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**ILLINOIS CHILDREN'S HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION
Oral Health Initiative
2010 RFP Building System Capacity – Expanding Access to Oral Health Service**

Oak Brook, IL (April 1, 2010) - Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation (ILCHF) announced today its commitment of over \$4,000,000 to its *2010 Building Systems Capacity – Expanding Access to Oral Health Services* Request for Proposal. The RFP is open to any not-for-profit organization providing or interested in providing licensed, oral health services to children residing within the state of Illinois. The request for proposals is for projects designed to increase access to oral health care by establishing new services or expanding existing services in a clinical setting or implementing a community oral health planning process. For those applicants looking to establish new or expand existing oral health services, the maximum amount to be awarded is up to \$300,000 for capital expenditures and up to \$100,000 for start up costs for the first 6 months. For those applicants looking to undergo a community oral health planning process, the maximum award is up to \$50,000.

As a reminder, the 2010 RFP, *Strengthening the Capacity of the ILCHF Oral Health Network*, launched on March 1, 2010, is open to anyone who currently or has previously received funding through ILCHF's oral health efforts. The request for proposals is for programs designed to reduce barriers preventing children from receiving optimal levels of comprehensive oral health care. These proposals should not create or expand existing physical facilities. Grants will be up to \$75,000. The total pool of dollars available under this source of funding is \$600,000. The first round of applications will be due May 7, 2010. The second round of applications will be due October 1, 2010.

Please see our website www.ilchf.org/ilchffunding/2010ilchfrfps.html for more information on all open 2010 Oral Health Requests for Proposals.

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About Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation

Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation (ILCHF) is the only statewide private foundation focused on improving the health of all children in the State of Illinois. ILCHF was created in December 2002 through an action of the State of Illinois Attorney General's Office. This established the Foundation, which was funded with an investment of approximately \$125 million. This was a result of a settlement with a group of Illinois insurance carriers.

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*.

Since 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.

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