

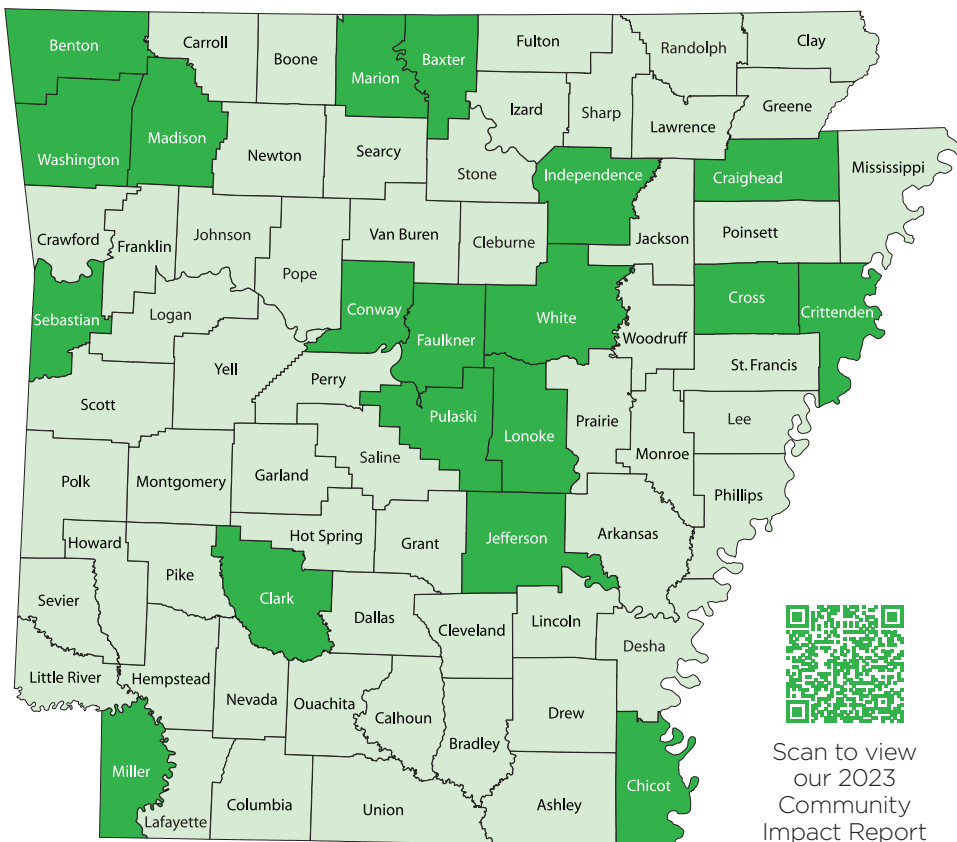
2023 Community Impact — At a Glance

In 2023, the Delta Dental of Arkansas Foundation celebrated its 15th anniversary. Our focus on improving oral health has remained the same, but we boosted our support of many community partners and programs.

By increasing the number of partnerships by 70% and the overall award amounts by 88% compared to the previous year, we helped enhance the quality of life of many Arkansans.

We believe that everyone deserves a healthy smile and hope you will join us in our mission to improve the oral health of all.

65 Organizations Supported Throughout Arkansas in 2023



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2023 COMMUNITY IMPACT

\$1,508,306

Awarded funding in 2023 to improve the oral health of Arkansans

65

Community organizations supported throughout Arkansas

\$36,888

Funding provided to support Community Water Fluoridation



114,168

Lives impacted*

34,549

Toothbrushes and oral health kits donated to the community

18,945

Free or low-cost dental screenings supported with grant funding

466

Students impacted by school sealant programs supported with grant funding

*Lives impacted includes the number served through each grant, the number impacted by community water fluoridation, and the number impacted through oral health kit donation.

OUR MISSION

Transforming oral health through collaboration, innovation, education and service.

We are building dynamic partnerships with Arkansas non-profits, government agencies and schools to develop long-term solutions. Our goal is to fund projects and initiatives that prevent severe oral health issues in an effort to avoid costly interventions later on.

Funding Opportunities



COMMUNITY GRANTS fund initiatives that improve access to oral health care by providing oral disease prevention and treatment services to underserved Arkansans.



MINI GRANTS support small or short-term community-based oral health initiatives.



SUPER SMILES AT SCHOOL GRANTS fund oral health education and treatment at early childhood centers and public schools to benefit K-12 students.



ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION GRANTS support a wide variety of oral health education programs focused on brushing, flossing and seeing the dentist.



STRATEGIC INITIATIVE GRANTS fund the discovery, testing and sharing of creative ideas that have the potential of creating systemic change to improve the oral health of all Arkansans.

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Grantee Spotlight Community Dental Clinic



Since Community Dental Clinic launched two dental offices in Benton and Washington counties almost 30 years ago, its staff has noted a welcome improvement: Oral hygiene is getting better with each generation of patients.

That's a noteworthy development because most patients are underinsured and face significant challenges accessing care. Oral health frequently takes a back seat to food, housing and employment concerns. Obtaining dental care may mean emergency tooth extractions at charitable clinics rather than twice-annual teeth cleanings and discussions with a dentist about proper brushing and flossing.

The Community Clinic dental offices have successfully changed that situation.

They perform most preventive and restorative dental services and bill Medicaid and private insurance as available. Patients who cannot afford their regular co-insurance or deductible or have no insurance may apply for the sliding scale discount, which is based on their income and household size.

The clinics can count on a regular income stream to help fund general operating and program expenses. Donations and grants provide the rest, including a Community Grant from the Delta Dental of Arkansas Foundation.

Patients—knowing they will only receive bills they can pay—are motivated to return year after year for dental care. Some adults started coming as youngsters and now bring their children and grandchildren. This continuity has contributed to improved oral hygiene and oral health among the younger family members.

We applaud this solution of increasing access to affordable dental care.

For more information on specific grants or to apply for funding, visit deltadental.com/foundation or contact the Foundation at foundation@deltadental.com

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