Oral Health Improvement through Outreach
Multiple locations throughout Ohio

Program Overview

The OHIO (Oral Health Improvement through Outreach) Project allows senior dental students to spend 50 days providing dental care in several of 23 affiliated community clinics throughout Ohio under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist. Students are exposed to multiple dental technologies, observe various practice management models, practice four-handed dentistry, and increase their speed and confidence all while serving a community in need of affordable care. The OHIO Project has produced outcomes benefiting both Ohioans in need of dental care and the next generation of dental professionals by building stronger partnerships with underserved communities. The program also enhances a community service ethic and social responsibility within its students. It aims to equip future dentists with community-oriented competencies necessary to practice in a changing health care environment.

Program Contact Information

Program Website: https://dentistry.osu.edu/about-us/community-outreach-education/oral-health-improvement-through-outreach-ohio-project
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## Program Features

### 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

### 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

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

### Integration with Services
- ☐ Medical services
- ☐ Behavioral health services
- ☐ Vision services
- ☐ Pharmacy services
- ☐ Transportation services
- ☐ Translation services
- ☐ Nutrition services

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