

ANNUAL REPORT



**Texas Oral
Health Coalition**

2023-2024



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VISION AND MISSION

VISION

Optimal health for all Texans

MISSION

Leading efforts to achieve optimal oral health across the lifespan.

GOAL

Encourage collaboration to foster whole person health, eliminate oral disparities and address health inequalities for all Texans.



OUR STORY

The Texas Oral Health Coalition (TxOHC) was established November 17, 2004 through a CDC three-year Cooperative Agreement for the Texas Department of State Health Services, Oral Health Program (DSHS OHP) to create a statewide oral health coalition to advance oral health issues in Texas.

TxOHC became incorporated and acquired nonprofit 501 (c) (3) status in 2008 with the specific purpose to gather and disseminate information relating to oral health and the delivery of oral health care in the state of Texas at no charge to the public.

The coalition's core components are to:

- **Educate** others to increase the capacity of the health care workforce and integrate oral health into all aspects of health care. Through the development of specialized oral health trainings for health care workers in the perinatal and older adult health fields, providing access to available resources and promoting consistent and comprehensive oral health care helps to ensure medical and dental providers have the tools to meet the dental health needs of every Texan.
- **Communicate** and raise public awareness to improve public perception on the value of oral health to overall health and well-being. To help ensure oral health is included in health dialogue and public policy, people can learn from our website, e-briefs, webinar speakers, conferences, and through our collaborations with other organizations to translate the Texas Oral Health report Card, which can be found on the TxOHC website, into action.
- **Advocate** for Texas laws and policies to support access to oral health services for our most vulnerable populations and implement evidence-based prevention strategies to address oral health inequities. TxOHC strives to articulate and promote policies that advocate access to optimal oral health for all populations, regardless of age, gender, race/ethnicity or socioeconomic status. It is our belief that interprofessional understanding and collaboration will achieve better health for Texas citizens throughout their lifespan.

The Texas Oral Health Coalition is proud to have a diverse board and membership that believes in including health equity into all aspects of our work. We do so by designing and creating oral health projects or programs using evidence-based public health initiatives that includes an element of fairness or justice that seeks to address inequity, or oppression to access to care.

2023-2024 Board of Directors

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OUR 2023 IMPACT

TxOHC's goals reflect our commitment to leading efforts to achieve optimal oral health across the lifespan for all Texans as well as developing diverse funding streams to aid in sustainability and to promote the brand of TxOHC. In 2023, TxOHC expanded and enhanced strategic partnerships and continues to leverage opportunities for collaborations. We are excited to share the following metrics below that show our progress as a growing and thriving coalition.

