

<b>2020 Women for ATSU Awards Application</b>	
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<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Mouths, Mothers and Mini-Mees
<b>FUNDING REQUEST</b>	10,000
<b>PROJECT BUDGET</b>	10,000
<b>MINIMUM FUNDING REQUESTED</b>	5,000
<b>BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>Adults enrolled in Arizona's Medicaid program are limited to a \$1,000 per year dental benefit for emergency care. This means, pregnant mothers cannot use this money towards check-up exams, routine x-rays, cleanings, minor fillings that would prevent the need for root canals or extractions later. More than half of all babies born in Arizona are born to mothers covered by Medicaid. This means more than half of all babies are being born to mothers who are very likely not receiving routine preventive dental care and likely have oral disease. Additionally, more than half of Arizona's kindergarten children — 52 percent — have tooth decay, which is higher than the national average of 36 percent (2016 report from Arizona's First Things First). This can lead to early loss of teeth, lifelong oral disease, impaired social development and absenteeism.</p> <p>While AZ legislative representatives have been working on a bill that would increase funding for pregnant women to receive preventive and routine dental care, it has failed the last three years. Support from the Women for ATSU grant can provide immediate solutions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide restorative and preventive care to at least 10 pregnant mothers</li> <li>2. Provide opportunities for ATSU to create relationships with community partners in the child well-being space in the East Valley community</li> </ol>

	3. Increase clinical experience for our students to care for pregnant mothers, which is very limited based on the current patient population that seek care at the ASDOH clinic
<b>EXPECTED OUTCOMES</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To restore optimal oral health for at least 10 pregnant mothers</li> <li>2. To provide appropriate education regarding the lifelong oral care habits for at least 10 mothers and their newborns</li> <li>3. To provide exposure and clinical experiences with pregnant mothers to our dental residents and students</li> </ol>
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