

## **Cavity Free at Three Technical Assistance Team**



### **Dennis J. Lewis, DDS**

For more than 25 years, Dr. Dennis J. Lewis has practiced in all facets of general dentistry from owner of a private practice to staff dentist, and from university professor to Director of General Dentistry overseeing the work of multiple clinics. Throughout his career, he has worked to provide oral health care to the uninsured and underserved. Dr. Lewis is known for the community partnerships he has created to increase access to dental health care, and for his work to integrate medical and dental care.

His many milestones in advancing care for the underserved include:

- Measuring the effects of pre-natal oral health education and treatment during pregnancy on the oral health outcomes of children at 3 year olds
- Establishing relationships with Northern Colorado and Boulder County AIDS Projects to provide much-needed oral health care to people with various stages of HIV.
- Authoring protocols and procedures for a feasibility study of training bi-cultural and bi-lingual dental assistants.
- Establishing referral mechanisms for physicians to refer women during pregnancy for oral health exams and treatment.

- Establishing a relationship with Early Head Start to educate care providers in the early recognition and referral of white spot lesions and the prevention of early childhood caries.

Currently, Dr. Lewis is Director of Dental Aid in Louisville, CO, operating three clinics and coordinating the care provided by five general dentists. He provides clinical direction for grants and strategic plans, creates clinical policies, manages budgets, and provides direct oral health care. For six years, he also served as the Dental Coordinator of the Health District of Northern Larimer County. He also has served as an assistant professor at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center School of Dentistry, Department of Applied Dentistry, and ran his own private dental practice for more than a dozen years. Dr. Lewis received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry from the University of Northern Colorado, and his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of Colorado School of Dentistry.