



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH
AND EDUCATION

★ Established Sites

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

To get involved, contact:

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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.