9.2K

Hours of CDE Awarded

1.4K

Professionals Educated

98.7K

Social Media Reach

9.1K

Communication materials downloaded across TxOHC websites

622

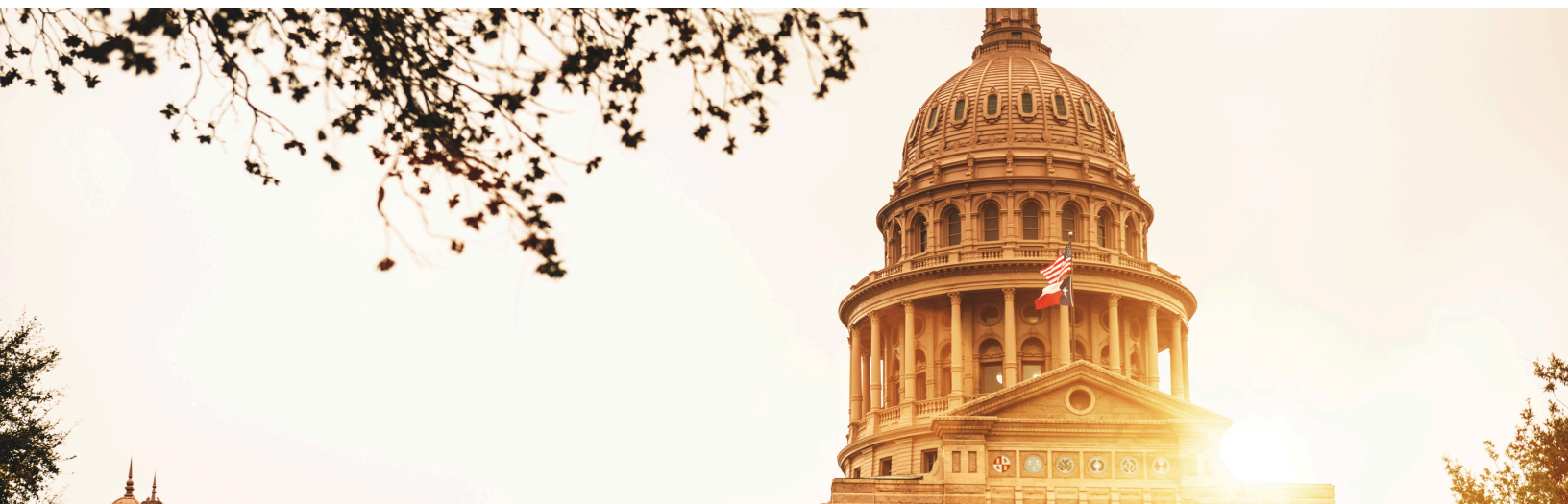
TxOHC members

1.7K

TxOHC stakeholders

PRIORITY AREAS

- **Increase Medical/Dental Integration in Education, Practice and Collaboration**
- **Support Medicare/Medicaid Payment Reform and Care Integration**
- **Promote Teledentistry to Help Increase Access to Care**
- **Promote Fluoridated Drinking Water for Healthy Teeth**
- **Support Innovative Workforce Strategies**



2022-2023 TxOHC Policy Priorities

- Postnatal Medicaid expansion to 12 months
- Increase Medicaid reimbursement for hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers
- Increase Medicaid dental reimbursement fees

EDUCATION

Educate others to increase the capacity of the health care workforce and integrate oral health into all aspects of health care.

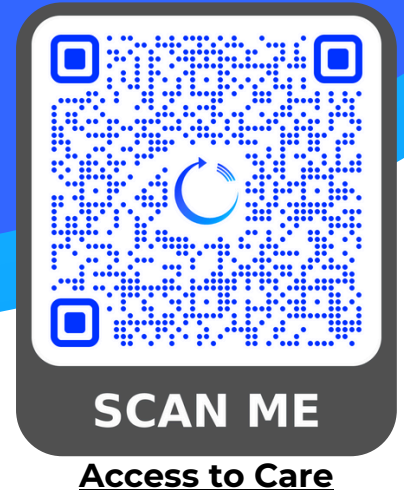
Providing continuing dental education for dental and non-dental health providers ultimately improves an individual's quality of life and TxOHC is thrilled to share **1.4K** professionals received oral health education in 2023, and **9.2K** continuing dental education hours were awarded. TxOHC is also offering a variety of self-instructional webinar learning series that includes topics such as teledentistry, pathology, prescribers, HPV, and treating individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

