

Oral health is a critical but often overlooked component of overall health and well-being. Although good oral health can be achieved through preventive care, regular self-care, and the early detection, treatment, and management of problems, many people suffer from poor oral health, which often has additional adverse effects on their general health and quality of life.

The prevalence of dental disease and tooth loss is disproportionately high among people with low income, reflecting lack of access to dental coverage and care. (Hinton, 2016)”

With the help from the Skaggs Foundation, OACAC has been able to provide dental work for those most in need, living in poverty in Stone and Taney Counties. A total of 25 households and counting have been directly impacted thus far from the \$20,000 grant received from The Skaggs Foundation.

As a result of improved oral health due to the collaborative efforts between OACAC and the Skaggs Foundation, participants have seen an overall improved quality of life. Since poor oral health can lead to a vast array of negative problems that can affect daily activities such as speech, sleep, and the ability to eat, participants have been impacted immediately since receiving assistance.

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