The OHIO Project

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved
College of Dentistry

Community Partners Involved
Columbus Health Department
PrimaryOne Health
Muskingum-Valley Health Center
Coshocton Dental Clinic
Nisonger Center Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
Third Street Family Health Services
Johnstown Rd. Nisonger Center Dental Program
Nationwide Children’s Hospital
McMicken Dental Center
Northside Dental Center
Miami County Dental Clinic
Dental H.O.M.E. Coach
Smile Gallery
Chillicothe Family Dental
Southern Ohio Oral & Facial Surgeons
Dental Center of Northwest Ohio
St. Elizabeth Health Center, Dental Clinic
Lima Community Dental Center
Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Dental Clinic, Chillicothe
Chalmers P. Wylie Veterans Clinic
Lima Community Dental Center
Mercy Medical Center
Family Tree Dental Outreach
Ironton Healthcare Campus
Comfort Dental

Purpose
As part of OSU’s mission of service learning, the College of Dentistry is working to address the number one unmet health need in Ohio - access to dental care. Through the OHIO Project, the College of Dentistry trains excellent, socially aware dental practitioners. Students receive clinical training in a variety of settings, including college-based comprehensive care and specialty clinics, as well as community-based dental clinics.

Nearly 1.2 million working-aged adults (18-64 years of age) in Ohio report that they have dental care needs that have not been met. Fifty-one percent of children in Ohio have experienced tooth decay by the third grade.

More than 3.9 million Ohio adults (45 percent) over 18 years of age have no dental insurance - almost three times more than the number of Ohio adults without medical insurance.

Impact
During the senior year of dental education, students spend 50 days providing dental care in community clinics in Ohio under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist who is adjunct faculty and often an alumnus of Ohio State’s College of Dentistry.

How you can get involved:
• Funding to support our student travel expense

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Students are exposed to multiple dental technologies, observe various practice management models, practice four-handed dentistry, and increase their speed and confidence with an established clinic, all while serving a community in need of affordable care.