



## Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation 2023 Policy Priorities

Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation works to change systems and structures to create conditions through which everyone can achieve their optimal oral health by supporting public policies that advance oral health equity.

We engage individuals and communities experiencing oral health inequities and disparities to help identify and understand root causes of structural and systemic barriers to achieving optimal oral health and to help inform policy issues and strategies to address them.

### OUR KEY POLICY PRINCIPLES

#### SYSTEMS CHANGE | SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION

Identify and advance strategies, systems, and policies that enhance and support oral health by leveraging systems within and outside of the traditional oral health care system.

Innovations and strategies include integrating care into other sectors and systems (early childhood, school-based care, telehealth, and other modes of care delivery).

#### SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

Promote and advance intersectionality and the oral health needs of communities at highest risk for oral health inequities.

#### FINANCE & COVERAGE

Oral health care is essential health care. Oral health is an integral, rather than a separate, component of health, health care, and coverage. Provider payment for and patient affordability of oral health care supports and promotes access to and provision and receipt of high-quality oral health care.

### ABOUT DELTA DENTAL OF COLORADO FOUNDATION

Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation is dedicated to working alongside community partners so that every person can have a healthy mouth regardless of life circumstances.

Our commitment is clear in our mission to elevate the well-being of all Coloradans by advancing oral health equity. We believe that a healthy mouth leads to a healthy life. Every day we partner with communities to re-imagine how all of our neighbors access, benefit from, and value the importance of oral health care. Because when we go the extra mile for every smile, we elevate the well-being of all Coloradans.

In 2022, Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation announced nearly \$11 million in grants to more than 40 organizations working across the state to ensure all Coloradans have access to oral health care.

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