**1.5K Hours of
CDE Awarded
in the first
half of 2024!**



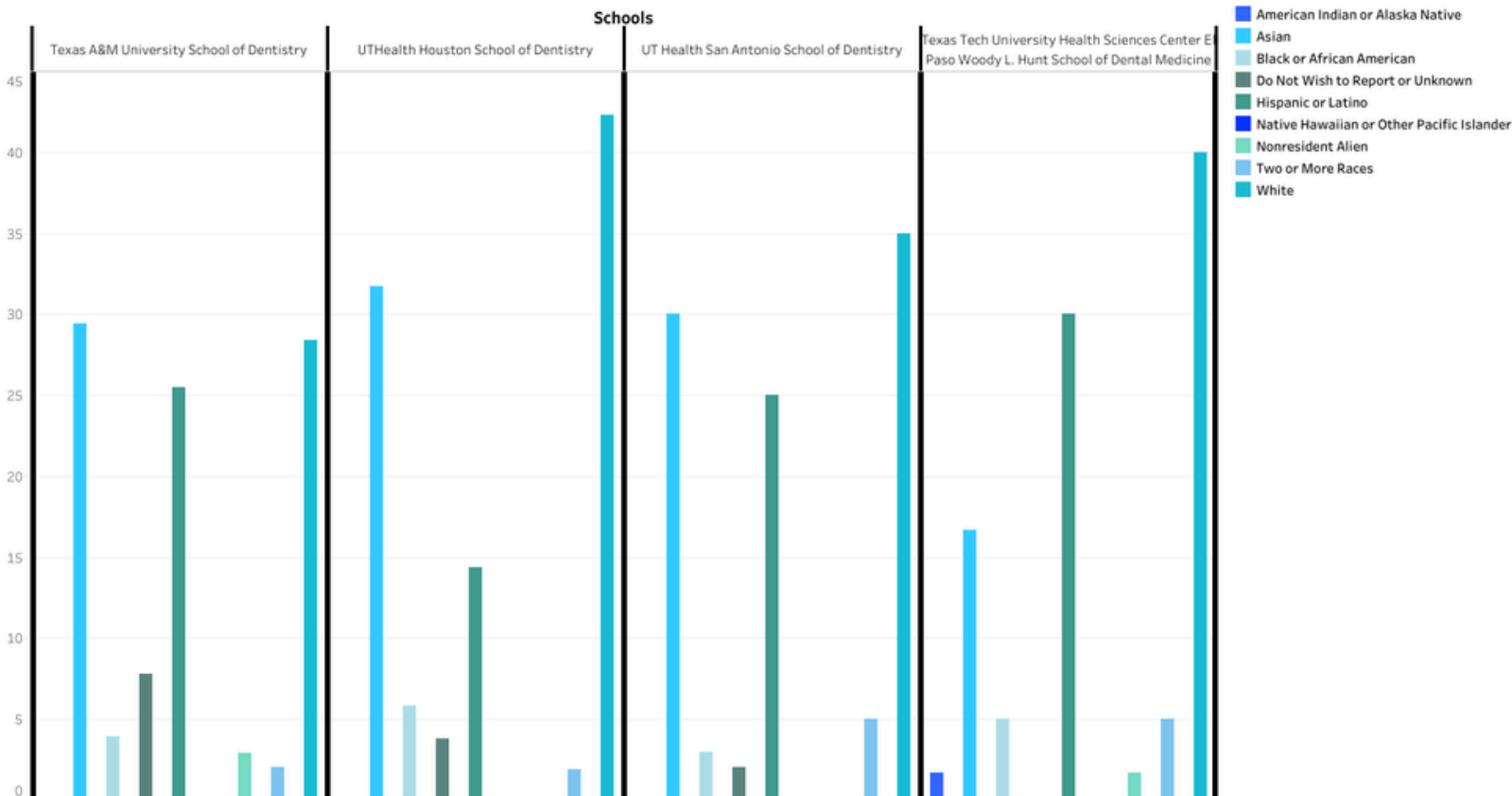
COMMUNICATION

Communicate and raise public awareness to improve public perception on the value of oral health to overall health and well-being.



In 2023 and 2024, TxOHC updated the Access to Care dashboard to include current data and additional information and resources on Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas, health care work force, and dental students in Texas. For additional workforce information, please visit the Access to Care dashboard linked above.

Number of enrollees by race/ethnicity (2023)



ADVOCACY

Advocate for Texas laws and policies to support access to oral health services for our most vulnerable populations and implement evidence-based prevention strategies to address oral health inequities.

TxOHC advocated on several oral health issues during the 88th Texas Legislature that ended May 29, 2023.

- **HB12** relating to the duration of health services provided under Medicaid to women following a pregnancy expanded to twelve months postnatal. *Oral health was not included.*
- **HB3824** allowing the administration of local anesthesia via infiltration by dental hygienists under direct supervision.

The budget from the 88th Texas Legislature did not include funding to operate the Star +Plus Pilot Program (SP3) passed in 2019. Without funding HHSC is not able to move forward with implementing SP3 and will cease work on the program.



