Smiles for Seniors  
Columbus, Ohio

Program Overview

Smiles for Seniors, established in 2005, was an educational program for caregivers of older adults and those who had lost strength and mobility. It was based in Columbus, Ohio. The Ohio Dental Association ran the program, which offered free materials that covered daily oral health maintenance as well as common oral issues and needs. Dentists also visited nursing homes and adult day care facilities to provide educational presentations. Smiles for Seniors ended in 2016.

Program Contact Information

Program Website: https://www.oda.org/
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## Program Features

### Age
- ☐ 0-17 (Children and Youth)
- �蠢 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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