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## **OFFICIALS DEDICATE NEW CANBY FAMILY PRACTICE CLINIC**

CANBY, MODOC COUNTY— Staff of the Canby Family Practice Clinic joined state and other officials here today to dedicate the new medical and dental facility built to serve remote northern California communities.

The Canby Family Practice Clinic was constructed with more than \$1 million in grants from a variety of state and private agencies. The 5,000 square-foot building replaces an outmoded clinic facility and is already serving 15-20 new patients a week from this sparsely populated region of Modoc, Siskiyou and Lassen counties. The nearest major medical center is more than 80 miles away.

“This community should be proud of its new facility and the work it took to build it,” said Dr. David Carlisle, Director of the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development. “This clinic shows what can be accomplished in providing quality health care, even in the more remote areas of this state.

“The Canby Family Practice Clinic is a role model for communities that strive to make health care accessible to everyone, including the disadvantaged and elderly,” Carlisle added. “My office is proud to be a part of this outstanding achievement.”

Others speaking at today’s ceremonies included Fred Johnson, Executive Director of the Rural Health Policy Council, which contributed \$100,000 to the project.

“This clinic is a shining example of what rural health care can be when communities band together in a shared vision,” Johnson said. “We expect rural communities around the state will look to Canby to see how it can be done.”

The Clinic’s parent organization, I’SOT Inc., first opened a home for dysfunctional families, juveniles and young adults in 1969. Since then, the Clinic has broadened its purpose and outgrown two previous facilities as the patient load surpassed available room. The new state-of-the-art clinic boasts four dental suites, a large dental laboratory and sterilization room in addition to four medical exam rooms, including one for minor surgery and diagnosis, a drug-testing suite, medical lab and sterilization room.

This expansion project also includes the Behavioral health Department directed by the clinic's on-site licensed clinical psychologist.

The Clinic's Medical Department offers free child health exams, immunizations, pre-employment physicals, primary and family medical care, limited surgical and diagnostic procedures, drug testing, family planning and patient education.

The Dental Department offers services in all seven areas of dentistry, including general dentistry, orthodontics, jaw joint treatment, oral surgery, endodontics, periodontics, pediatric dentistry, and prosthodontics.

The Behavioral Health Department offers psychological assessment, individual and group counseling, testing and evaluation.

In addition, both the medical and behavioral health referral services are available through telemedicine, making distance appointments with providers possible without the stress and expense of travel.

Other contributors to the Clinic include the following:

- California Department of Health Services Health Families Rural Demonstration Project
- California Rural Health Policy Council—Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development
- Sierra Health Foundation, an independent foundation supporting health-related activities in Northern California
- Far Northern Regional Center
- Modoc/Siskiyou Community Action Agency Community Service Block Grant
- Northern Sierra Rural Health Network
- The Tides
- County Medical Services Program
- The California Endowment, the state's largest health foundation, established in 1996 to expand access to affordable, quality health care for underserved individuals and communities, and to promote fundamental improvements in the health status of all Californians.
- Delta Dental Plan of California

- The California Wellness Foundation, an independent, private foundation created in 1992 to improve the health of the people of California by making grants for health promotion, wellness education and disease prevention programs.
- brightSMILES, a Dental Health Partnership for Northern California, funding made possible in part by The California Endowment.

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