



Our Mission: *Dental Aid provides accessible and affordable oral health care while taking a leadership role in education, collaboration, and advocacy.*

Our History

- Founded in 1974, Dental Aid was the first not-for-profit comprehensive dental clinic in the United States
- Dental Aid serves low-income and uninsured Front Range residents
- Dental Aid has three clinics located in Boulder, Longmont, and Louisville and a satellite clinic located in the Boulder Shelter for the Homeless
- In 2010, Dental Aid provided 7,200 individual children and adults with high-quality, comprehensive preventive and restorative dental care during more than 20,000 visits
- With an annual budget of \$3.5 million Dental Aid provided the market equivalent of \$6.3 million of services in 2010

Our Services

- Dental Aid's patient fees are approximately half of the usual and customary fees in our area
- Dental Aid accepts Medicaid and Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+), but also works with uninsured patients to ensure everyone has access to oral health care regardless of their ability to pay
- *Marcie's Fund for Uninsured Children* provides comprehensive oral health care for uninsured low-income children who might otherwise go without
 - ◀ In 2010, Dental Aid subsidized the market value of more than \$130,000 of oral health care through *Marcie's Fund*, allowing 541 uninsured children to receive the care they needed
- *Bright Smiles for Bright Futures* provides pregnant women with the dental and education services needed to foster healthy pregnancies and healthy children
 - ◀ In 2010, *Bright Smiles* subsidized the market value of more than \$320,000 of oral health care for 440 pregnant women and their children
- *Adult Assured Access* provides elderly, disabled, and medically at-risk adults with the comprehensive oral health care needed to remain healthy
 - ◀ In 2010, *Adult Assured Access* subsidized the market value of more than \$160,000 of oral health care for 452 adults

Our Research

- Dental Aid is conducting a three-year research study to determine the effectiveness of using Xylitol (a sweetener shown to kill cavity causing bacteria) to decrease the transmission of cavity-causing bacteria from mother to child
 - ◀ Mothers participating in the study have their bacterial levels monitored for one year and compared with mothers who declined to use Xylitol
 - ◀ The oral health status of children born to participating women are monitored from ages 1 through 3, and are compared with the oral health status of mothers who declined to use Xylitol
 - ◀ At the end of three years, Dental Aid plans to produce a research paper containing publishable, peer-reviewed data in a journal as yet to be determined