Cavity-Free at Three

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Caring for Colorado Foundation, The Colorado Health Foundation, The Colorado Trust, Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation, Rose Community Foundation, and Kaiser Permanente
have teamed up to fund

Cavity Free at Three

— a three year, $1.5 million, statewide effort aimed at preventing oral disease in young children.

The project's goal is simple:

Every child in Colorado should have access to oral health services to prevent dental disease early in life.

Dental disease is the number one disease of childhood, yet it is preventable. The aim of Cavity Free at Three is to make dental disease in children rare instead of inevitable.

To do so, the project will:

- ✔ **Engage** physicians, dentists, public health nurses, dental hygienists and parents in becoming part of the solution for preventing oral disease in young children.
- ✔ **Provide training opportunities** for health care providers on how to incorporate oral health risk assessment, parent education and fluoride applications for young children into their services.
- ✔ **Work to ensure** that all children have a regular source of dental care starting at age one.
- ✔ **Address the oral health needs** of pregnant women and provide them with extra education about how to care for their infants' teeth.

Thirty community-based organizations across Colorado will participate in the project. They will receive training, technical assistance, educational materials and supplies for implementing maternal and infant oral care protocols into prenatal care, well-child care, public health programs and dental clinics.

A group of Colorado dentists, physicians and dental hygienists who have received special training on new research and methods in preventing oral disease in children will provide the training and technical assistance.

Together we'll work to make all of Colorado's children Cavity Free at Three!