



Illinois Children's  
Healthcare Foundation

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**Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation Awards more than \$2,400,000  
2010 RFP Building Systems Capacity-Expanding Access to Oral Health Services**

**Oak Brook, IL (Tuesday, October 19, 2010)** - The Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation announced today its investment of more than \$2,400,000 in 12 programs throughout the state of Illinois designed to increase access to oral health care by establishing new services or expanding services. Specifically, funding from this second round of proposals in 2010 will have an impact on children's access to quality oral health services by partnering with organizations that will, in total, be adding 50 dental operatories and increasing the oral health workforce by over 20 professionals. These investments are estimated to provide over 20,000 children visits in their first full year of operations.

These grants marked the fourth year of grant making as part of ILCHF's \$20 million Oral Health Initiative aimed at improving the health of vulnerable Illinois children by expanding their access to oral health care services. Over the past three years, ILCHF has invested over \$13.5 million in targeted efforts designed to build the capacity of the safety-net-system throughout the state to deliver high-quality oral health services; increase the number of oral health professionals caring for underserved children; and create a greater awareness of the role oral health plays in the overall health and well-being of a child.

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***About Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation***

Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation was created in December 2002 through an action between the State of Illinois Attorney General's Office and a private insurance carrier. This action and a settlement of approximately \$125 million established Illinois' only private foundation focused solely on the health needs of children across the state.

In 2007, ILCHF announced its first major initiative in the area of oral health. More than \$20 million is committed over five years on efforts related to building the capacity of the safety net system, workforce development and public education and awareness. In September, 2009, ILCHF announced its second major initiative, the Children's Mental Health Initiative, *Building Systems of Care, Community by Community*.

From the Foundation's inception through 2009, a total of more than \$36 million in grants has been invested in over 225 programs.

For additional information about ILCHF, please see [www.ilchf.org](http://www.ilchf.org).

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**2010 Building Systems Capacity-Expanding Access to Oral Health Services Award Recipients**

<b>Agency/Organization</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Asian Human Services Family Health Center	New Dental Clinic in Uptown Neighborhood of Chicago	\$400,000
Chicago Family Health Center	New Dental Clinic in Chicago Lawn Neighborhood of Chicago	\$276,000
CIDES/Smile Healthy	Planning for Sedation Program in Central Illinois	\$34,000
Community Health Care Inc.	New Dental Clinic in Moline	\$100,000
Community Health Improvement Center	New Dental Clinic in Champaign	\$320,500
The CORE Foundation	New Dental Clinic for Children with HIV in Chicago	\$100,000
Crusaders Central Clinic Association	Expanded Dental Team in Rockford	\$100,000
The Hope Institute for Children & Families	Expanded Clinic for Children with Special Needs in Springfield	\$122,540
Lawndale Christian Health Center	New Dental Clinic in Lawndale Neighborhood of Chicago	\$400,000
Logan County Health Department	New Dental Clinic in Central Illinois	\$128,152
McLean County Health Department	Equipment Upgrades for Clinic in Central Illinois	\$50,000
Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation	New Dental Clinic in Belleville	\$400,000
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$2,431,192</b>