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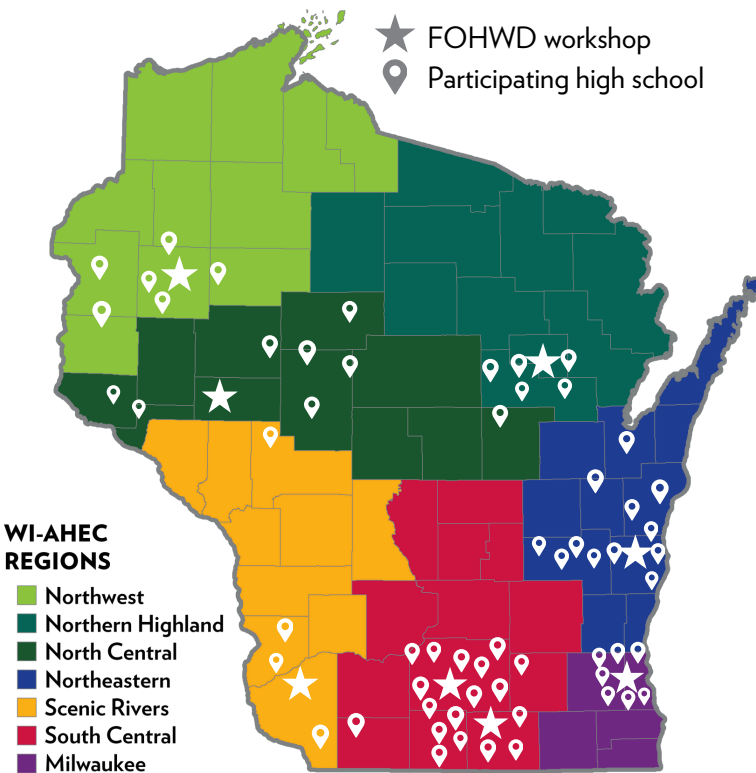
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2024-25 Future Oral Health Workforce Day Snapshot



Future Oral Health Workforce Day (FOHWD) is a one-day workshop held in each AHEC region, designed to spark interest in oral health careers among high school students. Learners engage in hands-on activities and connect with practicing and aspiring oral health professionals, including dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants, and dental lab technicians.

FOHWD Workshop & School Participation Map



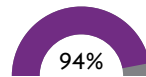
63% of high schools were located in a Dental Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA)

167 High School Learners from 59 High Schools

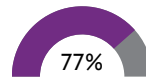
33% Identified as lower-resourced background

60% Identified as coming from a rural community

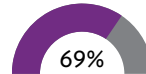
Post-workshop High School Learner Outcomes



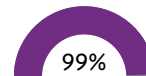
Indicated a high or very high increased understanding of oral health careers



Indicated a high or very high increased understanding of the next steps to work in an oral health career



Indicated they were as interested in or more interested in working in an oral health career



Would recommend FOHWD to their friend

"I got to learn more about dental careers by visiting an actual dental facility and I was able to talk to real dental health workers."

"I enjoyed getting to experience hands-on activities to get a proper feel about the careers in the dental field so that I know if I would like to pursue this career."

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Thanks to support from the Delta Dental of Wisconsin Foundation, we engaged more rural students in dental HPSAs—strengthening the future oral health workforce through provider-led learning events.



96% of presenters would participate again or recommend to a colleague



84% of presenters are interested in further engagement with students

- Apex Dental Laboratory Group
- Children's Health Alliance of WI
- Chippewa Valley Technical College
- Fennimore Smiles of LDA
- ForwardDental Franklin
- Gentle Dental Care
- Goodman Community Center
- Green Valley Dental Care
- HealthNet of Rock County, Inc.
- Lakeshore Community Health Care
- Lancaster Dental Associates
- Marquette University
- Menominee Tribal Clinic
- Menomonie Street Dental, LLC
- Midwest Dental
- Milwaukee Area Technical College
- NorthLakes Community Clinic
- Northwood Technical College
- Purdy Family Dentistry
- River Place Dental
- River Smiles Dental
- Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers
- Southwest Technical College
- Waterloo Heights Dental
- WI Dept of Health Services

