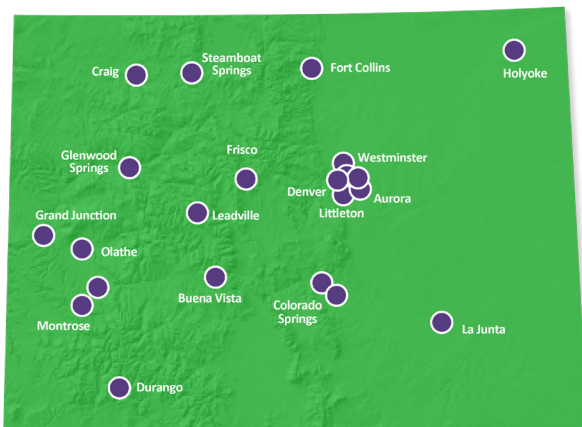
- Provide preventive dental services.
- Coordinate care with the medical care team.
- Collaborate with dentists in the community for comprehensive care.

CO MDI began in 2014 with 16 medical practices across the state of Colorado. In Spring 2018, 10 additional medical practices joined the project. The project team will support each individual practice through startup and implementation.

A multi-year evaluation led by the University of Colorado ACCORDS continues to examine CO MDI. There have been **47,447 total patient encounters through March 2018**, of which:

- 63% kids, 37% adults
- 70% Medicaid, 3% CHP+, 26% Uninsured
- 58% of those needing restorative care have received it

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**26 organizations**  
were awarded grants to  
serve **27 communities**  
in up to **39 locations**  
across Colorado

### Grantee Partners

- Denver Health, School Based Health Centers
- Doctors Care, Littleton
- Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center Foundation, Buena Vista
- Inner City Health Center, Denver
- Rocky Mountain Youth Clinic, Aurora Clinic
- Metro Community Provider Network, South Aurora Family Health Services Center, Aurora
- Summit Community Care Clinic, School Based Health Centers, Summit and Lake Counties
- Worthmore Dental Clinic in partnership with Ardas Family Medicine, Aurora
- Centura Health, St. Anthony North, Westminster
- Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, Denver
- Denver Health, Eastside Connections for Kids Foster Care Clinic
- Marillac Clinic, Mesa County Health Department Site, Grand Junction
- Miramont Family Medicine, Fort Collins
- Northwest Colorado Health, Steamboat Springs/Craig
- Peak Family Medicine, Montrose
- Valley-Wide Health Systems, La Junta
- Axis Health System, Durango
- Denver Health Westside Women's Clinic, Denver
- Melissa Memorial Hospital, Holyoke
- Mountain Family Health Center, Glenwood Springs
- River Valley Family Health Center, Olathe
- Peak Vista Community Health Center, Colorado Springs
- The PIC Place, Montrose
- SET Family Medical Clinic, Centura Health, Colorado Springs
- Summit Community Care Clinic, Frisco
- Sheridan Health Services, Metro Denver