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NEW DENTAL VAN TO HIGHLIGHT NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK
State-of-the-art facility debuts August 8

JOLIET ó Will County Executive Larry Walsh and Illinois 11th Congressional District Rep. Adam Kinzinger toured the Will County Community Health Center and its new mobile dental facility today (Monday, Aug. 8).

The tour, which took place at the 1106 Neal Ave. community health center complex in Joliet, is the local highlight of National Health Center Week (Aug. 7-13). The annual National Health Center Week initiative is designed to raise awareness about the mission and accomplishments of the more than 1,200 community health centers in all 50 states.

One of the bright spots in America's health care system, health centers like the Will County Community Health Center (a division of the Will County Health Department), provide health care services to more than 23 million people nationwide. Community health centers traditionally enjoy enthusiastic bipartisan support because of their capacity to provide affordable, high-quality and cost-effective health care to all people regardless of their ability to pay.

Will County's new 40-foot single-body mobile dental van was recently completed by LifeLine Mobile, Inc., of Columbus, Ohio. The facility features digital x-ray capabilities and two fully-equipped dental chairs. It will enable Will County Community Health Center dental professionals to offer services to clients at schools and community shelters who might not otherwise have access to preventive and restorative dental services. The dental van was funded through a grant from the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

“Will County is committed to addressing the needs of the uninsured and the under-insured residents in our communities,” said Walsh. “This dental van is an important part of the county's health care services and will provide important treatments to adults and children alike.”

Will County Board Member Don Gould, who is also on the Will County Board of Health

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and chairman of the Health Committee, said he is equally proud of the new dental van and the services it will offer.

“We have been patiently waiting for this grant to fund this dental van,” Gould said. “We are fortunate in Will County to have good relationships with the dental providers who will offer services in this dental van.”

For more information about primary medical and dental services provided by the Will County Community Health Center, or to schedule an appointment, telephone (815) 727-8670.