



## Dental OPTIONS Columbus, Ohio

### Program Overview

The Dental OPTIONS (Ohio Partnership To Improve Oral health through access to Needed Services) program, established in 1997, aims to increase access to dental services among adults in Ohio. Through a partnership between the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Dental Association, the program connects individuals who need dental care with dentists. Participating dentists can choose to donate or discount care. The program focuses on low-income adults without insurance.

### Program Contact Information

Program Website: <https://oda.org/community-involvement/dental-options/>



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### Program Features

Note: A checked box below indicates an existing program feature.

#### Age

- 0-17 (Children and Youth)
- 18-60 (Adult)
- 60+ (Older Adult)

#### Specific Populations

- Homeless individuals
- Individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities
- Individuals with physical disabilities
- Individuals with specific or complex medical conditions
- Individuals with low income
- Individuals with no dental insurance
- Individuals with Medicaid
- Veterans
- Refugees/immigrants

#### Geography

- Rural
- Urban

#### Service Delivery Setting

- Hospital
- Dental school
- Community/safety net clinic
- Private dental office
- Long-term care facility
- Senior center/community center
- Private residence
- Fairgrounds/stadium/parking lot
- Church
- School
- Homeless shelter
- Public housing

#### Service Delivery Model

- Dental clinic model (e.g. permanent setting)
- Mobile-portable model
- Eligibility and enrollment model (e.g. referrals, care coordination)
- Virtual model (e.g. telehealth)
- Event-based model
- Outreach and education model

#### Staffing

- Dentist
- Dental hygienist
- Dental therapist
- Dental assistant
- Dental/dental hygiene students
- Nursing staff
- Community health workers
- Non-dental clinical staff
- Non-clinical staff

#### Payment for Care

- Medicaid
- No charge to client
- Sliding fee scale
- Out of pocket
- Commercial dental insurance

#### Program Funding

- Foundation/organization grant
- Public funding (e.g. local, state, federal)
- Private donations (e.g. individuals, businesses)

#### Dental and Oral Health Services

- Emergency services
- Basic services
  - Screenings
  - Cleanings
  - Fluoride varnish
  - Sealants
  - X-rays
- Comprehensive services
  - Fillings
  - Scaling/root planing
  - Extractions
  - Oral surgery
  - Root canals
  - Dentures, partials, relines, repairs
  - Crowns
  - Bridges
  - Orthodontics

#### Other Program Services

- Referrals to dental and oral health services
- Care coordination/care management
- Patient education
- Caregiver education
- Provider education
- Advocacy/coalition

#### Integration with Services

- Medical services
- Behavioral health services
- Vision services
- Pharmacy services
- Transportation services
- Translation services
- Nutrition services

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