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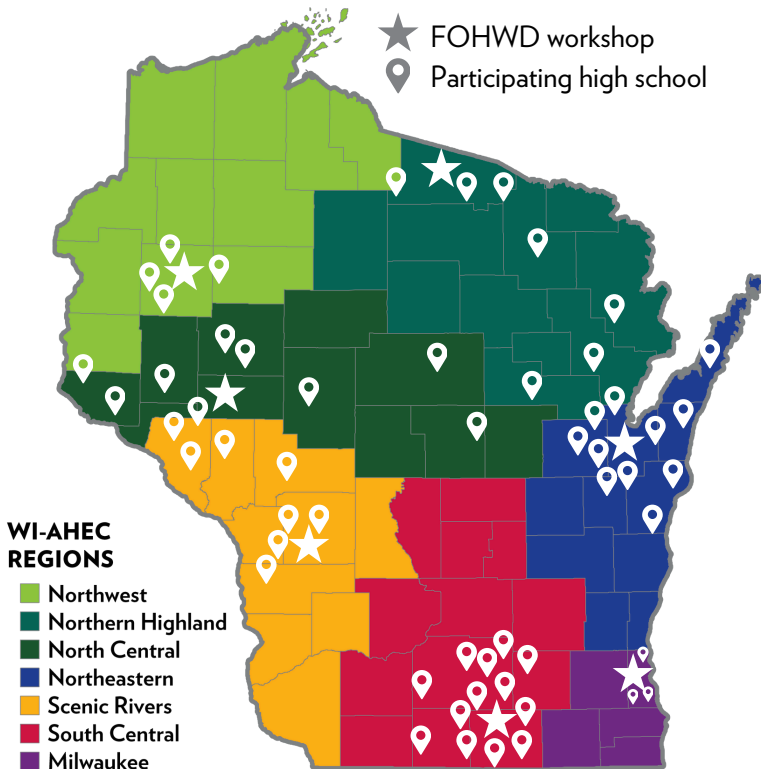


2023-24 Future Oral Health Workforce Day Snapshot



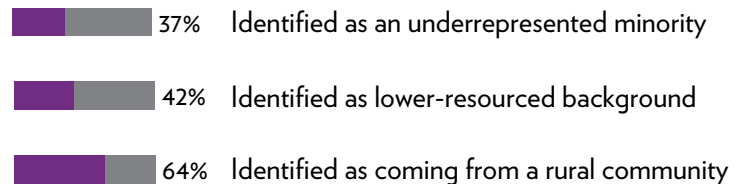
Future Oral Health Workforce Day (FOHWD) is a one-day workshop, hosted by and held within each of the seven Wisconsin AHEC regions, designed to increase the awareness of and interest in pursuing an oral health career among high school learners. Learners engage in hands-on activities and interact with workshop presenters who are currently practicing and aspiring oral health professionals, including dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants, and dental lab technicians.

Map of approximate FOHWD workshop locations and participating high schools

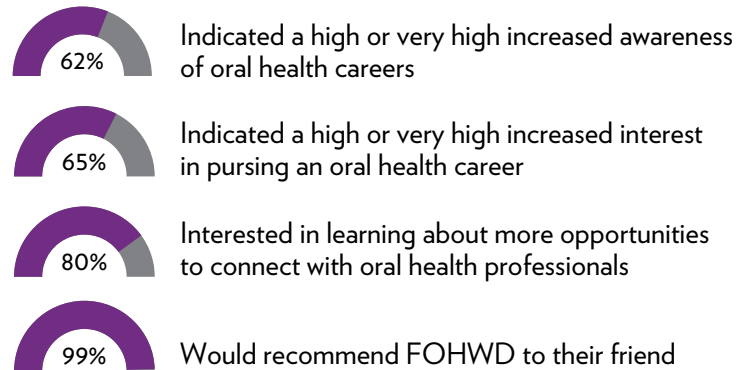


50% of participating high schools were located in a Dental Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA)

166 High School Learners from 56 High Schools



Post-workshop High School Learner Outcomes



"I really liked getting the opportunity to listen to all of the people who work in the dental profession talk about their experiences and about their careers. I learned really great tips about school and about what it'd be like to even take up being a dentist, dental hygienist, etc."

"I loved being able to have the hands on experience and ask questions to someone who is in the program. Using the tools and having direct exposure to instruments."

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- Apex Dental Laboratory Group
- Children's Wisconsin
- Community Health Systems, Inc.
- Eby Family Dental
- Green Valley Dental Care
- HealthNet of Rock County
- Integrity Family Dentistry
- Peter Christensen Dental Clinic
- Scenic Bluffs Community Health Center
- Summit Dental Consulting
- Wauwatosa Family Dental
- Wisconsin Department of Health Services
- Blackhawk Technical College
- Chippewa Valley Technical College
- Marquette University
- Milwaukee Area Technical College
- Northeast Wisconsin Technical College
- Northwood Technical College
- Western Technical College



100% of workshop presenters would participate again or recommend a colleague participate

Workshop Presenter Diversity

