



**Denver Harbor Clinic**  
Houston Community Health Centers, Inc.

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## **New dental facility opens at Denver Harbor Clinic**

*Free dental services and education for 130 pregnant women available through funding from Women's Oral Health Works*

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HOUSTON – November 3, 2008 – Denver Harbor Clinic ([www.denverharborclinic.org](http://www.denverharborclinic.org)), a private nonprofit health center addressing health care inequities in Houston's east side, today announced the opening its new dental facility adjacent to the medical clinic in the community of Denver Harbor.

Appointments for complete dental services at are available now by calling 713-674-3326. Both the medical and dental services are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. New patients are welcome and the clinic and accepts Medicaid, Medicare and most major insurance.

The new dental clinic will offer free services to 130 pregnant women as part of the grand opening. Funding for the services is provided through a grant from the Women's Oral Health Works (WOW) program.

"The goal of the WOW project is to create an interdisciplinary approach to identifying women at the highest risk for oral health problems and reduce transmission of oral disease to their infants," said Dr. Martee Engel, director of Denver Harbor Dental Clinic.

As the only community-based, bilingual dental clinic in a community of 28,000 declared as "Medically Underserved" by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Denver Harbor Dental Clinic expects to provide services to more than 2,000 patients each year. The impact of access to dental care on the overall health of a community is well documented and viewed as key to the clinic's ability to eliminate health inequities.

"There are striking disparities in dental disease by socioeconomic status," said Engel, "Children without access to dental care have as much as twice as many cavities, and when they go untreated, it can lead to other more serious health problems."

Denver Harbor Medical and Dental Clinic is located three blocks north of Lyons Avenue at 424 Hahlo Street.

### **About Denver Harbor Clinic**

Denver Harbor Clinic of Houston Community Health Centers, Inc. is a private, nonprofit community based health center in Houston providing a full range and medical and dental health care to the underserved. Founded in 1999, Houston Community Health Centers, Inc. is addressing lack of access to health care in the largely Hispanic community and spurring neighborhood economic development through new job creation and community improvements.

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