TXOHC PROGRAMS



Texas Tooth Steps



Community Homebound Outreach Collaborative



Fluoride for Smiles



Regional Oral Health Coalitions



Professional Education Collaborative



Internship Program

Regional Oral Health Coalitions

Mission: Leading efforts to achieve optimal oral health across the lifespan

Purpose: To improve the oral health of communities and promote partnerships for sustainable, equity-informed, community-driven advocacy.



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**Coastal Bend
Regional
Coalition**

New in
2023!



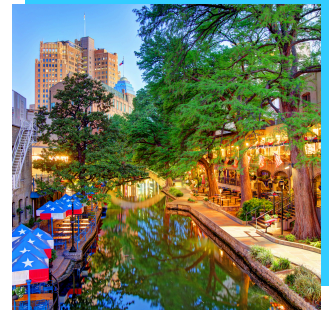
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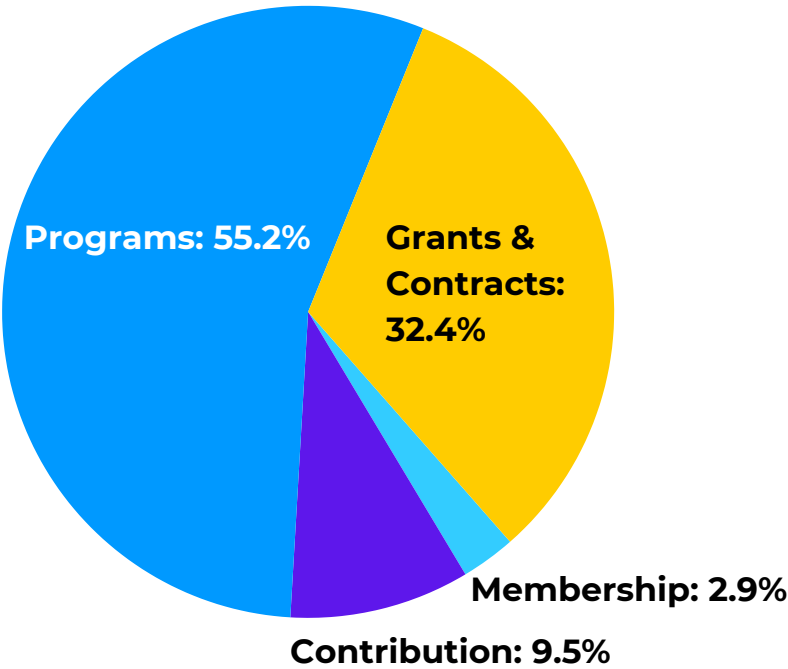
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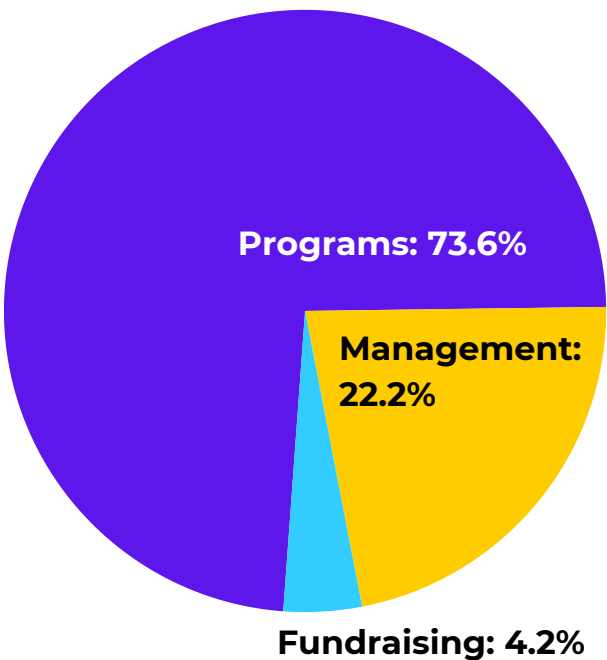
2023 Revenue

\$93,695



2023 Expenses

\$158,032



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