



health services

Dental HOME (Health Outreach Mobile Experience) Program

The OHIO Project (Oral Health Improvement through Outreach) improves access to dental care for underserved Ohio adults and children while increasing the College of Dentistry's recruitment and retention of minority students and faculty. The project hopes to reverse oral disease affecting the poor, elderly, and members of racial and ethnic groups. The Dental HOME Coach takes mobile dental care to an estimated 4,500 Columbus students annually within schools where a high need has been identified.

Participating Schools

Franklin County: Columbus City Schools—Alpine, Avondale, Broadleigh, Burroughs, Cassady, Clinton, Dana, East Columbus, Fairmoor, Heyl, Highland, Indianola, Lincoln, Linden, Linden-McKinley, Maize, Medina, Ohio, Park, Parsons, Reed, Second Avenue, Sullivant, Valleyview, Welcome Center at McGuffey, West Broad, Westmoor, Woodcrest

Ohio State Contact

College of Dentistry, 614-688-5567, dent.osu.edu/ohioproject/

Eye Clinic at Ft. Hayes Career Center

Fourth-year optometry students under faculty supervision examine school children from ages 3-18 years, providing corrective eyewear at no charge to those in need. The patients are scheduled for appointments through the school nurses and the nurses typically bring the patients to the examinations and help with the selection and dispensing of glasses. In addition, the optometry students and faculty mentor high school students enrolled in the Fort Hayes opticians program. Hundreds of children have received free eye care and glasses.

Participating Schools

Franklin County: Columbus City Schools—Ft Hayes

Ohio State Contact

College of Optometry, 614-292-5367

Saturday Sports Injury Clinic for High School Athletes

Ohio State's Sports Medicine Center and the Columbus City Schools have formed a partnership to enhance the availability of high-quality sports medicine care for the student athletes in the district. A physician specializing in sports medicine is available to give free evaluations of acute sports injuries in high school athletes through a Saturday sports clinic offered from 8-10am at University Hospital East.

Participating Schools

Franklin County: Columbus City Schools

Ohio State Contact

Sports Medicine Center, 614-293-3600, sportsmedicine.osu.edu/Outreach/CMH_Pub_Schools.htm

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