



Ohio State University Appalachian Geriatric Dental Program

Multiple locations throughout Southern Ohio

Program Overview

The Ohio State University (OSU) Appalachian Geriatric Dental Program, which operated from 2000 to 2012, provided dental services to older adults in the Appalachian Region two times per month. The program provided on-site dental services at locations in Adams, Brown, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Pike, Ross, Scioto, and Vinton counties in Ohio by transporting mobile dental equipment from OSU for each visit. Individuals in need of more extensive dental care were treated at the OSU Geriatric Dental Clinic in Columbus, Ohio.

Program History and Development



Dental clinic held in Gallia County, Ohio at the University of Rio Grande.

In the fall of 2000, the Area Agency on Aging District 7, Inc. (AAA7) partnered with the OSU Appalachian Geriatric Dental Program to complete a pilot program focused on providing mobile dental services to older adults living in Pike County, Ohio. AAA7 coordinated the service delivery through the Community Action Committee of Pike County, Inc., and OSU dental students provided services under the supervision of a licensed dentist. During three separate visits, the program served 45 individuals in the pilot program.

As a result of the success of the pilot program, AAA7 funded the OSU Appalachian Geriatric Dental Program to provide services in the region twice a month. Each clinic was set up at a location convenient to older adults, such as local senior centers, senior housing complexes, or congregate nutrition sites.

Program Sustainability

- The OSU Appalachian Geriatric Dental Program received federal grant funding from the AAA7, which allocated Title IIID, Health Promotion/Disease Prevention funds from the Older Americans Act. Ohio State University provided the required matching funds from the school's dental program budget.
- The annual budget averaged \$75,000 of Title III-D funds with a minimum 15% required match (\$11,250).
- The program ended in 2012 due to changes in requirements for Title III-D funds and OSU ending its involvement with the program.

Program Impact

- Each year, this program provided an average of 321 dental procedures to an average of 215 individuals.
- The OSU Appalachian Geriatric Dental Program collected data on demographics, medical history, client satisfaction, number of individuals served, number of appointments, services provided, and the program's revenue and expenses.
- The program received the Ohio Association of Area Agency on Aging Partnership Award in 2001 and was recognized by the American Dental Association as an outstanding community outreach program.

Program Contact Information

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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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