Community Health Center and Dental School Partnerships
Community Health Center View

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Dental Program

• 6 dental sites
• 35,065 dental visits
• 14,845 dental patients
• 10.5 FTE dentists
• 5.5 FTE hygienists
Fort Lupton Dental Clinic
1115 2nd Street, Fort Lupton, CO
Salud Family Health Centers
Dental School Affiliations

• University of Colorado School of Dentistry
  – Preceptorship Program
  – Residency Program (GPR)
• University of Iowa College of Dentistry
• University of Illinois School of Dentistry
• Tufts University School of Dental Medicine
Fort Morgan Salud Dental Clinic
909 E. Railroad Ave., Fort Morgan, Colorado
Relationship Basics

• Close relationship, “Insider”
• Financial Arrangements
• Affiliation Agreements
• Assurance that CHC practice mirrors dental school curriculum
• Mutual trust
  – CHC provides top quality environment
  – School provides top quality students
Commerce City Dental Clinic
6075 Parkway Dr., Commerce City, CO
Health Center Requirements

- Preceptors well trained and motivated
- Modern well equipped facilities
- Quality Systems in place (JCAHO)
- Established management systems
  - Policies and Procedures
  - Protocols
  - Continuous Quality Improvement
Health Center Requirements

- Orientation Process for students and residents.
- Chairside dental assistants for students and residents.
- Patient acceptance and consents
- Appropriate level of complexity of treatment