

# Oral Health Training and Workforce Programs

## Academic Year 2018-2019

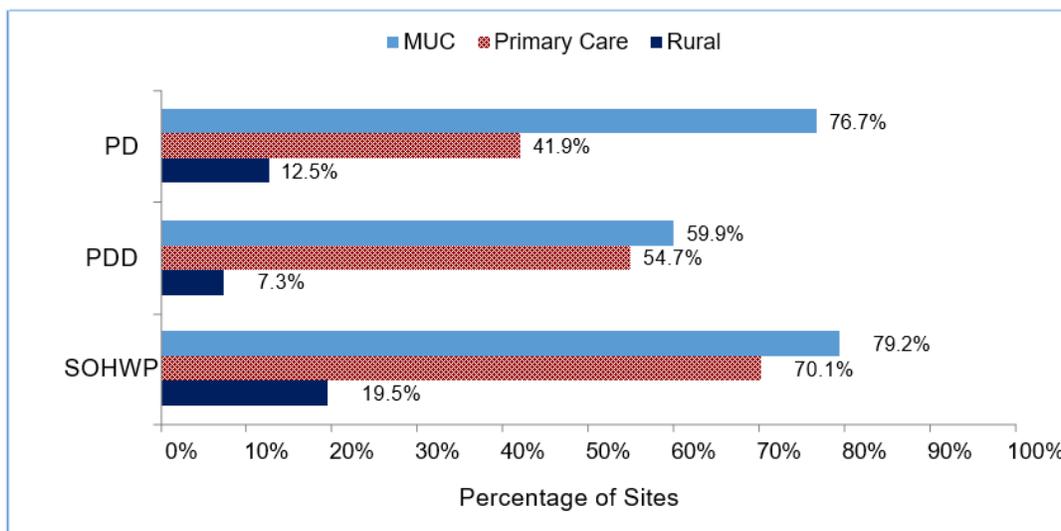
HRSA is the primary federal agency for improving health care to people who are geographically isolated or economically or medically vulnerable. HRSA programs help those in need of high quality primary health care by supporting the training of health professionals – focusing in particular on the geographical distribution of providers to areas where they are needed most.

The Oral Health Training and Workforce Programs are designed to enhance access to oral health services by increasing the number of oral health care providers working in underserved areas and improving training programs for oral health care providers. Below is a descriptive summary of the characteristics and accomplishments of awardee programs and trainees who received funding support during Academic Year 2018-2019.

### Select Program Characteristics

Program Name	Awardees	Trainees	Trainee Characteristics Underrepresented Minority (URM)	Trainee Characteristics Disadvantaged	Graduates/ Program Completers
DFDLRP	9	37	12 (32.4%)	14 (37.8%)	25
DFLRP	19	33	8 (24.2%)	8 (24%)	0
PD	25	10,356	2,475 (23.9%)	3,324 (32.1%)	2,518
PDD	20	494	151 (30.6%)	50 (10.1%)	258
SOHWP	37	14	8 (42.9%)	6 (42.9%)	2

### Clinical Training Settings



Note: A Medically Underserved Community (MUC) is a geographic location or population of individuals that is eligible for designation by a state and/or the federal government as a health professions shortage area, medically underserved area, and/or medically underserved population. Training settings are not mutually exclusive. DFDLRP and DFLRP do not utilize clinical sites for program training purposes.

Dental Faculty Development and Loan Repayment Program (DFDLRP)

Dental Faculty Loan Repayment Program (DFLRP)

Pre-doctoral Training in General, Pediatric, and Public Health Dentistry and Dental Hygiene (PD)

Post-doctoral Training in General, Pediatric, and Public Health Dentistry (PDD)

State Oral Health Workforce Program (SOHWP)

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## Dental Faculty Development and Loan Repayment Program (DFDLRP)

- DFDLRP supported 37 dentists serving as teaching faculty, 27 percent of whom were from rural residential backgrounds.
- Faculty taught 61 courses on oral health and related topics to 2,958 dental students and advanced trainees as part of their loan repayment obligation.
- Awardees sponsored 38 faculty development programs to 261 dental faculty, and 77 new or enhanced instructional curricula offered to 2,743 dental residents and faculty.

## Dental Faculty Loan Repayment Program (DFLRP)

- Awardees supported 33 dentists serving as teaching faculty, 27 percent of whom were from disadvantaged or rural residential backgrounds.

## Pre-doctoral Training (PD)

- Awardees trained 10,356 dental and dental hygiene students, 32 percent of whom were from a disadvantaged background and 24 percent were from an underrepresented minority.
- Thirty three percent of graduates from the prior year who had received funding reported currently practicing in primary care settings within medically underserved communities.
- Awardees collaborated with 313 health care delivery sites to provide clinical training to students; 77 percent of sites were located in a medically underserved community, 42 percent in a primary care setting, and 13 percent in a rural setting.

## Post-doctoral Training (PDD)

- This program produced 258 newly specialized dentists who completed their dental residencies and entered the health care workforce. Of these new dentists, 60 percent were in General Dentistry, 34 percent in Pediatric Dentistry, and 6 percent in Public Health Dentistry.
- Awardees partnered with 137 clinical training sites, 60 percent in a medically underserved community, 55 percent in a primary care setting, and 7 percent in a rural setting.
- All graduates from the prior year reported currently practicing dentistry, of which 83 percent are currently working in primary care settings and 29 percent are currently working in underserved communities and/or rural areas.

## State Oral Health Workforce Program (SOHWP)

- Approximately 50 percent of SOHWP-supported students and dental residents reported coming from a rural residential background.
- Awardees established 6 new oral health facilities for children with unmet needs in dental health professions shortage areas (HPSAs) and expanded 6 oral health facilities in dental HPSAs to provide education, prevention, and restoration services to 13,834 patients.
- Awardees supported 45 tele-dentistry facilities; replaced 7 water fluoridation systems to provide optimally fluoridated water to 1,358,663 individuals; provided dental sealants to 5,060 children; provided topical fluoride to 19,682 individuals; provided diagnostic or preventive dental services to 7,866 persons; and oral health education to 39,674 persons.